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PROFILE

Stephen Brassington is rightly regarded as one of the leading juniors in the field of Professional Discipline. It has been said of him that he *“has knowledge, drafting and presentational skills that are second to none at this level”* (Chambers & Partners Guide 2009). He is also cited as a leading junior in this field by The Legal 500.

He is consistently instructed on behalf of the General Medical Council to prosecute and advise upon the most serious and complex cases. He is said to be much in demand at the GMC due to his *“commendably thorough approach and confident style”* (Chambers and Partners 2009).

In addition, Stephen is regularly instructed by defence organisations to represent professionals whose fitness to practice has been called into question, defending before the General Dental Council and the Nursing and Midwifery Council. He is described as *“a natural advocate, who will go the extra mile to provide a good service to his client”* (Chambers and Partners 2010).

He also undertakes work on behalf of other Healthcare Regulators such as the Health Professions Council, the General Social Care Council and General Optical Council and appears in Coroners Court Inquests.

His criminal work has concerned major fraud and money laundering cases, in addition to substantial drug importations and murder trials. He has appeared in a number of high profile cases in which he was regularly instructed by leading London solicitors.

NOTABLE CASES

Case Name: *Howlett v Health Professions Council*
Appearance: Respondent
Category: Statutory Appeal
Description: Resisting appeal by registrant physiotherapist, against finding of impaired fitness to practice and striking off, on basis of insensitivity when treating patients in a partial state of undress.

Case Name: *General Medical Council v Dr Saverymuttu*
Appearance: Prosecution
Category: Fitness to Practice
Description: Prosecution of doctor alleged to have dishonestly overcharged healthcare insurers for private work.

Case Name: *General Medical Council v Cheatle and Choudhry*
Appearance: Prosecution
Category: Fitness to Practice
Description: Prosecution of surgeons on allegations relating to standard of care provided following post-operative death of patient.

Case Name: *General Medical Council v Favier*
Appearance: Prosecution
Category: Misconduct
Description: Prosecution of a Consultant Anaesthetist who supplied unproven treatments to chronic pain patients via a company, which he owned, whilst also producing misleading literature claiming the efficacy of these treatments.

Case Name: *General Medical Council v Dr Desmarowitz*
Appearance: Prosecution
Category: Misconduct
Description: Consultant Surgeon accused of stalking his secretary and storing pornography on hospital computers.

Case Name: *General Medical Council v Visinavec*
Appearance: Prosecution
Category: Fitness to Practice
Description: Prosecution of obstetrician following death of newborn during forceps delivery.

Case Name: *General Medical Council v Inayatullah*
Appearance: Prosecution
Category: Fitness to practice
Description: GP's failure to adequately examine and record findings in young mother subsequently diagnosed with lymphoma and who then died.

Case Name: *R v Mihaylov*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Conspiracy to import cocaine / export ecstasy
Detail: Prosecution of Bulgarian national in UK for massive importations of cocaine from US, concurrent with equal export of ecstasy to US, involving FBI and US DEA informants. Precedent setting case on MLA between UK and US authorities.

Case Name: *R v Gangar and others*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Money laundering
Detail: Substantial money laundering of proceeds of mortgage fraud

Case Name: *R v Pesareanu and others*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Conspiracy to kidnap
Detail: Prosecution of plot to kidnap Victoria Beckham

Case Name: *R v Stocks*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Conspiracy to supply heroin
Detail: Prosecution of one of main suppliers of heroin to North of England, following NCS undercover operation lasting 6 months

Case Name: *R v Alibhai and others*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Conspiracy to defraud
Detail: The largest anti piracy case in English legal history, concerning counterfeiting of Microsoft products

Case Name: *R v Edwards*
Appearance: Prosecution
Category: Conspiracy to rob
Detail: Armed robbery of £8 million cash from Post Office

Case Name: *R v Lu and others*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Conspiracy to murder
Detail: Murder of ostracised triad lieutenant

Case Name: *R v Keating*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Conspiracy to murder
Detail: Contract killing

Case Name: *R v Earnshaw*
Appearance: Prosecution
Category: Murder
Detail: Killing of stepmother over disputed will

Case Name: *R v Evans*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Bigamy
Detail: Defence of Britain's most prolific bigamist, who had married 18 separate men

Case Name: *R v Jonathan Barnham*
Appearance: Defence
Category: Conspiracy to import drugs
Detail: Prosecution following five year undercover operation by NCS in English and Spanish jurisdictions