

# Stephen Thomas

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Stephen Thomas is a criminal law specialist and a member of the Crime team. He defends in serious criminal matters, with additional experience in regulatory prosecution work. His practice spans a wide range of offences, including homicide, large-scale conspiracies, and cases involving sensitive or complex evidence.

Stephen has appeared at all levels up to and including the Court of Appeal. He is instructed regularly as both junior alone and leading junior in high-stakes trials involving multiple defendants.

In addition to violent crime, Stephen has extensive experience in drug conspiracies, arson, and fraud, often in cases requiring significant preparation and management of voluminous evidence. He is also instructed in regulatory and public interest prosecutions.

## Expertise

### Crime

Stephen specialises in serious criminal defence, including homicide, organised crime, and large-scale conspiracies. He regularly appears as junior or leading junior in complex, multi-defendant trials. His practice also includes regulatory prosecutions.

## Education

- Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law
- LLB (Hons), University of Wales, Cardiff

## Notable and reported cases

- R v Ball & Phillips – Junior counsel for the second defendant in a case involving murder and multiple counts of arson.
- R v Grommek (2008) – Junior counsel for the defendant in a high-profile case involving novel arguments of duress linked to allegations of police misconduct.
- Operation Corolla (2004–2005) – Leading junior for a defendant in a major conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin) involving extensive surveillance and financial evidence.
- Operation Reptile
- Operation Verona
- Operation Capsule
- Operation Rebus