

## SAM KARIM QC (SHEIKH M S KARIM)

Year of call: 2002

Clerked by: Mark Ronson

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative & Public Law Arbitration Court of Protection & Mental Health Health & Social Care Inquests Judicial Review Licensing Local Government Procurement Technology & Construction



## Technology & Construction

Sam is a procurement specialist being ideally placed with expertise in public and commercial laws. He specialises in:

- Commercial disputes arising from performance of government contracts such as benchmarking;
- Market testing and performance issues;
- Concessions and part B contracts;
- Health service procurement, and outside the EU;
- Project finance and PFI/PPP matters;
- Regeneration schemes;
- Procurement by EU institutions;
- State aid and procurement; and
- Utilities procurement.

Recent cases also include:

- Acted for the Claimants alleging that a private body was subject to the PCR as a contracting authority and/or alternatively that an implied/express contract existed and/or that the decision was amenable to judicial review
- *Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust & Anor v Lancashire County Council* [2018] EWHC 200 (TCC) relating to an application to lift an automatic stay under Regulation 96 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This was also the first High Court decision post *Nuclear Decommissioning Authority v EnergySolutions EU Ltd (now called ATK Energy EU Ltd)* [2017] UKSC 34
- Acted for the Defendants concerning alleged breaches of obligations of equal treatment and transparency in the application in an allegedly abnormally low tender. This case was settled on confidential terms
- Acted for a Claimant in an alleged purported abnormally low tender and lifting of the statutory suspension
- Acted for the Defendant in proceedings concerning a claim for damages in respect of alleged breaches of EU law in the rejection of a tender as non-compliant
- Acted for the Claimant in relation to a challenge procurement of children's services in the North West
- Acted for the Defendant in relation to a lifted suspension and third-party disclosure

Sam is also the author of commercial judicial review & procurement law in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Patterson & Karim on Judicial Review: Law & Practice.

## Profile

Sheikh Mohammed Samiul Karim QC (Sam Karim QC) is dynamic silk who is regarded as a leading practitioner by legal commentators who say that, "When he is on his feet in a courtroom, he is simply captivating.", he is "an outstanding advocate...and one of the leading practitioners", and that he remains "remarkably calm and in control, he never gets fazed by the complexities of a case". It is also said that "... His academic understanding of subject matter litigation is incredible."

He is specialist areas are four-fold:

- (a) Domestic and international commercial arbitration in which he acts as counsel and sits as panel or sole arbitrator;
- (b) Procurement;
- (c) Judicial Review and Human Rights / Civil Liberties; and
- (d) Court of Protection

Sam is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is admitted as a practitioner in the Dubai International Finance Centre (DIFC) Court.

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**Year of Silk:** 2017

## Areas of Expertise

Administrative & Public Law

Arbitration

Court of Protection & Mental Health

Health & Social Care

Inquests

Judicial Review

Licensing

Local Government

Procurement

Technology & Construction

## Memberships

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Member of the Executive Committee of the Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)

Northern Administrative Law Association (NALA), Acting Chair

Founding member and Chair of the Kings Community Care and Disability Rights Association

## Appointments

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- Attorney General's Regional Panel of Queens Counsel.
- UK Advisor to the Chinese Government on development of Administrative Reconsideration Law in China. Appointed by the Asia Foundation.
- Previously a member of the Attorney General's Regional Panel of Junior Counsel.
- Chairperson of the Legal Aid Working Group and co-chaired the Training Working Group relating to the Regionalisation of the Administrative Court.
- Director of Manchester Public Law Pro-Bono Scheme.
- Northern Circuit Education Committee Member.
- Head of Public Law 2017 to present

## Publications

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(1) 'Public law online', and online based legal knowledge database,

(2) 'Judicial Review: Law & Practice', which is currently in its second edition and the co-author being the late Mrs Justice Patterson (Jordans)

(3) Bullen & Leake & Jacob's Precedents of Pleadings, and

(4) 'A human rights perspective on reducing restrictive practices in intellectual disability and autism',

## Qualifications

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LLB (Hons), LLM (Lond.), PG Dip Law, MCI Arb (Intl. Arbitration)

## Recommendations

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"He's a very good advocate who makes very focused submissions."

(Chambers UK 2021)

"His advice is always very thorough and his advocacy is very effective." "His softly-spoken manner makes him ideal for dealing with vulnerable clients, and belies a razor-sharp advocacy which is effective and persuasive. He sees the issues with a clarity that compares with few others and is a pleasure to work with." "Excellent on his feet, very knowledgeable and approachable."

(Chambers UK 2021)

"He is a very polished, attractive advocate." "He is calm, methodical and committed to delivering the best result for those instructing him." "He has a good client manner and excellent subject matter knowledge. He is also a quick thinker on his feet."

(Chambers UK 2021)

"He is an articulate, persuasive advocate and has the ability to charm litigation friends."

*(Legal 500, 2020)*

"Excellent client manner and ability to explain often complex legal points in client friendly terms. Responsive and able to turn work around quickly when needed. Quick thinking, particularly when on feet in Court."

*(Legal 500, 2020)*

"Has in-depth knowledge in Court of Protection, and is very efficient and proactive in his approach."

*(Legal 500, 2020)*

"Proactive and knowledgeable."

*(Legal 500, 2020)*

"An extremely able advocate who can think on his feet."

*(Legal 500, 2020)*

"His advocacy is clear, concise, accurate and calm under pressure. He's very punctual as well."

"He's unflappable and very good at dealing with people." "He's very dedicated, researches his cases very thoroughly and really gets to grips with the main issues. He's a pleasure to work with." "He's knowledgeable, articulate in court and a very safe pair of hands."

*(Chambers & Partners, 2020)*

"Sam is an outstanding advocate. He is a pleasure to work with. He is always on hand at the drop of a hat to discuss a case, and he has an ability to put lay clients completely at ease even when dealing with difficult medical decisions."

"He understands the technical points of public law really well." "He is diligent and straight-dealing."

"He has a real breadth of knowledge. He is a measured and careful advocate." "He has a good knowledge of the law and is well-prepared. His submissions are underpinned by a knowledge of the law."

*(Chambers & Partners, 2018)*

'An outstanding advocate.'

*(Legal 500, 2018)*

'An outstanding advocate, who makes lay clients feel completely at ease.'

*(Legal 500, 2018)*

"Accomplished new silk"

*(Chambers & Partners, 2017)*

"When he is on his feet in a courtroom, he is simply captivating."

*(Legal 500, 2016)*

"He's excellent, and used by all parties - he's very academic in his thought processes."

*(Chambers and Partners, 2016)*

"... His academic understanding of subject matter litigation is incredible."

*(Chambers and Partners, 2015)*

"He is one of the leading practitioners in the North"

*(Chambers & Partners, 2017)*

"He is innovative in the way he approaches cases and creative in the way he deals with matters..."

*(Chambers and Partners, 2015)*

"He's a very skilful advocate who is always remarkably calm and in control, he never gets fazed by the complexities of a case... He puts his points across succinctly and never wavers."

*(Chambers & Partners, 2017)*

"...He has a plenary style that is very logical and meticulous, and makes his points very well without annoying the judge."

*(Chambers and Partners, 2016)*

"He is very good at negotiating with other parties and bringing them round to his way of thinking."

*(Chambers and Partners, 2015)*

"He is charismatic... [and an] engaging... advocate."

*(Chambers and Partners, 2013)*

