



## Sam Stein KC

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Sam Stein KC uses “*advocacy like a stiletto in a velvet glove*” and he “*has an encyclopaedic legal knowledge combined with street wise savvy*”.

Sam Stein KC is a leading silk in the field of public and regulatory law, who specialises in public inquiries, inquests, regulatory and criminal law. He represents a wide range of clients, from victims and campaigning groups to central government and hospital trusts. Sam’s clients appreciate not only his legal knowledge, but also his outstanding judgement, his tenacity and his razor-sharp advocacy.

Sam is known for the clarity of his advice, the accuracy of his presentation and his no-nonsense style. Sam is recognised for his ability to cut through the most complicated technical language to the heart of the problem.

Sam has been instructed in very nearly all of the major public inquiries of the last 10 years including multiple modules of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), the Infected Blood Inquiry (IBI), and the Grenfell Tower Inquiry (GTI). Sam is currently instructed by:

- the largest group of Sub-Postmasters, Postmistresses and managers in **the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry**;
- by survivors and campaigners in **the Infected Blood Inquiry**; and
- by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in the **UK Covid-19 Inquiry**.

Sam also acts for individuals, groups and institutions in complex inquests, internal reviews and investigations. Sam is currently instructed by the **Gambling Commission**, and in relation to complex issues before the Court of Appeal.

Sam’s has been instructed on a wide range of complex and well-publicised cases up to the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division). His experience in criminal law informs his broad inquiries and investigations practice, particularly in relation to questions of accountability, and the interface between police investigations and public inquiries, inquests or reviews. Sam’s expertise in criminal law has proven to be invaluable in his inquiries, inquests and investigations practice, including but not limited to:

- Applications for immunity from prosecution considered by the Attorney General;
- Legal and parliamentary privilege; and

- Applications for confidentiality and issues of disclosure

Sam has conducted examination in chief, cross examination, as well as legal and factual submissions at every level of the courts. He has been instructed in the some of the most serious, legally complex and sensitive cases in recent times. In addition, many of Sam's cases have involved complex issues concerning mental health.

Sam also sits as an Appeal Chair for Police Services as regards disciplinary matters.

Sam's expertise includes advice on the establishment and delivery of national redress schemes, compensation frameworks and restorative justice programmes. Sam's work in this area spans the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, the Infected Blood Inquiry, the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and, more recently, the Post Office Inquiry. In addition, Sam represents by the Islington Survivors Network regarding the institution of a redress scheme.

## Areas of expertise

Investigations

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Civil Fraud and Money Laundering

Appeals

## Appeals

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- R v Hamilton: Post Office appeals successfully stayed as an Abuse of the Court's process, Sam is working as the lead in a large legal team on further Post Office appeals.
- R v SC, AT, AB & NC: Court of Criminal Appeal in relation to issue of whether nitrous oxide (NO) is an exempt substance under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016.
- R v W: Money laundering: Successfully argued that there should be no confiscation of Appellant's trust monies despite his conviction for possession of class A drugs with intent to supply.

## Appointments and Memberships

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- Chair of Police Appeal Tribunals (appointed 2009)
- Executive member of the Criminal Bar Association and tasked with spearheading discussions with the Bar Standard Board regarding Wellbeing.
- Member of Inquest
- Bencher – Inner Temple - 2009

## Past Appointments

- Chair of Standards (BSB)
- Chair of Pupillage (BSB)
- Board Member of the Inns of Court College of Advocacy (ICCA)
- Director of Criminal Advocacy at the Inner Temple
- Chair of Quality Assurance at the Bar Standards Board (BSB)
- Member of the Education and Training sub-committee (BSB)

- Teacher Trainer - Advocacy Trainer at the Inner Temple
- Trainer on the Keble Advanced Advocacy Course

## Media and YouTube Coverage

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[Evening Standard](#)

[Inside Housing](#)

[Post Office Scandal](#)

[Daily Mail](#)

[The Guardian](#)

[Sky](#)

[YouTube](#) - Post Office Horizon Inquiry Preliminary Hearing (Sam's oral submissions start at 19.50)

[YouTube](#) - Grenfell Tower Inquiry opening submissions

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