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Samuel Ford

Year of Call: 2021

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Overview

Samuel completed his law degree at the University of Leicester earning a 1st class LLB (Honours). He achieved a grade of Outstanding on the BPTC at Nottingham Law School and was awarded a Taylor Prize for achieving the second best results overall in the year.

Samuel joined Ropewalk as a tenant in 2021. His practice since then has included small claims and Fast Track trials, applications, CMCs, stage 3 hearings, and infant settlement hearings. He has a busy paperwork practice both drafting and advising across a range of areas including personal injury, housing disrepair claims, commercial disputes, property disputes, and motor.

As an undergraduate Samuel was awarded the 36 Bedford Row prize at the University of Leicester for the best overall second year results for an aspiring barrister.

Samuel has participated in and won a number of moots including winning the University of Leicester's Senior Mooting Competition, which was judged by a panel chaired by Sir Terence Etherton MR. He also won KCH Garden Square's Civil Advocacy Competition 2018-2019 at UoL and was on the winning team for BPP's Advocate of the Year Midlands Regional Heat 2018-2019.

Nottingham Law School awarded Samuel an Academic Excellence Scholarship and he is a William Shaw Scholar at Gray's Inn.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Samuel had a successful career in insurance, spanning 9 years where he handled home insurance claims for an insurer and a loss adjuster.

Away from the Bar, Samuel is kept busy by his young family, but when time permits he is an enthusiastic, if untalented, bass guitar player and loves to immerse himself in all aspects of the Warhammer 40,000 hobby.

Expertise

Commercial Dispute Resolution

Samuel has experience of advising and pleading in Consumer Rights Act claims. He is keen to accept instructions relating to Consumer Rights Act, sale of goods, other contractual matters, and wider commercial matters appropriate to his year of call.

Credit Hire

Samuel frequently acts in credit hire disputes for both claimants and defendants on the small claims track and the Fast Track. He is familiar with the key cases and arguments surrounding the issues of need, enforceability, impecuniosity, period, intervention, and rate.

Housing

Samuel regularly advises claimants and prepares pleadings on housing disrepair cases on a CFA basis. Samuel is willing to receive instructions from both claimants and defendants and will undertake paperwork and trials on a CFA basis in appropriate cases.

Samuel is prepared to receive instructions across the range of housing work undertaken in Chambers.

Inquests

Samuel was exposed to inquests during pupillage and assisted in the preparation of written submissions in a death in custody case. Samuel welcomes instructions from all categories of interested parties.

Insurance

Samuel comes to the bar from an insurance background and has particular experience of home insurance claims. Samuel is therefore familiar with the approach taken to litigation by insurers and is able to offer commercially sensitive advice. Samuel is keen to receive instructions across the range of insurance work undertaken in Chambers.

Motor

Samuel undertakes trials of liability and quantum relating to road traffic accidents on the Small Claims Track very regularly for both Claimants and Defendants and has a good track record of success. He has also undertaken Fast Track RTA trials.

Samuel is keen to continue to receive instructions for written and advocacy work relating to RTAs.

Personal Injury

Samuel drafts robust and precise pleadings and gives practical advice in a range of personal injury work including employers' liability, occupiers' liability, public liability, product liability, and Highways Act claims.

Samuel has experience of trials on the Fast Track for both claimants and defendants and welcomes instructions from both. He will undertake work on a CFA basis in appropriate cases.

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