



Sam practises across the range of chambers' civil liability work, with a particular focus on personal injury, clinical negligence, insurance fraud, commercial, sports, costs and inquiry matters.

Sam is currently instructed as Junior Counsel to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Sam worked in the corporate department of a magic circle law firm. He also spent time as a caseworker for Advocate, where he assisted litigants who were unable to privately fund their representation and were ineligible for a legal aid.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence
- Insurance Fraud
- Commercial
- Costs
- Inquests & Inquiries

SECTORS

- Sport

PRACTICE AREAS

PERSONAL INJURY & CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

Sam frequently appears in personal injury claims for both claimants and defendants. He has extensive experience

of road traffic accident claims, often involving fundamental dishonesty and fraud issues. He also regularly acts in public liability and occupier's liability claims. He is, in addition, developing a practice in clinical negligence matters in which he has a keen interest. He provides advice on tactics, liability and quantum, as well as drafting pleadings.

INSURANCE FRAUD

Sam has a particular interest in civil cases involving allegations of fraud. He gained significant experience early in his career prosecuting and defending matters in the criminal courts, which has left him well placed to deal with allegations of serious dishonesty in civil proceedings. He has experience of exaggerated claims, staged / fabricated accidents, phantom passengers and low velocity impacts.

COMMERCIAL

Sam regularly represents and advises in commercial matters. He has particular experience in contractual disputes. He has dealt with cases concerning the existence and performance of contracts; interpretation of contracts; misrepresentation; enforceability; consumer contracts; sale of goods and supply of services; and debt actions. He also has experience of representing property owners in cases involving allegations of defective and substandard work.

COSTS

Sam is experienced in the range of costs matters associated with civil litigation, including Costs and Case Management Conferences (CCMCs); wasted costs applications; indemnity costs applications; Part 36 offers; and exceptions to qualified one-way cost shifting, particularly fundamental dishonesty.

INQUESTS & INQUIRIES

Sam has a significant Inquiry practice. Since early 2019 he has been instructed as Junior Counsel to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, led by Richard Millett QC (Essex Court Chambers) and Andrew Kinnier QC (Henderson Chambers). Prior to his work on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, he was instructed by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

SECTORS

SPORT

Sam is developing a practice in sports-related disputes. His expertise in personal injury, commercial and contractual disputes as well as his prior experience practising in employment, disciplinary and criminal matters mean he is well-placed to advise and act in sports claims which interact with those areas of law.

Sam also competed internationally in hockey and continues to play competitive cricket. That sporting background gives him a valuable insight into the perspective and needs of players, organisations and professional bodies when dealing with sports cases. Sam recently successfully defended a football club against an automatic unfair dismissal (whistleblowing) claim relating to alleged misappropriation of funds.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Advocate Panel Member

QUALIFICATIONS

- Levitt Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2015)
- Buchanan Prize, Lincoln's Inn (2013)
- BPTC (Outstanding), University of Law (2013)
- GDL (Commendation), University of Law (2012)
- BA (Hons) in Ancient History, University of Exeter (2011)

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