

# SAM STEVENS

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## Practice Overview

Sam's practice covers chambers' core areas, with a focus on professional negligence and product liability. He is an experienced advocate who regularly appears in the County Court, High Court and tribunals.

Sam has been instructed in a number of high-profile disputes, including the Kenya Emergency Group Litigation and the Cyprus Colonial Litigation (instructed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office). He will be appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown on 1 March 2019.

## Professional Negligence

Sam has a broad professional negligence practice that covers a wide range of professions, including solicitors, barristers, surveyors, architects, buildings inspectors and art investment advisors. He is an experienced advocate, with regular instructions to represent parties at interim hearings and multi-track trials as sole counsel.

## Product Liability

Sam is building a busy product liability practice, including both personal injury and property damage claims. He handles claims involving a wide range of products, recently including prostheses, white goods, car parts and batteries

Prior to coming to the Bar, Sam worked on CPA claims at a large solicitors' firm. He has particular expertise in claims involving allegedly defective medical devices, where he is able to draw on his clinical negligence practice. Sam has knowledge of the challenges of GLOs, having been involved in a number of group claims across various areas of law.

## Practice areas

Professional Negligence  
Product Liability  
Clinical Negligence  
Employment  
Personal Injury  
Travel

## Memberships

PNBA  
BASL

## Education

LLB, University of Warwick (First)  
  
LLM, Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge  
  
BPTC, Kaplan Law School  
(Outstanding; second in year)



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## Clinical Negligence

Sam has a busy clinical negligence practice with a particular interest. He is regularly instructed as junior counsel in high value claims and has a strong practice as sole counsel. His recent trials include:

1. *MG v. An NHS Trust*: Sam represented the successful NHS Trust in a claim alleging a failure to fit and / or manage a temporary epicardial pacing system properly. The judge found that the care provided by the Trust's clinicians was exemplary.
2. *SK v. An NHS Trust*: This was a clinical negligence claim where it was alleged that clinicians had failed to diagnose retained products of conception. Sam represented the successful defendant.

## Employment

Sam is developing a broad practice across all areas of employment law. He is a seasoned advocate who is regularly instructed in multi-day hearings. Sam has particular experience in discrimination litigation, actions for harassment and claims involving stress at work. He is able to draw on his experience in clinical negligence for dealing with disputes over disability, both in his advisory practice and in the tribunal.

## Personal Injury

Sam regularly appears in a range of trials and interim hearings in personal injury cases. He is regularly instructed in Multi Track litigation, having recently been instructed as sole counsel in a claim pleaded at over £1 million. Sam has particular expertise in personal injury claims that involve issues under the Human Right Act 1998.

Away from the court room, Sam is often instructed to settle pleadings and advise in conference. His recent instructions have included advising on secondary victim liability arising from an accident at work. Sam regularly considers and advises on allegations of fraud and exaggeration.

## Travel

Sam has experience of claims involving jurisdictional and choice of law disputes.

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Before coming to the Bar, Sam assisted with numerous personal injury claims that raised conflict of laws issues.

His recent experience includes advising on whether a person injured following a fall in an airport terminal could bring a claim against an airline under the Montreal Convention.

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