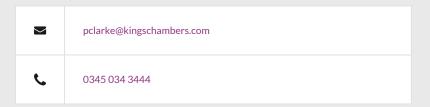


Sam Harmel

Year of call 2013





Prior to being called to the Bar, Sam qualified as a Solicitor and then Solicitor-Advocate at a leading national law firm (Partner and Head of Advocacy 2006 – 2015) and a Partner Member of an international law firm (2015 – 2018). He was called to the Bar in 2013 and practised as in-house Counsel before joining Kings Chambers in 2018.

Sam has experience in all manner of personal injury cases ranging from Part 8 claims (which he has undertaken for large insurers for a number of years), road traffic accidents, accidents at work, fatal claims, defective products and occupiers' liability cases for both leading national Claimant and Defendant firms. Sam has assisted in the development of policy and procedure for both insurers and Claimant firms.

Sam has regularly represented bereaved families and other Properly Interested Persons at inquests for 18 years. He has appeared in Coroners' Courts across the country in a broad spectrum of cases, including: Article 2 inquests (including a 6 week inquest before a jury, culminating in a conclusion of unlawful killing/suicide); an inquest into a death from anaphylaxis following the use of hair dye; infant deaths, road traffic deaths (one of which involves whether a defective police car engine contributed to the death of a Police Officer); deaths relating to defective products; suicides; and deaths within the context of care homes and hospitals.

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Sam understands the importance of becoming involved at the earliest stages of an inquest so as to determine the framing of the inquiry to address the concerns of his client. He will then continue to support his client through any civil claim which may arise following an inquest.

Sam's extensive experience of assisting bereaved families mean that he is acutely aware of and sensitive to the needs of his clients, especially in cases involving the deaths of children or the suicide of a loved one.

Notable Inquests cases	
M v NHS Hospital Trust	

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death. However, neither the patient nor her G.P. we	ner death. M died as a result of an aggressive cancer which had been identified by tests 7 months before her ere informed of the diagnosis. As a result there was a missed opportunity to commence treatment which would symptoms she experienced. The Coroner concluded that M died of natural causes contributed to by neglect.
C & The Estate of X v Police, Probation, NHS Trust &	G.P.
	ted a fire resulted in the tragic deaths of X and X's son, B. A, having poured petrol over himself also died in the s and X's other son, D, suffered PTSD. Sam, along with Leading Counsel, represented the Estate of X.
	h scope, disclosure, confidentiality, and Jury were considered. Following an Article 2 Inquest lasting for 6 Unlawful Killing (for X and B) and Suicide for A. The civil matter, which Sam dealt with, settled for almost
A & The Estate of T v Care Home	
-	o, while a resident of a care home sustained a fracture of the right femur leading to sepsis and death. The collowing a 3 days inquest. The civil matter on which Sam advised, settled for £15,000.
Parents of baby S v X NHS Hospital Trust	
	nest into his death. Baby S died shortly after he was born following considerable delays and inadequate care in ral causes contributed to by neglect. Collective systemic and individual failures contributed to the death.
X v NHS Hospital Trust & Others	
Sam acted for the parents of L (an 11-month-old bab failures which resulted in extensive changes being m	by) who died of septicaemia. During the 2 week inquest, evidence confirmed that there had been a catalogue of nade to hospital procedure.
Serious Injury	
Sam practises in the fields of personal injury and clin liability, road traffic collisions, clincial negligence, cat	nical negligence. He specialises in civil litigation and has considerable experience in employers' liability, public tastrophic injury and fatal claims
Clinical Negligence and	Healthcare
Sam accepts instructions in respect of all aspects of oprior to formal instruction being sent.	clinical negligence, ranging from misdiagnosis to negligent treatment. Sam is more than happy to discuss cases
Notable Clinical Negligence and Healthc	are cases
X v NHS Foundation Trust (2019)	
Sam represented the parents of baby M who died in the Meeting the case settled for £62,000.	utero following alleged failures to properly interpret fetal scans. Liability was denied. At a Joint Settlement

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Qualifications

- Legal Practice Course: Manchester Metropolitan University (2002 2004)
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- BA in English Literature & Philosophy(2:1): University of Manchester (1997 2000)