

Stephen Farnfield ~ APFS

Chartered Financial Planner & Expert Witness

Expert Witness and Chartered IFA. Owner and Director of Paladin Group which encompasses Paladin Experts and Paladin Advice.



Cases Relating To

- Pension Loss – adults and minors
- Loss of Earnings
- Loss of Income Reports
- Cost of Financial Advice
- Periodical Payments / PPO / Form of Award
- Settlement Assessment Reports
- Fatal Accidents; Loss of Dependency
- Lost Years claims
- Financial Modelling / Planning
- Investment Performance Management
- Wealth Management
- Cashflow Analysis for Court Approval

Expert Witness Experience

Stephen has been an expert to the court since 2010 and has worked in financial services since 2000 when he entered the industry working for Invesco. He is a specialist Financial Planner working with vulnerable individuals and their support teams.

He has acted as an expert witness on hundreds of cases, providing expert reports and commentary on Pension Loss, Loss of Income, Cost of Financial Advice, Periodical Payments and the financial structure of damages awards. With a significant amount of experience in dealing with a vast array of UK-based pension schemes, Stephen is an expert that you can trust to deliver a detailed and accurate loss calculation.

Stephen has particular experience dealing with the various forms of the government-funded Defined Benefit Pension Schemes: Firefighter (Stephen was involved in a group action for the Grenfell Firefighters), Police, Armed Forces, Local Authority, Civil Service, Teachers and NHS.

Stephen holds the advanced pension qualifications with the Chartered Insurance Institute which demonstrates his depth of knowledge when looking at complex pensions.

Stephen is happy to attend JSMs and can also help assess settlement offer viability. Stephen is instructed on a wide range of different value cases and is instructed by both Claimant and Defendants, with quantum ranging from as little as £50,000 to those in excess of £40m. Stephen has a particular interest in and experience working on Cerebral Palsy Cases. He is well known for his training sessions that he delivers regularly to litigation teams up and down the country as well as online.

Stephen offers a free initial viability check service, so that solicitors can talk through a case on the phone or video call to then confidently move forwards with the right approach.

Stephen has given evidence in court on several occasions and is comfortable and confident under questioning.

Financial Experience

Having worked in the financial services industry for over 20 years and been qualified as a Chartered Financial Planner for the last 12, Stephen is well-positioned to specialise and advise the most vulnerable people in the UK, their families, and legal advisers.

Stephen has specific first-hand experience of the impact of serious injury on families as his younger brother has cerebral palsy as a result of a mismanaged birth.

He provides a detailed financial plan and advises upon the management and investment of damages awards and finances of the most vulnerable people in the UK. He is often called upon to support applications to court assessing the suitability of COP decisions and their financial viability.

In his previous role, he helped care for over £1bn of clients' valuable assets and, within Paladin Group, has designed a suitable proposition around the unique needs of the vulnerable.

His expertise means that he is used to carefully handling situations with a wide range of claimants, including minors, elderly and brain-injured clients, and takes pride in providing advice tailored to the individual needs of each person, depending on their financial sophistication as well as the nature and severity of their injuries.

Expert Snapshot

- 85% Claimant / 10% Defendant / 5% Joint
- Report Turnaround: 4 Weeks
- Claimant Age: All
- Desktop Reports & Remote/Face-to-Face Appointments
- Court Experience & Confidence Under Questioning

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