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Overview

Sam specialises in all areas of personal injury and industrial disease litigation.

Sam has a busy trial and paperwork practice. He is instructed by claimants and defendants at all stages of claims, from preliminary advice through to trials and appeals, and at all levels of track. He is equally adept at navigating factually complex and witness/document-heavy claims as arguing narrow points of law or procedure.

He provides a proactive, tactical and down-to-earth approach to all of his instructions and he prides himself on being personable and approachable.

Before joining Chambers, Sam studied law at the University of Durham and undertook the BPTC at Nottingham Law School.

He went on to work as a paralegal in a large law firm where he developed an extensive knowledge of the pre-litigation and litigation processes and, in particular, gained a considerable understanding of personal injury practice. Thereafter, he worked as a county court advocate via a large nationwide advocacy agency and has regularly appeared in courts across the country ever since.

Away from the Bar, Sam enjoys running around after his young children and finding a little time for photography or relaxing with his collection of 70s rock vinyl.

Expertise

Personal Injury

Sam is regularly instructed by claimants and defendants across the full range of personal injury disputes, including: employers' liability, public liability, occupiers' liability, road traffic collisions, defective premises, product liability and Highways Act claims.

He frequently attends trials and interlocutory hearings and, in addition, drafts pleadings and advises on all issues in conference and in writing.

He also has experience of CICA claims, having advised and represented clients on appeal.

Disease

Sam has a wealth of experience of all aspects of industrial disease litigation.

Since joining Chambers he has regularly acted for both claimants and defendants in noise induced hearing loss claims. He is well versed in the central issues of medical causation, breach of duty and limitation.

He regularly attends all types of hearing through to trial and, in addition, is regularly instructed to draft pleadings and to advise clients in conference and in writing.

He also has experience of claims involving work related upper limb disorders and dermatitis.

Inquests

Sam has acted for families and other properly interested persons, including road traffic insurers, healthcare professionals and the Care Quality Commission, at pre-inquest reviews and at inquests.

He has appeared at inquests arising out of various circumstances, ranging from road traffic collisions to incidents in care homes, prisons and hospitals.

He is always cognisant of the fact that, in many cases, inquests may provide the background fact-find for personal injury, clinical negligence or regulatory proceedings.

Motor

Sam is routinely involved in cases arising out of road traffic collisions. As well as being familiar with the usual issues of breach of duty, causation and quantum, he has experience of claims brought against the Motor Insurers' Bureau, fraudulent claims, claims in which fundamental dishonesty is alleged and claims involving insurance issues.

Credit Hire

Sam has a busy credit hire practice. He routinely attends trials across the country and, in addition, is instructed to advise on all issues and to attend interlocutory hearings at all stages.

He is well versed in the myriad of issues which arise in credit hire litigation, including: enforceability, need to hire, period of hire, impecuniosity, rates evidence, illegality, offers of alternative vehicles and loss of profit claims.

Qualifications

- BPTC, Nottingham Law School
- LLB (Hons), Durham University

Recommendations

"Sam is a very bright and extremely gifted young barrister with a great eye for detail. He is particularly excellent at translating large amounts of difficult information into short, comprehensible paragraphs."

- The Legal 500 2025

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