

STEPHEN HORAN

Called: 2002

Profile:

Stephen's main area of practice is company law and related matters of corporate finance. His work involves a range of both litigious and advisory matters. Before becoming a barrister, Stephen had extensive experience as a solicitor at major City firms in public and private mergers and acquisitions (both domestic and cross-border), securities, acquisition financing, infrastructure projects and company law issues. He joined Erskine Chambers in October 2003 following completion of a 12 month pupillage at Erskine Chambers.



Education:

- Called to the Bar 2002
- Admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales
- Admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
- University of Adelaide: BA, LLB

Expertise:

At the Bar, Stephen has had wide experience of advising on various company law matters such as share capital, directors' duties, distributions, transfer of shares, company accounts, securities offerings, shareholder disputes, corporate governance and corporate insolvency. Stephen has worked on a range of matters in the Companies Court, including reductions of capital, schemes of arrangement and unfair prejudice petitions. He has also appeared in the Chancery Division, the QBD, the Court of Appeal and the Privy Council.

His public takeover work includes the schemes of arrangement relating to the takeover of Resolution plc in 2007-2008 and for Halliburton in relation to the Expro scheme of arrangement in 2008. He also acted for Total in relation to company law matters arising from the Buncefield terminal explosion.

His recent work includes acting (with Martin Moore QC) on the Alliance&Leicester plc Part VII FSMA banking business transfer scheme (May 2010) and acting for the Financial Service Authority (with David Mabb QC) in the Lehmans client money appeal in the Court of Appeal (June 2010).

Case List:

Lehman Brothers International Europe (In Admin) v CRC Credit Found Limited & Ors
(Court of Appeal June 2010)

(led by David Mabb QC) acting for the Financial Services Authority in the Lehmans client money proceedings.

Re Bluebrook Ltd

Ref: [2009] EWHC 2114 (Ch); [2010] 1 BCLC 338

(led by David Chivers QC) acting for the mezzanine lenders in the IMO Car Wash scheme

Cox v Cox

Ref: [2006] 1077 (ch); [2006] BCC 890

(led by Giles Goodfellow QC) involving financial assistance and the unwinding of a share transfer.

Citco v Pusser's Limited

Ref: [2007] 2 BCLC 483

(led by Michael Todd QC) an appeal to the Privy Council from the British Virgin Islands relating to the exercise of majority power to alter articles of association.

Feetum v Levy

Ref: [2005] 1 WLR 2576

(led by David Mabb QC) the first case on the exceptions to the prohibition on the appointment of administrative receivers introduced by the Enterprise Act 2002.

Re Expro International Group plc

Ref: [2008] EWHC 2503 (Ch)

(led by Martin Moore QC) acting for Halliburton.