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Stephen Tromans KC

Year of call: 1999 | Silk: 2009

"If you need advice on an area of nuclear law you instruct him. Stephen is extremely knowledgeable and has genuine sector expertise which is invaluable." "He is very easy to talk to and discuss ideas with, and he has a very measured but very experienced manner so clients get a lot of confidence from his advice." Chambers and Partners 2021

Stephen Tromans QC is an outstanding name in the environmental and planning spheres, who brings these skills to the energy sector. He is also known for his pre-eminent expertise in legal matters pertaining specifically to nuclear energy.

Stephen continues to be a pre-eminent name in environmental and energy law. He has deep experience and knowledge of most aspects of environmental law, gained over almost 40 years in the field, and has been involved in some of the leading cases in areas such as waste, water rights, nuisance and nuclear law. His practice particularly focuses on nuclear law, renewable energy, environmental assessment, biodiversity and habitats, and major infrastructure projects. His practice is complemented by his authorship of three leading textbooks and his membership of the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management, which advises the UK government on the management of higher activity wastes.

Areas of expertise

Nuclear Law

Energy and Natural Resources

Environmental Assessment

Biodiversity and Habitats

Water and Waste Water

Land Quality and Regeneration

Development Consent Orders and Infrastructure

Water and Waste Water

Stephen covers both clean water supply and waste water. He advises on water rights, water abstraction and transfer schemes and water quality. In terms of waste water, his work includes the provision of sewerage, the treatment of waste water, its discharge, and the treatment and use of sludge.

His clients include many of the major water companies, and also the Canal and River Trust. He has taken cases on water rights to the Supreme Court and has done a number of large inquiries on combined sewer overflows, both in the marine and estuarine environments and into rivers. A specialised aspect of his work is reservoir safety, where he has advised on a number of cases of high-risk reservoirs.

Recommendations

- "Mr Environment hugely experienced, approachable and practical, his knowledge is encyclopaedic and he inspires confidence in clients. "The Legal 500, 2022
- "His experience and knowledge are phenomenal, as is his judgement; he always makes the right call." Chambers and Partners 2019
- "His knowledge of planning matters in the waste sector is without equal." The Legal 500, 2021

Memberships

- United Kingdom Environmental Law Association (UKELA)
- Nuclear Industries Association (NIA)
- International Nuclear Law Association (INLA and INLA UK)
- European Bar Association Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM)

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