



Admissions and qualifications

Barrister: 2018

Solicitor: 2013

PhD candidate in law, University of NSW

Bachelor of Law (Hons 1), Macquarie University (2012)

Chartered Accountant, Institute of Chartered Accountants, Aust (2001)

Bachelor of Accountancy, University of South Australia (1994)

Profile

Stephen accepts briefs in all areas of law. Stephen is diversely experienced – he has extensive expertise in the criminal law, having been a Detective Superintendent with the Australian Federal Police, holds accounting qualifications, and was also the Associate to Justice Griffiths in the Federal Court of Australia.

As a Detective Superintendent with the Australian Federal Police, Stephen's work encompassed complex investigations most notably in fraud, tax evasion, money laundering and the importation of border-controlled drugs. He was responsible for Project Wickenby investigations and was the Commander of the NSW Joint Organised Crime Group that dealt with both Commonwealth and State charges. He has also represented the Commissioner of the AFP in proceeds of crime litigation.

Stephen's experience with the AFP also includes forming and leading the AFP's Terrorism Financing Investigations Unit, leading the AFP's interaction with the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor's (INSLM) (Bret Walker SC) review of Australia's terrorism financing legislation, and working as a Senior Investigating Officer in the Malaysian Airlines disaster (MH17) in the Ukraine and The Hague, Netherlands. He has also been seconded to the United Kingdom's (UK) Metropolitan Police Service in their Counter Terrorism Command (SO15) as a member of their Senior Management Team and as a financial investigator in the UK's National Crime Squad's Money Laundering Investigations Team.

Stephen is also a Chartered Accountant and a PhD candidate in law at the University of NSW. His thesis is researching the criminalisation of terrorism financing in Australia.

Academic prizes

Helen Sham Ho Prize - Best graduating student in law (Distance Education, Macquarie University)

Dean's Award - Outstanding Achievement in Law (Macquarie University)

Freehills John Peden Memorial Prize - Commercial Law (Macquarie University)

Macquarie Law School Prize - Foundations of Commercial Law (Macquarie University)

Colliers Jardine Prize - Highest grade point in Graduate Diploma in Property (University of SA)