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**Samuel Lane** joined Chambers in October 2024 and is a second six pupil barrister.

He has been supervised by Joshua Winfield, Zachary Kell, and Kate Rogers, and his current supervisor is Kate Selway KC.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Sam studied and taught History at the University of Oxford. He received a first-class undergraduate degree; a master's degree with Distinction, gaining the top mark in his year; and a doctorate, specialising in late medieval history. He also worked as a Lecturer in Medieval History at both Brasenose College and Christ Church, Oxford, and as a Research Fellow for the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.

Sam then completed the GDL and Bar Course at City Law School, achieving a Distinction in both qualifications. He was ranked second in his year for the GDL and top in his year for the Bar Course, winning multiple prizes. His legal studies were supported by the Lord Bowen and Lord Mansfield Scholarships from Lincoln's Inn, the Inn's most prestigious scholarships for the GDL and Bar Course respectively.

Sam has considerable experience of mooting, winning the City Law School GDL Moot, the final of which was held at the Supreme Court and judged by Lord Mance. He has also won several essay competitions, including the Property Bar Association Essay Prize.

#### COMMERCIAL AND CIVIL FRAUD

Sam has been instructed on a range of commercial matters, including breach of contract disputes, unlawful means conspiracy claims, and disputes under the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982.

During pupillage, Sam gained experience of a wide variety of commercial and civil fraud work, including:

- Assisting Zachary Kell (led by Christopher Parker KC), who appeared for the Third Defendant (the Deposit Guarantee Fund of Ukraine) in *WWRT v Tyshchenko*, a £65-million civil fraud claim concerning complex issues of Ukrainian law and their application to contractual interpretation.
- Assisting Kate Rogers (led by Lexa Hilliard KC and John Machell KC) in *Titanium v Hughes*, a complex case with claims of knowing receipt, dishonest assistance, unlawful means conspiracy, and breaches of ss. 29 and 42 of the Partnership Act 1890.

- Assisting Zachary Kell (leading Harmish Mehta) in *Arif v Sanger* [2025] EWHC 1540 (KB), a preliminary-issue trial as to whether claims in fraudulent and negligent misrepresentation were time-barred.
- Shadowing Alexander Kingston-Splatt in a successful summary judgment application following non-payment of a commercial debt.
- Drafting a Reply in a case about the assignment and enforceability of a commercial debt.

## **PRIVATE CLIENT AND TRUSTS**

Sam has been instructed in a variety of private client cases, and has drafted witness statements, reviewed evidence, and given advice in claims brought under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975.

In addition, he has gained experience of a broad range of private client and trusts matters during pupillage, including by:

- Shadowing James Morgan KC, Marcus Flavin, and Josh Lewison in *FS Capital Limited v Adams* [2025] EWCA Civ 53, a case concerning the sale of loan assets from insolvent Jersey trusts, and the question of whether the exercise of a power for an improper purpose is void or merely voidable.
- Assisting Joshua Winfield in an application for a grant of administration under s. 116 of the Senior Courts Act.
- Drafting a Particulars of Claim alleging that a Will was invalid on the basis of lack of capacity and want of knowledge and approval.
- Drafting a Letter of Claim in a dispute about whether a farmer's son had acquired an interest in farmland through proprietary estoppel.
- Writing an opinion about whether the transfer of a house could be set aside on the basis of undue influence.
- Writing an opinion about the prospects of a prospective claim under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975.
- Writing an opinion about the construction of a home-made, holographic Will.

## **RESTRUCTURING AND INSOLVENCY**

Sam has been instructed in a range of insolvency matters. He regularly appears in the Winding-Up Court for debtors and creditors and has also successfully opposed an application to set aside a statutory demand.

He has also worked on a wide variety of insolvency and restructuring matters during pupillage, including by:

- Assisting Kate Rogers in *Algie v Hutcheson*, a three-day insolvency trial concerning alleged transactions at an undervalue, preferences, and transactions defrauding creditors
- Shadowing Matthew Weaver KC and Katie Longstaff in *Re Madagascar Oil*, a contested application for the approval of a restructuring plan
- Shadowing Kate Rogers in *Re Rational Foreign Exchange Limited*, an application for the approval of a distribution plan under the Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency Rules 2021
- Shadowing Alexander Kingston-Splatt in *MBS Recovery Ltd v Quinney* [2025] EWHC 546 (Ch), a case about whether an ICC judge improperly set aside two statutory demands.
- Assisting Zachary Kell with a *Berkeley Applegate* application
- Shadowing Zachary Kell in an oral hearing for permission to appeal against a winding-up order.
- Drafting an advice note about whether a judgment debtor was entitled to request information from a receiver.

## **COMPANY**

During pupillage, Sam gained exposure to a variety of company law matters, for instance by:

- Shadowing David Mohyuddin KC (leading Carly Sandbach and Isabel Petrie) in *Secretary of State for Business and Trade v Greensill* [2025] EWHC 1380 (Ch), where they successfully resisted an application by Mr Greensill to partially stay directors' disqualification proceedings against him.
- Drafting a Particulars of Claim, alleging that the directors of an international currency exchange business breached their directors' duties by failing to ensure that the company complied with its obligations under the Payment Services Regulations 2017.
- Assisting Zachary Kell in a contested specific disclosure application heard by the High Court of Justice of the Isle of Man. The underlying claims involved disputes about the construction of a Shareholders' Agreement, and are for minority oppression, misuse of confidential information, and secret commissions.
- Drafting a Defence to an unlawful means conspiracy claim against the sole director of a company

## **PARTNERSHIP**

In the course of his pupillage, Sam has worked on a number of partnership cases, including by:

- Assisting Kate Rogers (led by Lexa Hilliard KC and John Machell KC) in preparing a successful application for permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal in *Titanium v Hughes*, a case involving complex issues as to the interpretation and effect of ss. 29 and 42 of the Partnership Act 1890.
- Advising on the dissolution of a family farming partnership, and the question of whether various parcels of land were held by the partnership or by individual family members.

## **CHARITIES**

During pupillage, Sam has worked on numerous charities matters, including by:

- Assisting Joshua Winfield with *Mond v Charity Commission of England and Wales* [2025] FTT 103 (GRC), a successful appeal against the Charity Commission's decision to disqualify an individual from serving as a charity trustee.
- Shadowing Joshua Winfield in a hearing about the chairmanship, timing, and organisation of a religious charity's election.
- Drafting a letter of claim in a dispute about whether a charity's trustees were properly elected and whether amendments to its constitution were validly passed.
- Writing several opinions about the validity of charitable gifts in Wills.
- Writing an advice note about the construction of a Jersey charity's trust instrument.

## **PROPERTY**

Sam has worked on a number of property cases during pupillage, including by:

- Drafting a Letter of Claim, asserting that a farmer's son had acquired an interest in farmland by virtue of proprietary estoppel.
- Drafting a Particulars of Claim, alleging breaches of the Defective Premises Act 1972 and various leasehold covenants.
- Advising clients in conference as to whether to pursue claims in trespass and nuisance.

## **TAX**

While sitting with Kate Selway KC and Joshua Winfield, Sam was exposed to a range of tax matters, including:

- Advising on the prospects of an appeal to the First-Tier Tribunal (Tax) in a case about whether property was "residential property" or "non-residential

property” for SDLT purposes.

- Advising on the tax consequences of a beneficiary collapsing a trust under the rule in *Saunders v Vautier*.
- Advising on the tax consequences of using the Residential Nil-Rate Band.
- Advising on the tax consequences of a deed of variation.
- Advising on a potential professional negligence claim against tax advisors.

## **INJUNCTIONS**

During pupillage, Sam shadowed Natalie Pratt in *Teledyne UK Limited v Gao & Ors* [2024] EWHC 3538 (KB), a successful application for an injunction to restrain trespass and public nuisance at six industrial sites.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Bar Vocational Studies – Distinction (ranked first in year), City, University of London (2024)
- GDL – Distinction (ranked second in year), City, University of London (2023)
- DPhil in History – Pass (without corrections), Christ Church, Oxford (2023)
- MSt in Medieval History – Distinction (ranked first in year), St Cross College, Oxford (2016)
- BA (Hons) in History – First Class, Christ Church, Oxford (2015)

## **PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Buchanan Prize (Lincoln’s Inn) (2024)
- Senior Scarman Scholarship (City, University of London) (2024)
- Oxford University Press Prize for Excellence in Advocacy and Procedure (City, University of London) (2024)
- Winner, Property Bar Association Essay Prize (2024)
- Dean’s Scholarship for Academic Excellence (City, University of London) (2023)
- Residential Scholarship (Lincoln’s Inn) (2023)
- Lord Mansfield Scholarship (Lincoln’s Inn) (2023)
- Winner, City Law School GDL Moot (2023)
- City Law School Scholarship for Academic Excellence (City, University of London) (2022)
- Lord Bowen Scholarship (Lincoln’s Inn) (2022)
- Dixon Scholarship (Christ Church, Oxford) (2016)
- Gladstone Prize (Christ Church, Oxford) (2015)
- Finals Prize (Christ Church, Oxford) (2015)
- Slade Prize (Christ Church, Oxford) (2015)
- Open Scholarship (Christ Church, Oxford) (2013)

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