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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

Inquiries and Investigations

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Samantha is a highly regarded and formidable Inquiry barrister. She has been instructed across a number of high profile Inquiries since 2017 for core participants and as counsel to the Inquiry. Most recently, Samantha has been instructed as a leading junior on the COVID-19 Inquiry by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). She has advised on the non-statutory Essex Mental Health Independent Inquiry. Most significantly, Samantha has acted as one of the most senior juniors on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry since 2018, being led by Counsel to the Inquiry, Richard Millett KC, and Andrew Kinnear KC. Samantha has been at the forefront of the inquiry's work concerning fire safety, health and safety and the actions of the London Fire Brigade and other fire and rescue services, leading two teams of junior barristers, questioning witnesses and preparing cross-examination. She possesses in-depth knowledge and experience of all aspects of the Inquiry process and the Inquiries Act 2005, from disclosure to core participant participation, witness handling and publication of rule 13 letters, and recommendations. Prior to that, Samantha was instructed on the Undercover Policing Inquiry by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

Samantha has risen through the ranks of the legal directories over the last four years in inquests and inquiries. She is now one of the most junior barristers recognised in Tier 3 of The Legal 500 for Inquests and Inquiries and she was recognised in Chambers and Partners 2022 in the 'Up and Coming' category.

Cases of note

- ***The Grenfell Tower Inquiry*** - instructed as lead junior counsel for the Inquiry led by Richard Millett and Andrew Kinnear QC.
- ***The Undercover Policing Inquiry*** - instructed by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

Recommendations

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"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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