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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate Advocacy

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EDUCATION

BA LL B (Hon.)

CAREER HISTORY

Stephen was a founding member of Higgins Chambers when it opened in early 1986.

He received the Australian Human Rights Commission's Human Rights Medal in 2009 and won the Law Council of Australia's President's Award in 2020.

Stephen also practises from Republic Chambers, Salamanca Place, Battery point, Hobart:

<https://republicchambers.com.au>.

He also practises from Michael Kirby Chambers, St Martins Tower, Level 27, 44 St Georges Terrace, Perth:

<https://michaelkirbychambers.net.au/>.

Before being called to the Bar, Stephen was a partner at O'Mara, Patterson and Perrier, solicitors in Brisbane.

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Stephen is currently chair of Capital Punishment Justice Program Inc (formerly Reprieve Australia). Stephen is a former member of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Tribunal and the Queensland Land Court. He was formerly president of the Legal Aid Commission (Queensland).

Stephen is an active member of the Human Rights Committee of the Law Council of Australia.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

Stephen has appeared in a number of cases in the High Court including:

- *Pollock v The Queen* (2010) 242 CLR 233;
- *Spence v State of Queensland* (2019) 268 CLR 355;
- *Love and Thoms v Commonwealth* (2020) 270 CLR 152;
- *Coughlan v The Queen* (2020) 267 CLR 654;
- *Orreal v The Queen* (2021) 274 CLR 630;
- *Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs v Thornton* (2023) 276 CLR 136; and
- *Bromley v The King* [2023] HCA 42.

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