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Practice Overview

Sam practises across all areas of commercial law, as well as in competition law. He joined Chambers in September 2026, following the successful completion of his pupillage under the supervision of Craig Morrison KC, Colin West KC, and William Hooper.

During pupillage, Sam assisted with a range of commercial and competition law matters (detailed below). These included high-value contractual and civil fraud claims, jurisdiction disputes, and several abuse of dominance claims.

Sam holds a BA with First-Class Honours in Classics from the University of Cambridge. He obtained Distinctions in both the academic and vocational components of his legal studies (the Graduate Diploma in Law and the Bar Course), during which he was also a recipient of the Princess Royal and Major Scholarships awarded by the Inner Temple.

Commercial

Sam acts in all areas of commercial litigation and arbitration and has assisted, during pupillage, with a number of cases involving allegations of serious fraud. Examples of cases on which he has worked include:

- *Hoffman & Greenbaum v Finalto Group Ltd & Gopher Investments* [2026] EWHC 921 (Comm) – Sam acted for the defendants in a dispute arising out of the sale of a fintech business (Finalto), which involved contractual claims brought by Finalto's former CEO and COO, as well as counterclaims for fraudulent misrepresentation (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison KC and William Hooper).

- *Optiemus Infracom Ltd v BlackBerry Ltd* – Sam acted for the respondent in an appeal concerning the correct test for determining whether to strike out a claim on the basis of socalled '*Grovit*' abuse (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison KC). The underlying action is a claim arising from alleged breaches of a licensing and services agreement by which BlackBerry provided the technology for mobile phone handsets in India.
- *Thurrock Borough Council v Kavanagh* – Sam acted for the claimant in a high-profile civil fraud claim arising out of the alleged misappropriation, by Mr Liam Kavanagh, of funds invested by the claimant in bonds linked to solar energy (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison KC).
- *IPJSC United Company Rusal v Whiteleave, Potanin, Crispian, and Abramovich* – Sam acted for the defendants in a high-value civil fraud dispute arising out of the management of Norilsk Nickel, the world's largest producer of refined nickel (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison KC).
- IDRC 2026 – Sam acted for the defendant insurers in an arbitration claim concerning an alleged breach of a credit insurance policy (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison KC).

Competition

Sam acts in all areas of competition law. Examples of cases on which he has worked include:

- *Infederation Ltd and others v Google UK Ltd and others* – Sam acted for one of the claimants in abuse of dominance actions against Google in relation to the market for comparison shopping services (as a pupil, assisting Colin West KC).
- *Tesla, Inc and another v Interdigital Patent Holdings, Inc and others* [2026] UKSC 27 – Sam acted for one of the interveners in a Supreme Court appeal concerning whether the English courts have jurisdiction to hear a claim by Tesla for declarations as to whether the terms of a global platform licence of standard essential patents are fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory ("FRAND") (as a pupil, assisting Colin West KC).

Education and Qualifications

Education

2019 – 2022: BA in Classics (First Class), University of Cambridge

2022 – 2023: MPhil in Classics, University of Cambridge

2023 – 2024: Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), City, University of London

2024 – 2025: Bar Course (Distinction), the Inns of Court College of Advocacy

Scholarships

Princess Royal Scholarship, Inner Temple (2024)

Major Scholarship, Inner Temple (2023)