

STEPHAN SMITH

Professional Status: Qualified lawyer (England and Wales - 2011)

Location: England

Languages: English (Native speaker)

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Education:

- Football Law Programme - UEFA / Kadir Has University (2021 -current)
- LLM Sports Law (Hons) - De Montfort University (2018 -2021)
- Certificate in Sports Law - De Montfort University (2016-2017)
- Cert. in Intl Human Rights Law & Practice – LSE (University of London) (2012)
- LLB Law (Hons) - SOAS (University of London) (2002-2005)

Employment history:

May 2018 - current

Legal Counsel (Football Regulation and Litigation), The English Football Association

Providing legal advice to The FA Group on football regulatory matters, including integrity, player status, disciplinary, safeguarding, intermediary / agent and anti-doping issues. I also provide advice on a range of arbitral and litigious matters and advise The FA Group on the application of the rules and regulations of international regulatory bodies including, UEFA, FIFA, and the CAS.

November 2015 – May 2018

Integrity Investigations Manager, The English Football Association

Leading investigations into all aspects of potential breaches of EFA rules and regulations in order to safeguard the integrity of professional football. Including investigations into alleged financial misconduct, betting rule violations, corruption offences, media offences, discrimination, safeguarding breaches, anti-doping rule violations and breaches of the EFA Regulations on intermediaries / agents. Providing advice to technical staff and representing England national teams in regulatory proceedings.

November 2013 – November 2015

Investigations Manager, The English Football Association

Supervising disciplinary investigations under the jurisdiction of the County Football Association network relating to incidents of discrimination. Leading investigations into matters arising within professional football.

January 2013 – October 2013

Solicitor, The Howard League for Penal Reform

Representing vulnerable clients on a mix of public, community, criminal and civil law matters, including appearing before the Parole Board, at prison recall hearings, adjudications and addressing other community resettlement rights issues.

March 2011 – June 2012

Solicitor, Bindmans LLP

Representing individuals in a range of High Court and civil legal proceedings including, Judicial Review proceedings, Article 2 HRA engaged inquests, Parole Board hearings and other tribunal proceedings.

Non-executive / voluntary positions:

- UEFA Pro Bono Counsel (2022 – current)
- England Boxing National Disciplinary Panel Chair (2021 – current)
- England Boxing Safeguarding Panel Member (2019 – current)