

TANFIELD

PROPERTY & REAL ESTATE BARRISTERS



Stephen Monkcom

Year of call

1974

It is with enormous sadness that we have learnt of the death of Stephen Monkcom.

Stephen was a superb lawyer; recognised as a leading expert on the law of licensing and gambling and co-author of the principal textbook on gaming which bears his name. He was also a good friend to us all at Tanfield, where he had been a member since 1975 and served as Treasurer for many years. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

Gambling & Licensing

Internet Gambling: Stephen has been involved in advising on internet gambling in all its forms from the earliest days right up to the present time where the impact of the Gambling Act 2005 is the key consideration.

Betting Exchanges: He has been involved since the early days of betting exchanges advising on the regulatory and excise duty implications of what was a novel form of betting service and on various issues (including excise duty issues) which have emerged as the industry has matured.

Numbers Better: He was a member of the legal team that successfully represented bookmaking interests in a challenge to the lawfulness of the '49 betting product.

Fixed Odds Betting Terminals: He was also a member of the legal team that successfully represented bookmaking interests in a dispute over the legality of Fixed Odds Betting Terminals.

Fantasy Football: He appeared in a series of cases relating to the excise duty liability of newspaper Fantasy football competitions.

Lotteries: He has advised extensively on all aspects of lotteries both as sales promotion tools and as gambling offerings in their own right.

Bingo: He has advised extensively on developments in the game of bingo, especially on recent post 2005 Act developments of the game.

Alcohol/Entertainment Licensing: He has advised on issues relating to the transitional provisions under the Licensing Act 2003 and has been involved in committee hearing and appeals to magistrate under that Act.

Recommendations

"He is the number one advocate for really knotty problems that need a perceptive analysis." "He is a very clever chap and really knows his gambling law."

Chambers UK 2016

"He has specialist knowledge of excise duty matters connected with gambling."

Legal 500 2015

"Very capable."

Legal 500 2014

"Very knowledgeable. He's a deep and considered thinker."

Chambers UK 2014

"As far as gambling law is concerned he is one of the doyens. Very knowledgeable and very clever, he has a great in-depth knowledge of the law."

Chambers UK 2013

"Experienced in all main regulatory areas of betting, gaming and lotteries, as well as alcohol and entertainment licensing. He is particularly respected amongst peers for his comprehensive

knowledge of gambling and for his fine written work."

Chambers UK 2011

"The first-class gambling and licensing specialist Stephen Monkcom continues to advise commercial businesses on betting and gaming regulatory matters."

Legal 500 2010

"Talented and highly intellectual, Stephen Monkcom is a very clever man who knows his stuff backwards and has great written work. He focuses entirely on gambling issues and works to a very high standard."

Chambers UK 2010

"A recognised specialist in gaming law."

Legal 500 2009

"At the top of the pile for advisory work...is seen as an impressive academic with an excellent legal mind."

Chambers UK 2009

Publications

- Editor, Smith & Monkcom: The Law of Gambling Tottel Publishing, 3rd edition (2009)
- Contributor, Halsbury's Laws of England Vol 4 (1) Betting 4th edition (2002) (Reissue)
- Editor in Chief, Smith & Monkcom: The Law of Betting, Gaming and Lotteries 2nd edition (2001)
- Consulting editor, Licensing Review

Qualifications

- BA Hons (Oxon)

Memberships

- Constitutional & Administrative Law Bar Association