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Sam is a specialist in fraud and financial crime, with a particular focus on investigations.

He has extensive white collar criminal litigation experience, often in extremely large and complex cases involving multi-jurisdictional issues, and challenges to disclosure and legal professional privilege.

He has provided strategic advice to the SFO in a multibillion dollar bribery & corruption investigation, and to both prosecution and defence in multimillion pound conspiracy to defraud investigations.

Sam adopts a user friendly and is a firm believer in the benefits of working together as a team in a collaborative approach.

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He is typically instructed in large and complex multi-jurisdictional financial investigations into corporates and individuals, both for prosecution and defence. Of particular note is his extensive experience as part of the investigation team in a multibillion-dollar SFO bribery & corruption investigation, encompassing both criminal and civil litigation.

He has also been privately instructed as junior counsel for the defence in an investigation into an alleged international fraud/money laundering conspiracy.

He has advised a private prosecution firm at the pre-trial stage in an alleged multi-million-pound conspiracy to defraud. He has been instructed by the SFO's Proceeds of Crime unit (Operation Steamroller, a £70m boiler room fraud and the largest of its kind ever prosecuted in the UK).

He has worked in overseas jurisdictions and has experience of the Mutual Legal Assistance regime, both as a defender and prosecutor. In addition, he has received formal training in civil litigation & procedure.

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Junior Counsel in the Dame Linda Dobbs Review (ongoing)

Part of the counsel team assisting Dame Linda Dobbs in considering whether issues relating to HBOS Reading were investigated and appropriately reported to authorities following Lloyds Banking Group's acquisition of HBOS.

Grenfell Inquiry (2019)

A member of the Aftermath Team in the Grenfell Public Inquiry

Significant Cases

- Operation Q (2015-2019) - SFO bribery & corruption investigation into former FTSE100 company
- R v. M & Others (2016) – Led junior in investigation into alleged international money laundering conspiracy.
- R v. M (2016) – Privately instructed for defence in case of former company director accused of multiple VAT frauds.
- R v. M (2016) – Successfully prosecuted man accused of £50k robbery.
- Operation Steamroller (2015) – Instructed by SFO Proceeds of Crime Division at confiscation stage re UK's largest ever Boiler Room fraud.

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He has enjoyed a busy Crown Court practice, acting for both defence and prosecution (as a CPS Panel Advocate). His work has included fraud & dishonesty offences (including POCA), drugs, and serious violence and public disorder.

[expand title= "Regulatory Crime/Licensing

He has regularly acted for private clients accused of driving offences (e.g. drink driving) and quasi-criminal matters (e.g. licensing offences).

[expand title= "Discipline & Regulatory Law

Sam has been instructed by Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as a case presenter in the full range of hearings.

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- **R v. G (2015)** – Privately represented former World Champion boxer charged with affray involving serious violence.
- **R v. H (2015)** – Defended client accused of conspiracy to import drugs, phones, knife etc. into HMP Wormwood Scrubs.

Education

BA (Hons) Modern and Medieval Languages, University of Oxford

Bar Vocational Course, College of Law

Graduate Diploma in Law, London Metropolitan University

Lord Justice Holker Award, Gray's Inn