

Stephen Ryan
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Areas of practice

Crime

Family Provision

Succession

Employment/Industrial

Inquests and inquiries

Administrative

Profile

Stephen has appeared unled before the NSW Supreme Court, District Court, Local Court, Crime Commission, Industrial Relations Commission, Parole Authority, the Civil and Administrative Tribunal and the Fair Work Commission. He has appeared in matters ranging from multi-day hearings and jury trials to short applications and appeals.

His clients have included individuals charged with manufacturing commercial quantities of drugs to extortion, dangerous driving and other serious offences. In 2016 he appeared before the NSW Crime Commission on behalf of a client in relation to allegations of match-fixing in the NRL. In 2019 he appeared for the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions against an accused charged with online grooming offences.

His advice work has included pre-publication advice to print media regarding issues of defamation, advice to executors of deceased estates and guidance to police officers regarding internal investigations.

Stephen prides himself on his ability to identify the real issues in every case and to cross-examine effectively.

Cases

Lees v Commissioner of Police [2019] NSWIRComm 1045 - application for unfair dismissal. One-day hearing. Unled.

Paulson v Department of Justice [2017] NSWIRComm 1037 - successful application for unfair dismissal following three-day hearing. Unled.

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Allison v Commissioner of Police [2018] NSWIRComm 1005 - application for unfair dismissal. Four-day hearing. Unled.

Garder v Commissioner of Police, NSW Police Force [2018] NSWCATAD 119 - application for review of decision to revoke firearms licence. Unled.

Appearances and other matters (select)

NSW Supreme Court

Appeared for executors in dispute with beneficiary over property in Indonesia and funeral and testamentary expenses.

Appeared for executors in dispute with child of deceased applying for family provision order.

NSW District Court

Appeared for accused charged with affray following a brawl at a Newcastle hotel. Verdict of not guilty following jury trial.

Appeared for accused charged with sexual intercourse without consent where complainant was former girlfriend of the accused. Verdict of not guilty following jury trial.

Appeared for Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions against a Hunter Valley man charged with online grooming of a child. Offender pleaded guilty on day one of trial.

NSW Local Court

Successful defence of a woman charged with multiple driving offences following a serious accident on the Pacific Highway near Grafton. Issues included whether accused suffered serious medical episode behind the wheel and whether the victim suffered grievous bodily harm.

Fair Work Commission

Appeared for plaintiff against a statutory employer for unfair dismissal. Settled on day two of hearing.

NSW Parole Authority

Successful application for release of prisoner sentenced for large commercial drug supply.

Successful application for release of prisoner who had breached an ICO.

Panels and appointments

Stephen is a member of the New Barristers and Bar News committees of the NSW Bar Association.

He has been appointed to the Commonwealth DPP's junior barristers panel and Legal Aid's indictable barristers and summary crime panels.

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Admissions and memberships

High Court of Australia Supreme Court of NSW NSW Bar Association
Australian Bar Association Newcastle Bar Association
RSPCA Prosecutors Panel Commonwealth DPP Junior Counsel Panel
Legal Aid Indictable Criminal Law Barrister Panel

Personal

Stephen competes in triathlons and has represented Australia at the World Triathlon Championships. Prior to coming to the Bar he was a journalist for 16 years including seven years as the Newcastle Herald's court reporter.

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