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About Stephanie

Stephanie Perraton heads the licensing team in the UK. Her particular expertise covers all aspects of licensing, including alcohol, entertainment and late night food sales.

Stephanie has 30 years of specialised licensing experience, and clients include a wide range of operators, from listed companies to entrepreneurs. The applications she has dealt with range from stadiums and full-service hotels to small, bespoke catering outlets and retail premises, including convenience stores. Stephanie prides herself on providing a "one-stop shop" for clients and takes on the management of all their licensing requirements. She has experience in reviewing and advising upon due diligence systems and has drafted operations manuals and compliance documents for numerous clients as part of their overall compliance. She has also provided training at both a legal and operational level, including general updates and training on specific changes in law.

Stephanie has experience in all aspects of regulatory law, including the Security Industry Act. In addition, she can advise on the licences required for playing copyright music by the Music Licensing Agency, Civil Ceremonies, Special Treatments and Gaming Licenses.

Stephanie also provides support on corporate, property and insolvency transactions involving licensed premises.

Stephanie and her team regularly write client updates on topical legal issues for the licensed trade in England and Wales, and she is a member of the Institute of Licensing and Institute of Hospitality.

In a recent edition of *Chambers UK*, Stephanie was described by her peers as "an absolute powerhouse who has a level of gravitas that clients appreciate."

Further, Stephanie and her team are "very prompt in dealing with enquiries and they provide good value for money." "The team is extremely knowledgeable within its sector; they have a detailed knowledge of our business and sometimes know more than we do."

Stephanie was appointed as Vice President of the Birmingham Law Society in July 2020 and will become President of the Society in June 2021.

Experience

- Managing of all aspects of the licensed estate for several clients, one who operates more than 300 separate units incorporating different “brands” at railway stations, airports and holiday village locations.
- Comprehensively handling all licensing requirements for several internationally recognised hotel brands in the UK, with estates ranging from five hotels to 48 hotels.
- Handling applications for a wide variety of premises, including offices, sports stadiums, universities, museums, hospitals and galleries on behalf of a catering company.
- Advising various stadiums, concert venues and exhibition halls on all aspects of the Premises Licence, including alterations, variations, signage, security industry applications and embedded restrictions.
- Advising on several prosecutions and potential prosecutions for offences arising out of the Licensing Act.
- Advocating on behalf of clients and attending hearings before local authority licensing committees and Magistrates Courts.
- Representing in several review hearings, including one following problems at a large outdoor event, and successfully avoided countless additional conditions being added to the licence.

Credentials

Education

- University of Central England, LL.B (Hons), 1987
- College of Law, Chester, Law Society Finals, 1988

Admissions

- England and Wales, 1990

Recognitions

- Recommended in *Chambers UK* for Licensing, The Regions
- Recognised as a Leading Individual by *Chambers UK*
- Recommended in *Legal 500 UK* for Licensing
- Ranked Number 1 by *Legal 500 UK* and *Chambers UK*

Expertise

Services

- Litigation
- Environmental, Safety & Health

Industries

- Hospitality & Leisure
- Sports & Entertainment

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