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"Stephanie has a brilliant legal brain: she is able to see problems and work them through before arriving at the best answer." The Legal 500 2024

"An engaging, courageous advocate." The Legal 500 2024

Steph has a multi-disciplinary practice focussing on matters affecting health, sport and the environment. She is ranked as a "rising star" in administrative law and human rights, as well as Court of Protection, and a "leading junior" in environmental law by The Legal 500. Her experience spans a wide range of work, from public interest judicial reviews, regulatory work to private law claims and commercial claims.

She holds degrees from the University of Cambridge and the London School of Economics, where she was awarded the prize for the best mark in the LLM in Human Rights (2014).

Steph is a regular contributor to the Journal of Environmental Law, LawInSport and Sport Resolutions. She has peer reviewed for the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Journal.. She has also contributed to the latest edition of Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts (4th edition, May 2021),

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Commercial

Civil Liberties and Human Rights

Healthcare

Environment and Planning

Sport

Court of Protection and Medical Treatment

Sport

Steph's expertise in sport covers commercial disputes (such as sponsorship contracts and eSports) and regulatory matters (including doping and safeguarding). She is on the Sport Resolutions Pro Bono Panel and is regularly instructed by National Governing Bodies and independent investigators.

Recent highlights include representing a local authority in a challenge in respect of a ticket allocation at a Premier League football match and advising a national governing body in relation to a Paris investment decision.

- As sole counsel, she advised a national governing body in respect of UK Sport's Paris Olympic Games investment decision
- As sole counsel, advised and represented a national level rugby player in relation to an anti-doping rule violation of evasion sample collection and the interpretation of the World Rugby Regulations and the Rugby Football Union's Regulations
- Advising a number of investigators into safeguarding allegations in relation to data protection and arbitral proceedings
- As sole counsel, represented an amateur rugby player in dealing with whether an anti-doping should be published by the national governing body.
- Advising two national governing body on their safeguarding policies.
- Advising a horse trainer in relation to allegations of doping contrary to the British Horseracing Authority's Rules of Racing
- As sole counsel, representing an Olympic gold medallist in anti-doping proceedings
- Drafted successful responses on behalf of two athletes in relation to doping allegations: one served with notice by UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) of an apparent Domestic Testing Pool filing failure, and the other, who had been designated for inclusion in the UKAD National Registered Testing Pool, concerning an allegation of missed test
- Being selected to be part of an ad hoc panel providing advice and representation to athletes and officials at the 2019 Doha World Athletics Championships.
- Sole counsel advising a Premier League football club on a sponsorship agreement.

She has acted as an arbitral secretary for Sport Resolution and The FA regulatory commissions. She regularly writes on sports law.

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association ("ALBA")
- Women in Sports Law ("WiSL")
- Court of Protection Bar Association ("CPBA")
- UK Environmental Law Association ("UKELA")

Qualifications

Education

- 2018, Asian International Arbitration Centre, Certificate in Sports Arbitration
- 2014-2016, City Law School, Bar Professional Training Course
- 2012-2014, Master of Laws, London School of Economics and Political Science ("LSE"), Distinction
- 2011-2012, City Law School, Graduate Diploma in Law, Distinction
- 2008-2011, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge, Human, Social and Political Sciences, MA Hons (Cantab)

Scholarships and Prizes

- 2014 – Prize for best mark in LLM in Human Rights at the London School of Economics and Political

Science

- 2013 – UK Semi-Finalist in the Jessup Public International Law Moot
- 2012 – Lord Denning Scholarship, Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn
- 2009, 2010 – Senior Exhibition at Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge
- 2008 – Prime Minister's Global Fellowship

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