



Samuel Peake

Year of Call 2019

Samuel was Called to the Bar in 2019 by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, after receiving the Hubert Monroe Scholarship as a Major Award. Samuel studied law at the University of Nottingham before completing the Bar Professional Training Course at BPP Manchester, where Samuel also graduated with Distinction in his Legal Practice LLM. Whilst on the BPTC, Samuel achieved numerous ‘Outstanding’ grades (including in his Advocacy and Conferencing modules) and was the winner of BPP Manchester’s Mooting Competition.

Practice Areas

Family Civil

Family

Samuel has a busy practice and accepts instructions over the broad spectrum of family law, including public and private children law and also financial remedy work.

Samuel has an ever increasing public law caseload and represents parents, local Authorities, guardians and interveners in a whole range of cases involving neglect , abuse ,alcohol and drug misuse from first hearings and removal hearings right through to fact finds and final hearings.

Within private law proceedings Samuel is regularly sought out to act for vulnerable clients who have often been the victims of sustained physical and mental harm, and is instructed from first hearings through to fact find and final hearings . Sam has widespread experience of complex contact and residence disputes as well as cases involving allegations of parental alienation and domestic abuse.

Family (continued)

Samuel is developing his financial remedy practice and accepts instructions for both legally aided and private ancillary relief applications and conducts hearings from first hearing through to FDR.

He has particular experience of clients with mental health and learning difficulties and is well known for his calming, reassuring, thorough and strong approach towards representing his clients.

Civil

Samuel accepts instructions in a range of civil matters including small claims, MOJ Stage 3 Hearings and Infant Approval Hearings.

Background

Prior to being Called to the Bar, Sam worked within a capital defence firm in the United States, representing clients faced with the death penalty. In this work, Sam drafted detailed mitigation submissions which helped to persuade a District Attorney not to seek the death sentence in respect of one of his clients.

Sam also worked as a volunteer in west-Africa, setting up a human rights project in Burkina Faso with the United Nations Association of International Service. To this end, Sam lived with and worked alongside local people to deliver projects aimed at combatting FGM.

Immediately after his LLB graduation, Sam served as Vice-President of his Students' Union (after being elected to the 'community' portfolio by thousands of his student peers). In this role, Sam held trusteeship over an organisation with a multi-million-pound turnover and represented the interests of students to people from all sections of the local community.

Outside of work, Sam enjoys theatre (and has performed in a sketch show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival). He also enjoys watching and playing most sports.