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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

## Inquests

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Samantha is a well-regarded inquest barrister due to her substantial inquest experience in Article 2 inquests, inquests concerning fatal accidents, clinical negligence, mental health and deaths of children. She acts on behalf of companies, governmental bodies, quasi-governmental bodies and families. She has developed particular experience in high profile inquests concerning multi-agency failings which have resulted in the deaths of children. Samantha has risen through the ranks of the legal directories over the last three years; she is now one of the most junior people recognised in Tier 3 of The Legal 500 for Inquests and Inquiries and recognised in Chambers 2022 in the 'Up and Coming' category.

Samantha regularly becomes involved at an early stage of proceedings to advise clients on disclosure, procedure and strategy. Samantha is very familiar with providing advocacy at pre-inquest reviews and final hearings and she attends site visits. She is well versed in procedure and case law of the coroner's jurisdiction. Samantha's practice in public law, personal injury and clinical negligence means that she is well placed to act in judicial reviews of coroner's decisions and civil proceedings arising; she frequently advises on such matters.

### Cases of note:

- **Inquest touching on the death of Justin Barrett** - Three-day inquest before the Senior Coroner for Inner North London concerning the suicide of a mental health in-patient.
- **Inquest touching on the death of Ellie Butler** - Two-week high-profile inquest before Dame Linda Dobbs investigating multi-agency working and failings during and after care proceedings concerning the six-year-old girl who was subsequently killed by her father. For news coverage, please [click here](#).
- **Inquest touching on the death of Shanay Walker** - Four-week high-profile inquest concerning the death of a seven-year old girl while in the care of her paternal aunt. For news coverage, please [click here](#):
- **Inquest touching on the death of David Buttriss** - Two-day inquest involving matters of medical negligence and mental health.
- **Inquest touching on the death of Carole Sherriffs** - Three-day inquest involving matters of medical negligence.
- **Inquest touching on the death of Suzette Mason** - One-day inquest concerning matters of medical negligence.
- **Inquest touching on the death of David Efemena** - Five-day high-profile Article 2 of the Human Rights Act inquest concerning the death of an RAF cadet while he was sleeping out on a training exercise. For news coverage, please click [here](#).

## Recommendations

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*"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

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

## Qualifications

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### 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

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### Appointments

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

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