



Stephen Lue

YEAR OF CALL: 2006



Stephen Lue is a specialist family law barrister. His practice covers a wide range of applications including public and private children law, ancillary relief and domestic violence. He also acts in Court of Protection cases.

"A conscientious, calm and focused advocate who is a sensible, reassuring presence in court."

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, 2021 (FAMILY: CHILDREN)

"Has a calm, yet authoritative manner which means that he is able to remain professional even in the face of difficult or aggressive clients. He is a knowledgeable and confident advocate."

LEGAL 500, 2021 (CHILDREN LAW)

"I really want to thank Mr Stephen Lue. I cannot give this charming young

man enough credit. He never gave up. He fought my case with utmost professionalism."

CLIENT

"He was very aware of how I was feeling, showed empathy and understanding during both my visits to court. He was determined to make sure I received the best possible settlement and what he achieved was far beyond my expectations."

CLIENT

"Never lose this barrister, hang on to him, you all make a great team."

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FAMILY LAW: CHILDREN'S LAW

Stephen's experience in private law children work covers contact and residence applications including contested final hearings where there are serious allegations of sexual abuse and violence. His strength is always keeping the focus on the welfare of the child regardless of the issues that adults in the case seek to litigate.

In relation to his public law children practice, Stephen has experience representing parents, Guardians, local authorities, grandparents and parties making special guardianship applications, and is regularly instructed in cases which involve issues of neglect, drug misuse, mental health, domestic violence, physical and emotional abuse.

NOTABLE CASES

- ~~Re B (Children)(Remote Hearing: Interim Care Order) [2020] EWCA Civ 584~~
- ~~Re V, X, Y and Z [2014] EWFC B103~~
- ~~Re L (Placement with mother or father) [2019] EWFC B49~~
- ~~Egeneonu v Egeneonu & Anor [2018] EWHC 1392 (Fam)~~
- ~~Kent County Council v A, B, C and D (Children : Weight to be attached to evidence of child after flawed ABE interviews) [2017] EWFC B7~~
- ~~Re D (Children) [2014] EWCA Civ 1126~~

FAMILY LAW: FINANCIAL DISPUTES AND SOLUTIONS

In ancillary relief Stephen represents wives, husbands and civil partners in financial remedy applications; dealing with parties who have modest assets as well as those who hold more complex assets in multiple jurisdictions. Stephen also handles financial applications for children under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989. He regularly advises and represents clients with claims under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act.

COURT OF PROTECTION

Stephen is member of the Court of Protection Team at Garden Court Chambers. He is ideally placed to work on all applications concerning vulnerable adults in the Court of Protection, drawing on his expertise in children and family law for families and local authorities. Both areas of law are based on the 'best interests' jurisdiction and involve the application of parallel principles, in which Stephen is fully experienced.

Stephen has dealt with applications with contentious and sensitive issues including applications concerning forced marriage, the giving of medical treatment, deprivations of liberty, care, contact with family members where there are allegations of sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect, access to the community unescorted, injunctions to e.g. remove persons from their home or prevent family members returning them to the family home.

CROSS-BORDER FAMILY CASES

In his international family law practice, Stephen also deals with child abduction cases involving the removal of children to and from the jurisdiction to both Hague Convention and non Hague Convention countries.

BACKGROUND

Stephen is a mentor with the [Duke of Edinburgh Awards' LGBTQ Youth Programme](#). This involves attending sessions that are geared towards helping young people improve or learn a new skill, offering practical assistance with the programme and also introducing them to a diverse group of LGBTQ role models. Stephen is a Volunteer for Diversity Role models, which is a charity focused on celebrating the stories of LGBTQ+ professionals in schools.

Stephen was awarded the Harmsworth Scholarship by Middle Temple (2005).

Before coming to the Bar, Stephen worked as a compliance officer at Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch International.

His work with Lylian Baylis Technology School saw him awarded the London South Bank mentoring award by Sir Trevor McDonald.

Prior to pupillage Stephen's interest in domestic violence issues led him to act as a volunteer McKenzie friend for the National Centre of Domestic Violence in order to help obtain ex-parte occupation orders and non-molestation orders for victims.

He also spent two years volunteering for Food Chain, a charity focusing on providing nutritional specific meals to those living with HIV.

In addition to this he volunteered for the United Kingdom Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group as a case researcher.

Stephen is a trustee for the LGBT + Aquatics charity called Out To Swim.

He is also a trustee of the Burma Skincare Initiative.

In his spare time he enjoys swim coaching, performing arts and photography.

EDUCATION

- **LLB Hons (Kings College London)**

- **BVC (Inns of Court School of Law)**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- **Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)**
- **Bar Lesbian and Gay Group (BLAGG) (Secretary)**

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