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

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

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

During pupillage, Sam has 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 Zachary Kell (leading Harmish Mehta) in *Arif v Sanger*, a preliminary issue trial as to whether claims in fraudulent and negligent misrepresentation were not time-barred by virtue of s.32(1) of the Limitation Act 1980.
- Shadowing Alexander Kingston-Splatt in a successful summary judgment application following non-payment of a commercial debt.
- Assisting Zachary Kell in a contested specific disclosure application heard by the High Court of Justice of the Isle of Man. The underlying claims are

for alleged minority oppression regarding a fintech company, misuse of confidential information, and secret commissions.

- Drafting a Reply in a case about the assignment and enforceability of a commercial debt.

## PRIVATE CLIENT AND TRUSTS

Sam has experienced a broad range of private client and trusts matters during pupillage, including:

- Shadowing James Morgan KC, Marcus Flavin, and Josh Lewison in *FS Capital Limited & Ors v Adams & Ors* [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 Dependents) Act 1975.
- Writing an opinion about the construction of a home-made, holographic Will.

## INSOLVENCY

Sam has seen a variety of insolvency work during pupillage, including:

- Shadowing Alexander Kingston-Splatt in *MBS Recovery Ltd v Quinney* [2025] EWHC 546 (Ch), an appeal to the High Court 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 on the basis that the debt was genuinely disputed on substantial grounds.
- Drafting an advice note about whether a judgment debtor was entitled to request information from a receiver.

## 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.

## 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.

## TAX

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

- 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.

## 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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