



Samantha Jones

Year of call: 2012

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“An exceptionally dedicated and thorough barrister: you can count on her to leave no stone unturned and to get to the bottom of any problem you may have. She is bright, talented, and extremely committed to her cases. A natural leader, and a real asset to any legal team.” The Legal 500 2023 (Tier 3)

Samantha is a highly regarded and in-demand multi-disciplinary barrister who practises in personal injury and clinical negligence, health and safety, construction, commercial, regulatory and disciplinary law and public law. She is recognised in the legal directories for her thoroughness, forensic analysis of the evidence and her personable ability to lead and work as a team. Samantha is regularly led by silks in high-profile, complex matters. She frequently acts as sole counsel. She acts for a range of clients from individual claimants and companies to insurers, government departments, local authorities, and quasi-governmental bodies. She is a strong advocate and tactician, benefitting from extensive court and trial experience. Samantha was appointed to the Treasury Panel of Junior Counsel (C Panel) in 2018.

Before joining the Bar, Samantha achieved a distinction in her LLM from McGill University and, most notably, undertook a Judicial Assistantship at the Constitutional Court of South Africa.

Areas of expertise

Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury

Health and Safety

Inquiries and Investigations

Inquests

Administrative and Public

Costs and Litigation Funding

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Commercial

Cladding and Other Building Defects

Health and Safety

Samantha has a developing health and safety practice as a result of her in-depth focus on health and safety practice, management and compliance of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. Samantha is instructed as lead junior counsel to the Inquiry being led by Richard Millett QC and Andrew Kinnear QC. Samantha acts in all health and safety matters, with a particular focus on fire safety and breaches of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

She is a member of the Health and Safety Lawyers' Association. She welcomes speaking opportunities.

Cases of note:

- ***The Grenfell Tower Inquiry*** - Instructed as lead junior counsel for the Inquiry led by Richard Millett and Andrew Kinnear QC.
- ***Archer and Others v Ministry of Justice; Freitas and Others v Ministry of Justice*** - Led by Colin Thomann in claims for breaches of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 brought by 32 prisoners who suffered physical and psychiatric injuries during a fire in a prison. Samantha was significantly involved in advising on quantum, procedure and costs. Case settled.

Recommendations

"She is incredibly thorough, personable and very good at encouraging the team and keeping everyone on top of their work." Chambers and Partners 2022 (Up and Coming)

"She is an exceptionally hard-working barrister and never misses any detail." Chambers and Partners 2022 (Up and Coming)

"Super bright, able to handle vast amounts of information and material, and grasps issues quickly. Always cuts through to the heart of a matter, is concise and with punchy written work. Works extremely hard and never seems to run out of energy." The Legal 500 2022 (Tier 3)

"Very on top of the detail and inspires great confidence." The Legal 500 2021 (Tier 4)

"She is bright, sensible and all her work is characterised by a detailed grasp of the evidence." The Legal 500 2020

Memberships

- Health and Safety Lawyers Association (HSLA)
- Personal Injury Barristers' Association (PIBA)
- Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA)

Qualifications

Education

- BPP Law School, BPTC, Outstanding
- McGill University, LLM, Distinction
- School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, LLB, 2:1

Scholarships and Prizes

- Denise Pannick Award, Gray's Inn Scholarship
- Provost's Graduate Scholarship, McGill University

Additional Information

Appointments

- Gray's Inn Barristers' Committee – Vice Chairman – 2021 - present

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