



GARDEN COURT CHAMBERS

# 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, financial remedies in divorce cases, international child abduction work and domestic violence. He also acts in Court of Protection cases.

Stephen was shortlisted in the Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Awards 2021 for Barrister of the Year.

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LEGAL 500 2021, (CHILDREN LAW)

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**CHILDREN'S LAW**

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Stephen's experience in children law covers cases involving contact with children and their residence, including hearings where there are serious allegations of sexual abuse and violence. His strength is always focusing on the welfare of the child regardless of the issues that adults in the case seek to pursue.

Stephen has experience representing parents, Guardians, grandparents and those making special guardianship applications. He is regularly instructed in cases which involve issues of neglect, drug misuse, mental health, domestic violence, physical and emotional abuse.

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## **FINANCES DISPUTES & SETTLEMENTS**

Stephen represents wives, husbands and civil partners in financial disputes and settlement cases. He represents those with modest assets as well as those who hold more complex assets in multiple countries. Stephen also handles court proceedings involving financial provision for children. He regularly advises and represents clients with property and land claims.

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## **COURT OF PROTECTION**

Stephen is member of the Court of Protection Team at Garden Court Chambers. He is ideally placed to work on all cases 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 deal with vulnerable people who need the protection of the court.

Stephen has dealt with cases involving contentious and sensitive issues including those 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.

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## **INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW**

In his international family law practice, Stephen also deals with child abduction cases involving the removal of children to and from any country.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

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"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)

"Stephen's kindness, sensitivity, compassion and understanding enabled me to feel safe and supported. He ensured he covered everything that was necessary. His strength, clarity, knowledge and personable manner have been unwavering and his ongoing support has been an invaluable source of strength. I would unequivocally recommend Stephen." - Anonymous Client

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## BACKGROUND

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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**

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**LLB Hons (Kings College London)**

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

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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**Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)**

**Bar Lesbian and Gay Group (BLAGG) (Secretary)**

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