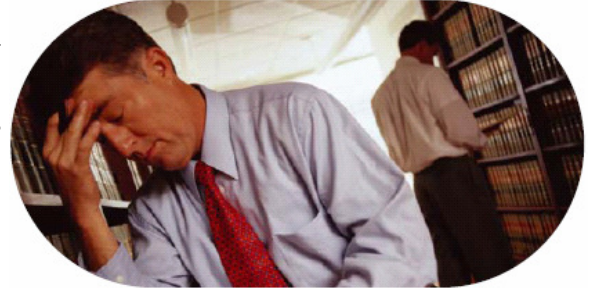


Criminal Offences

Whether you are accused of a crime, have been arrested, charged or even convicted, you will need quality legal help. Stephensons nationally recognised specialist criminal department helps individuals and businesses facing criminal, financial or business investigation. From minor offences through to extremely serious cases, can you really afford not to have the best team on your side?



We can help with

Defending individuals

From minor offences such as speeding to more serious cases such as white collar crime, we can defend individuals facing investigation, whether individually or in their capacity as company directors. We're experienced in representing clients in the Magistrates, County and Crown Courts or in tribunals. We have decades of experience in dealing with the most serious of criminal offences and appeals to the highest Courts.

Defending businesses

We represent businesses and business people who are investigated and prosecuted by a variety of prosecuting agencies. We are able to assist individuals and businesses with the following matters:

- Trading standards prosecutions
- Health and safety prosecutions
- Food safety and environmental prosecutions
- Licensing
- Customs and excise prosecutions
- Applications under the Proceeds of Crime Act
- Confiscation proceedings

It is of critical importance that we are involved at any initial interview under caution so that we are able to formulate detailed strategies to avoid a formal prosecution. In the event of a prosecution we devise a plan of action designed to defeat the prosecution or at least secure the minimum penalty.

Neal Boland Partner

Has specialist knowledge and expertise in the field.



Martin Jones Partner

Has 25 years' experience in law. Head of our Criminal department.



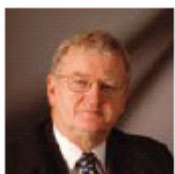
Sean Joyce Partner

Has specialist knowledge in all areas of general publicly-funded criminal defence work. Experience in haulage and road transport work.



Campbell Malone Partner

A criminal lawyer for more than 35 years. His experience of serious, complex crime and challenging miscarriages of justice is second-to-none.



Special crime cases

Our special crime department deals with serious and complex crime cases. We relish challenges and have dealt with cases such as drug importation and manufacture, multi-million pound duty evasion allegations and fraud cases involving serious amounts of money. We have a national reputation for investigating and challenging miscarriages of justice and have succeeded in persuading the Criminal Cases Review Commission to refer a significant number of cases back to the Court of Appeal.

Prison law

Arising out of our appeal work, we have developed a prison law section that is now recognised as a leader in its field. Tackling a range of issues from disciplinary hearings to frequent challenges on human rights cases in the High Court or before the European Court, we deal with all aspects of prison law with special interest in parole, life sentences and adjudication issues. Clients include prisoners serving short-, long- and life-term sentences, many of whom are still fighting their convictions despite years of imprisonment.

Martin Pizzey Partner

Manager of Manchester Criminal department. Main responsibilities include advising at police stations and presenting cases before Magistrates Courts.



Mike Pemberton Associate

A member of INQUEST Lawyers Group, Prison Lawyers Advisory Group and Manchester Prison Lawyers Group.



Correna Platt Associate

Head of Crown Court department.



Key facts about us

- We are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through our team of duty solicitors and accredited police station representatives.
- We can offer advice and assistance for the most minor of offences through to the most serious.
- Our team comprises 8 dedicated specialists, with more than 50 years' combined experience.

Affiliations

We are active and leading members of key associations to enhance our ability to fight your claim:

- INQUEST Lawyers Group
- Prisons Lawyers Advisory Group
- Manchester Prison Lawyers Group

Direct helpline

For immediate help in an emergency, whatever the time or day, contact us on: **07836 574607**

For all other general enquiries, our friendly team can be contacted on: **01942 777777**

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