

## Curriculum Vitae

# Stephen Thomas

Solicitor Advocate

Qualified 1991

Higher Rights of Audience 2005

University of Glamorgan 1985-1988 LLB(Hons)

Duty Solicitor (North Gwent and Newport 1993 – Present)

### Expertise

Over 20 years' experience specialising in crime only matters. Stephen has represented Defendants through all stages of the Criminal Justice System from initial arrest to the Court of Appeal.

Stephen has extensive experience in representing young and vulnerable defendants with particular emphasis in recent years in representing defendants charged with Murder and other serious violent serious sexual offences Fraud and firearms offences.

Stephen has also prosecuted for the National Probation Service both in the Magistrates Court and Crown Court.

### Notable Cases

Set out below is a selection of cases Stephen has conducted, it should not be regarded as exhaustive.

#### MURDER AND OTHER OFFENCES OF SERIOUS VIOLENCE

##### **R v AW 2025**

Stephen represented one of nine defendants charged with conspiracy to commit GBH with Intent involving the castration of other defendants and live streaming the procedures. The case was unusual and complex as the case was by and large a victimless prosecution. All of the complainants except one was a co – defendant. Read more by clicking the link below

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/eunuch-maker-marius-gustavson-sentences-appeal-b2633357.html>

##### **R v DS 2022**

Defendant charged with a serious racially aggravated assault upon his ex-partner's new partner. Acquitted after trial 3 day trial.

##### **R v DTW 2022**

Defendant charged with possession of an axe in a public after throwing it at a friend's vehicle. Defendant acquitted after four day trial.

### **R v OB 2022**

Represented a jointly charged defendant in a section 18 assault involving the use of dangerous weapons in a public place at night time. Stephen's extensive efforts in pressing for disclosure resulted in the prosecution offering no evidence on the first day of trial.

### **R v LJ - 2022**

Representing the alleged main conspirator in a multi handed very high profile public order incident in South Wales that became known in the press as the – 'The Mayhill Riot'. The case involved grave violence, setting fire to vehicles and attacks on the police and householders and their children.

### **R v LS 2018**

Represented a defendant charged with attempted murder involving the use of a knife causing significant facial injuries

### **R v DW 2018**

Represented a defendant charged with attempted murder involving the use of a Samurai sword to inflict injuries to the head of his wife. Acquitted of attempted Murder.

### **R v JS 2018**

Defendant jointly charged with knife point Robbery in a dwelling. Defendant acquitted after submissions made of no case to answer.

**R v AH [2014]** Representing a defendant jointly charged with causing Grievous Bodily Harm with intent to his victim by punching and stamping to the head

**R v AG [2012]** Led junior successfully representing a Polish Defendant (3 month Murder trial) charged with assisting offenders (including his brother) charged with Murder by burning the victim to death and other serious violent offences. The prosecution alleged that the Defendant knowing about the murder provided a change of clothing for his Co Accused, arranged transportation for them to evade and escape capture by the police and continually updating them about media coverage of the incident.

**R v PP [2012]** Representation of a defendant charged with the kidnap and false imprisonment of his partner

**R v CS [2012]** Representation of a female defendant charged with section 18 wounding in the context of domestic violence

**R v CM [2011]** Representation of defendant charged with knifepoint robbery of victim in his own home

**R v RC [2009]** Led junior representing a Defendant charged with murder of his employer and attempted murder of his fellow employees by arson. The prosecution alleged that the Defendant was owed wages and attended his workplace armed with a pistol and petrol. He lay in wait for his colleagues to arrive at work, bound and gagged them and held them hostage, tortured his employer victim before asphyxiating him with his own necktie. The Defendant then went on to prepare separate seats of fire before leaving his victims in the premises bound and gagged. Defendant claimed Diminished Responsibility. Case involved significant evidence from Defendant's childhood

having to be obtained from North America and successful application to exclude bad character evidence of previous Armed Robbery offences proven against the Defendant.

<b>SERIOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES</b>
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**R v RM 2025**

Stephen represented a Defendant charged with very serious historic sexual offences committed upon his half - brother. Case involved an interesting and successful application to adduce the bad character of the complainant resulting in the acquittal of the defendant after a 4 day trial.

**R v DH 2024**

Represented a Defendant charged with very serious historic sexual offences committed against his childhood neighbour. After extensive research and carefully drafted written submissions upon sentence the court imposed a community order.

**R v DN 2024**

Defendant – a courier driver charged with sexually assaulting a seriously vulnerable pensioner whilst visiting her in hospital. Acquitted after 5 day trial.

**R v GE 2023**

Represented a defendant charged with historical attempted rape of a friend (significant disparity of age) when they were both children. Defendant acquitted after a four day trial.

**R v FW 2023**

Defendant charged and stood trial for six counts of historical sexual offences (penetrative sexual activity) upon his children both male and female and one female grandchild. Defendant acquitted of the most serious five of the six counts after a four - day trial.

**R v TW 2023**

Defendant charged with rape of his partner resulting in a pregnancy and abortion. Defendant acquitted after a five - day trial. Case involved unusual jury issues and legal directions requiring amendment after jury retirement.

**R v BE 2022**

Represented a 21 year old defendant charged with digital penetration of a female friend of similar age after a party. Defendant acquitted after 4 day trial.

**R v GE 2022**

Stephen represented a pensioner with no previous convictions suffering from Korsakoffs Syndrome. Defendant charged with serious sexual assaults in public places upon female children and adults. Case involved complex issues concerning the defendant's mental health and conflicting psychiatric evidence.

**R v AM - 2020**

Defendant pleaded Guilty to various charges involving downloading and distribution of sexual images. Stephen conducted a successful appeal against sentence reducing sentence by six months.

**R v M - 2020**

Represented a defendant charged with committing serious sexual offences against a female in the kitchen of a restaurant. Acquitted after trial.

**R v OE - 2019**

Represented a Defendant charged with committing serious sexual offences against his step - daughters. Acquitted after trial.

**R v NA 2018**

Represented an Imam charged with numerous allegations of sexual abuse made by five young unrelated male complainants. Defendant acquitted of all charges

**R v CS [2014]** The Defendant was charged with raping three separate extremely vulnerable women whilst working as a care worker at a care home.

**R v DD [2013]** Acquittal of a defendant charged with sexual activity with a child

**R v GG [2012]** The Defendant was charged with sexual activity with a looked after child having offered her a lift home it was alleged that the Defendant forced himself upon his victim and forced her to commit sexual acts upon him. The Defendant was acquitted after trial.

**R v AW [2012]** The Defendant a ten year old boy was charged with five counts of Rape and additional charges of sexual activity with an eight year old next door neighbour. Case involved extensive psychological evidence having to be obtained and adduced in evidence issues of fitness to plead and stand trial in the youth court as well as the use of intermediaries.

**R v DC [2012]** A case involving the grooming and incitement of a vulnerable female across the internet to commit sexual offences.

**R v NE [2012]** The Defendant an eighteen year old was charged with a number of counts of sexual activity with children. The Case involved dealing with an extremely vulnerable defendant.

**To Note/Other****R v MJ 2025**

Represented a defendant charged with multiple offences in a complex fraud in excess of £¾M arising out of a family property development. After extensive efforts the prosecution altered the way it had to present its case resulting in a reduction of the loss to £60K.

**R v CJ – 2019**

Represented a young mother jointly charged with her partner of Child Neglect. Acquitted after two weeks trial.

**R v MB 2024**

Successful finding of 'case not proved' in the defence of a Defendant found unfit to plead and stand trial.

**R v TTD (Operation Violet Panama) 2019**

Represented a Vietnamese defendant charged in a multi handed conspiracy to produce and supply cannabis. The court accepted submissions made that there was no case to answer after a six week trial.

**R v LP 2015 (Operation Dino)**

Stephen represented a defendant in Operation Dino (2015), a case that came to be known in the press as "Cash for Crash" and involved the defrauding of insurance companies out of millions of pounds by 90 defendants.

**R v LW [2013]** The defendant charged with failing to pay nursing home fees for his elderly infirm mother, stealing her pension and savings to a value in excess of £30,000 and spending it on himself.

**R v JH [2013]** The Defendant (a Company Director) was charged with fraud in excess of £120,000 that involved a significant breach of trust and the theft of rent monies from landlords and tenants whose properties were part of his management company.

**R v DH [2014]** Representation of defendant charged with supply of Class A drugs

**R v KD [2013]** Representation of a vulnerable defendant charged with Arson with Intent to endanger the life of his mother and father.

**R v CC [2013]** Representation of a vulnerable adult assessed as suffering from schizophrenia charged with neglecting her 3 year old son, locking him in his bedroom whilst she went to work.

**R v MB [2011]** A case involving the organisation and undertaking of sham marriages.

**COMPUTERS**

Fully computer conversant and prepares all cases with the assistance of computers utilising the latest software. Uses word, excel spreadsheets and pdf conversion software, in the preparation and presentation of cases. Fully conversant in the forensic manipulation of data from telephone logs and similar computer material, in order to present cases in a professional and appropriate way.

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