# Stephen Sauvain QC

called: 1977
silk/QC: 1995

clerk: Jason Savage

Stephen is a leading practitioner in all aspects of town and country planning, highways law, local government and finance, compulsory purchase and compensation, judicial review and environmental law.

He has acted for developers, local authorities, government agencies, interest groups and objectors in many major public inquiries ranging from major retail proposals, town centre redevelopment schemes, minerals and landfill, housing and commercial development, road, tunnel and bridge schemes and compulsory purchase. He regularly appears in the Administrative Court and at the Lands Tribunal.

From 1972-1978 Stephen was a Lecturer in Law at Manchester University.

Stephen is consistently ranked as one of the *Highest Rated Planning Silks* by **Planning Magazine**.

In **Chambers and Partners** (2010) Stephen is acknowledged for his expertise in a number of areas including planning, local government finance and education, and is especially lauded for his expert handling of highway-related cases: *"an erudite cross-examiner who offers quick, accurate and pragmatic advice on difficult planning issues"* and posesses an *"excellent, forensic cross-examination style"*.

**Chambers and Partners** (2009) ranks Stephen highly for Planning, describing him as *'very good for highways cases'. The* 2008 edition recognises that Stephen is a '*sensible, practical and down-to-earth advocate with an excellent cross-examination style*,' and also; (2007) '*an unquestioned leader in Highways*

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*and Planning Law'* Stephen appeals by being *'straightforward and easy to deal with.'* He is also highly regarded for his depth of knowledge on compulsory purchase matters.

Stephen continues to be ranked by the **Legal** 500 (2010). The September 2009 edition of the Legal 500 recognises that Stephen *'maintains his niche supremacy in highways work'*. The 2008 edition commends Stephen as *'very good for highways cases'* and the September 2007 edition recognises that Stephen *'boasts an excellent silk's practice'*.

## Compulsory Purchase and Compensation

A large part of Stephen's practice is concerned with compulsory purchase work and he has particular experience of town centre redevelopment, road scheme and regeneration compulsory purchase work.

## Cases

**Mortell v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2009] EWCA Civ 1274**

See full text of case at: http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2009/1274.html

## Publications

**Review of Parking Documentation and Notices**

In 2007-8 Stephen Chaired the Independent Committee on the *Review of Parking Documentation and Notices*

**Encyclopaedia of Highway Law**

Encyclopaedia of Highway Law: General Editor

**Highway Law**

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Highway Law (Sweet & Maxwell) 3rd Ed. 2004

**Joint Working Arrangements revisited after the Local Government Act 2000?**

*Joint Working Arrangements revisited after the Local Government Act 2000?* Journal of Local Government Law 2002

**Law Relating to Local Government DETR Research Report**

*Law Relating to Local Government DETR Research Report* (with Colin Crawford, Andrew Coulson and Michael Clarke November 2000

**County and District Joint Working Arrangements**

*County and District Joint Working Arrangements*, Journal of Local Government Law 1998

**Bridges: responsibility to repair them**

*Bridges: responsibility to repair them,* 1997 ROWLR s.5.1, p. 31 et seq. (with Ross Crail)

**Current Law annotations**

New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 - Current Law annotations

**Highways Act 1980**

Highways Act 1980 - Current Law annotations

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## Associations

- Assistant Boundary Commissioner (2000)
- Planning and Environment Bar Association (PEBA)