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Cheshire solicitor appointed to top Law Society panel

Cheshire solicitor Stephen Lawson has been appointed to one of the country's top legal advisory panels – the Law Society's Civil Justice Committee.

Stephen, who is a partner at QualitySolicitors Forshaws Davies Ridgway in Frodsham, joins a select group of the country's leading lawyers whose role is to promote the reform and improvement of law in the areas of litigation, arbitration and mediation.

The three year appointment involves attending committee meetings in London eight times a year and responding to Government consultations on proposed changes in the law.

Stephen has a wealth of experience in this area. He is an expert in personal injury claims, will disputes and child maintenance issues. He heads up his firm's litigation department, is a former national secretary of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and was recently elected to represent North West solicitors, accountants, financial advisers and will-writers on the England and Wales Committee of The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP).

Two years ago he was asked to launch a new Cheshire branch of STEP. As chairman, he has overseen the formation and expansion of the group, which is now flourishing with a membership of more than 60 professionals from across the county.

Several of his cases have attracted attention on the national stage including a recent Court of Appeal test case which successfully challenged Child Support Agency procedure in collecting child maintenance.

Stephen said: "After working for more than three decades at the sharp end of litigation, probate disputes and child maintenance problems, it's great to have that experience recognised by the Law Society.

“I am passionate about getting a fair deal for people and having a legal system guided by common sense. I’m looking forward to influencing the national debates and hopefully making a difference.”

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