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SAMUEL BURRETT

“Sam has always delivered exceptional service when I have instructed him...I would not hesitate to recommend him to others.”

Client

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Sam has a strong common law practice, accepting instructions across a range of family, civil and employment matters. He is public access qualified.

Sam read Ancient History at the University of Exeter. He went on to complete the Graduate Diploma in Law and the Bar Professional Training Course at the University of Law. He holds the Buchanan Prize and Levitt Scholarship from Lincoln's Inn.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Sam was employed as a caseworker at the Bar Pro Bono Unit, where he assisted litigants, who were unable to privately fund their representation and were ineligible for a legal aid, across a breadth of family, civil, employment and criminal matters.

Family Finance

Sam has experience of all stages of financial remedy proceedings. He has represented in cases involving short marriages, overseas properties, non-disclosure, add-back, trusts, freezing injunctions, *Imerman* documents and non-matrimonial property. He has acted in variation and enforcement matters. He also accepts instructions in contested divorce matters.

Selected Cases

P v P:

Secured transfer of assured non-shorthold housing association tenancy under paragraph 7 of Schedule 7 of Part II to the Family Law Act 1996.

A v N:

Secured substantial lump sum on the basis of adverse inferences and costs order for applicant due to respondent's non-disclosure.

B v B:

Secured freezing order against UK property under s.37 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.

C v B:

Successfully resisted application to vary final order under s.31 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 on the basis the court did not have jurisdiction to vary.

Private Children

Sam is regularly instructed in private children matters from FHDRA through to final hearing, including special guardianship applications. He has acted in cases involving serious allegations of domestic abuse, intractable opposition, implacable hostility and parental alienation. He is experienced with vulnerable parties.

Selected Cases

C v C:

Successful application to vary final order that children live with the respondent and spend limited time with the applicant to order for shared living arrangements.

A v F:

Secured interim transfer of living arrangements and final live-with order to the applicant owing to safeguarding concerns about the respondent.

M v F:

Secured temporary leave to remove children from jurisdiction to Brazil.

M v D:

Secured final order for child who lived in UK with respondent to spend significant time with applicant in Portugal.

Personal Injury

Sam frequently appears in personal injury claims for both claimants and defendants. He has extensive experience of road traffic accident claims, often involving low velocity impact, fundamental dishonesty, fraud and credit hire issues. He has dealt with numerous public liability and occupier's liability claims.

Sam is happy to accept instructions to advise on liability and quantum as well as to draft statements of case. He accepts instructions across all three tracks. He will act on a CFA where appropriate.

Selected Cases

N v U:

Successful claim where defendant contended road traffic accident had not occurred and fraud was alleged.

S v M:

Secured judgment for claimant ambulance driver where he was driving on the wrong side of the road in emergency conditions.

Z v F:

Successful claim where accident occurred in car wash and defendant contended low velocity of impact could not have caused injury.

R v O:

Appeal against case management order to refuse extension of time limit for instruction of joint pain expert.

B v M:

Public liability claim arising out of an assault on the claimant whilst he was in prison.

F v M:

Public liability claim for wrist injury caused by poorly maintained furniture whilst the claimant was in prison.

Employment

Sam gained significant exposure to employment law under the supervision of Heather Platt during pupillage. He has developed a keen interest in this area. He has been instructed in discrimination, unfair dismissal, breach of contract, breach of TUPE regulations and unlawful deduction of wages matters.

Selected Cases

P v L:

Successful claim for automatic and ordinary unfair dismissal and wrongful dismissal arising out of employer's refusal to permit claimant to take time off.

P v A:

Successful claim for constructive unfair dismissal for employer's breach of implied term of trust and confidence.

H v L & I:

Advised pro bono on appeal in respect of breach of contract and unlawful deduction of wages claim on behalf of the Employment Lawyers Association and the Bar Pro Bono Unit.

Commercial

Sam frequently acts in business and commercial matters, involving a range of contractual disputes. He has dealt with cases involving consumer transactions, the sale of goods and supply of services and enforceability issues. Sam is happy to accept instructions to advise in writing as well as to draft pleadings.

Selected Cases

C v A:

Breach of contract claim for unpaid invoices for work done by the claimant to reduce the defendant's business tax rates.

M v R & V:

Successful application to lift stay, add defendant and for permission to amend in respect of breach of contract claim for substandard and incomplete building works.

A v V:

Successful application for strike out of claim and defence to counter claim and secured judgment on counterclaim in respect of breach of collateral contract and estoppel claim.

G v S:

Secured order for vacant possession of residential property, payment of rent arrears and costs for landlord.

Qualifications

- Levitt Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2015)
- Buchanan Prize, Lincoln's Inn (2013)
- BPTC (Outstanding), University of Law (2013)
- GDL (Commendation), University of Law (2012)
- BA (Hons) in Ancient History, University of Exeter (2011)

Professional associations

- Employment Lawyers Association
- Family Law Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Bar Pro Bono Unit Panel Member

Outside Interests

In his spare time, Sam enjoys all manner of sports. He has competed internationally in hockey, and recently represented the Bar of England & Wales Cricket Club at the Lawyer's World Cup in Brisbane. He is a keen runner, cyclist and tennis player.