

SAM KARIM QC (SHEIKH M S KARIM)

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

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



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

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- (f) Regeneration schemes, procurement by EU institutions, and
- (g) State aid and procurement and utilities procurement.

Arbitration

Sam is a specialist lawyer in domestic and international commercial arbitration. He acts as counsel and sits as a panel or sole arbitrator. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb) and is admitted as a practitioner in the Dubai International Finance Centre Court and the Abu Dhabi Global Markets. He is fully conversant in arbitrations under the AAA, Court of Arbitration for Sport, HKIAC, SIAC, ICC, LCIA, ARIAS, UNCITRAL and ICSID, as well as ad hoc arbitrations pursuant to the Arbitration Act 1996, particularly in the Middle East and Brazil.

Specific areas of Sam's work includes: (1) Investment Arbitration, (2) Energy Charter, (3) Treaty Arbitration, (4) WTO Arbitration, (5) Construction & Engineering, (6) Energy & Natural Resources, (7) Oil & Gas, Mining, (8) IT & IP, (9) Shipping, (10) Law of the Sea, (11) International Trade, Trade Finance, and (12) Islamic finance.

His expertise is demonstrated and recognised by his invitations to speak at leading global conferences, a few examples include:

- International Bar Association (IBA) Annual Conference in Seoul 2019 at an event jointly hosted by the Bar Council of England & Wales and the Korean Bar Council about conducting International Arbitration in London;
- GAR Live Paris 2019, when he spoke about how International Arbitration can remain at the forefront of international advocacy;
- At the University of Dubai in 2018, when he spoke about the future of Arbitration against the context of modern technologies;
- GAR Live Abu Dhabi 2019 when he moderated a distinguished panel on conflicts of interest and disclosure;
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators regional events in 2017 and 2018;
- GAR Live Dubai 2019, when he spoke about Artificial Intelligence and the future of Arbitration;
- The British and Irish Commercial Bar Association Dispute Resolution Conference in Dubai 2015 when he moderated a distinguished panel on the practical approach to the enforcement of UAE judgments and arbitral awards; and
- Joint conference with the Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil (Bar Council of Brazil) in 2014 and 2015 on use of International Arbitration in resolving commercial cross border disputes.

Sam is also an author in this area, some examples include:

- Joint editor (with Sir Maurice Kay) the book called 'International Arbitration: The Global Guide for Practitioners, to be published in 2020;
- Article in the International Arbitration Law Review, 'Artificial Intelligence: An Undiscovered Future of Arbitration', [2019] Int. A.R., Issue 2; and
- Article in the Annual Review 2019 by the International Islamic Centre for Reconciliation & Arbitration, 'A New Era for Arbitration in the UAE: The Federal Law Number 6 of 2018 on Arbitration'

Court of Protection & Mental Health

Sam is the head of the Court of Protection team at Kings Chambers. He has been a specialist in this area since the advent of the Mental Capacity Act 2005, and has been at the forefront of developing case law in this jurisdiction since the implementation of the Act, for instance:

- Defining the relevant information for making decisions about the use of the internet/social media, *Re B [2019] EWCA Civ 913, Re B (Capacity: Social Media, Care & Contact) [2019] EWCOP 2*;
- Defining the parameters of the limitation period relating to incapacitated individuals when claiming damages under the Human Rights Act 1998, *AP v. Tameside MBC [2017] EWHC 65 (QB)*;
- Defining the extent of a deprivation of liberty in a private setting when there is little, if any input from the State, *Secretary of State for Justice v Staffordshire County Council & Anor [2016] EWCA Civ 1317*; and
- His involvement in the 'Blue Room' case, which was the first case in this jurisdiction considering whether seclusion amounted to a deprivation of liberty, *CP [2012] EWHC 1944 (Admin) & [2012] EWHC 1944 (Costs)*, and ultimately leading to his publication of the international best practice guidance issued by the British Institute of Learning Disability.

As a silk, his practice covers:

- (a) All types of disputes regarding the social welfare of incapacitated adults and children and medical treatment issues, and is regularly instructed by the Official Solicitor, families of patients, CCG's, local authorities and private care providers.
- (b) Urgent applications for life saving medical treatment, non-urgent medical treatment, "end of life" withdrawal of medical treatment, treatment of suicidal patients (including emergency treatment following overdose) and advanced directives, and
- (c) Property and affairs. He has extensive in appearing on contested applications for deputyships and on issues arising during deputyship and for registration of lasting powers of attorney (LPAs) and enduring powers of attorney (EPAs), and advising on issues arising for attorneys and in relation to disputed statutory will. His experience also includes advising and appearing in cases relating to the overlap of the Court of Protection and personal injury proceedings.

Sam undertakes urgent advice and representation on applications including declarations on an emergency basis. Please contact his Clerks.

Significant reported cases include:

- *Re BG [2019] EWCOP 19*: the Court (it appears for the first time) is tasked with deciding whether a young adult should be provided serious medical treatment to achieve puberty, contrary to their express wish
- *Re B [2019] EWCA Civ 913*: arguably redefined the test for capacity in relation to residence and consent to sexual relations

- *Re B (Capacity: Social Media, Care & Contact)* [2019] EWCOP 3: first case deal with the relevant information need to make decisions about use of the internet and social media
- *CH v. A Metropolitan Council* [2017] EWCOP 12: case relating to damages for the failure to provide education to promote P's ability to gain capacity to make decisions about consenting to sexual relations
- *North Cumbria University NHS Foundation Trust & Anor*[2017] EWCOP 1 782 (Holman J): successfully obtained declarations that in relation to serious medical treatment, namely the removal of Basal Cell Carcinomas
- *Secretary of State for Justice v Staffordshire County Council & Anor*[2016] EWCA Civ 1317: successfully defended an appeal relating to the definition of a deprivation of liberty in relation to packages of care with no direct state involvement. See also first instance decision, [2016] EWCOP 27 (Charles J)
- *AP v. Tameside MBC*[2017] EWHC 65 (QB): defined the parameters of extending the statutory time limit for bringing a claim under the Human Rights Act 1998 for a breach of Article 5 of the ECHR, arising out of an deprivation of liberty that was not authorised
- *Bristol NHS Trust v. AB*[2016] 1 EWCOP 67 (Baker J): successfully obtained declarations that in relation to serious medical treatment, namely the removal of cancer
- *BMC v. ST*[2015] EWCOP 456 (Holman J): definition of sexual capacity deploying novel arguments relying on personal reproductive autonomy
- *County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust*[2014] All ER (D) 06: successfully obtained declarations to withdrawn life sustaining treatment (artificial nutrition and resuscitation) on the basis that it would be futile, would not result in a therapeutic benefit and would not be in the patient's best interests
- *An NHS Foundation Trust*[2014] All ER (D) 92: successfully obtained declarations to withdraw life sustaining treatment (artificial nutrition) on the basis that it would be futile, would not result in a therapeutic benefit and would not be in the patient's best interests
- *CP*[2012] EWHC 1944 (Admin) & [2012] EWHC 1944 (Costs) (Ryder J as he then was). The 'blue room case' which was the first decision of its kind dealing with issues of seclusion, restraint and sought to define what amounted to a deprivation of liberty (under Article 5 of the ECHR) for those who have a diagnosis of intellectual disability and autism
- *MB & Others*[2009] EWHC 1686 (Fam) & [2009] EWHC 2061 (Fam): defined the appropriateness of P's deputy for property and affairs instigating welfare proceedings

His is also published in this area, a precise includes: (a) *End of life Decisions in 'Tolley's Finance and Law for the Older Client'*, and (b) *'A human rights perspective on reducing restrictive practices in intellectual disability and autism'* (BILD).

Health & Social Care

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 - R (Amin) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2013] EWHC 2813 (Admin). Domestic violence and indefinite leave to remain under IR 289
 - A [2012] EWCA 1879 (Fam). Data Protection and Freedom of Information. Redaction and disclosure of personal sensitive information to a third party and a disciplinary body
 - R (M) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2012] EWHC 1244. Deportation, detention and reasonable prospect of removing a deportee within a reasonable time
 - R (S) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2012] EWHC 2825 (Admin). Certification
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 - R (Jalal) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2012] EWHC 4035 (Admin). Delay and whether the Claimant would have benefited from the earlier policy towards asylum seekers
 - R (Riley) v Upper Tribunal [2012] EWHC 3436 (Admin). Article 8
 - R (Cardao-Pito) v. Office of Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education [2012] EWHC 203 (Admin). Complaint to the Adjudicator regarding the treatment of a pupil at a university
 - R (Toligiwa) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2012] EWHC 2386 (Admin). Certification
 - R (Fox) v. Secretary of State for Justice [2012] EWHC 2411 (Admin). Oral hearing entitlement
 - Al-Halal & Wajid Ali v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2012] EWHC 128. Costs under the civil penalty regime for employing illegal migrant workers
 - R (Kaur) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2012] All ER (D) 68. Certification
 - R (Adetola) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2010] All ER (D) 145. 3197 (Admin). Marriage and evidence
 - R (Austin) v. Parole Board [2011] EWHC 128 (Admin). Open transfer and balancing exercise
 - R (Leach) v. Parole Board [2011] EWHC 2470 (Admin). Open transfer and balancing exercise
 - R (D'Cunha) v. Parole Board [2011] EWHC 128 (Admin). Open transfer and balancing exercise
 - R (Jacob) v Parole Board [2010] EWHC 2475 (Admin) & [2010] EWHC 3035 (Admin). Release and oral hearing
 - R (Akram) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2010] EWHC 3437 (Admin). Article 8
 - R (Ahmed) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2010] EWHC 2779 (Admin). Sufficiency of protection
 - R (Da Costa) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2010] EWHC 2259 (Admin). Further leave to remain and evidential requirement
 - R (Alam) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2010] EWHC 1303 (Admin)
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 - R (McDonagh) v. Secretary of State for Justice [2010] EWHC 369 (Admin). Release on licence and recall
 - R (Byran) v. Secretary of State for Justice [2010] EWHC 2507 (Admin). Contact with children, prisoner and Article 8
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 - R (Boswell) v. The Parole Board & Secretary of State for Justice [2009] All ER (D) 176. Right to speedy review of lawfulness of detention
 - R (Hinds) v Liverpool City Council [2008] EWHC 665 (QB), 1 FLR 475. Care proceedings, contact and Article 8
 - R (J) v. The Healthy Futures Joint Committee of PCT & Others [2007] EWCA 1611 (Admin). Reconfiguration of health care services and consultation

Licensing

Sam is able to deal with all aspects of licensing work including: premises licences (for sale of alcohol and entertainment), betting shops and bookmakers, gaming (bingo and casinos), street trading, gangmasters, taxis and environmental waste.

Sam recently successfully obtained injunctive proceedings regarding unauthorised traveller encampments on land owned by a Council. Arguments were raised in respect of an alleged unlawful interference of Articles 8 and 14.

He was also involved in the only case involving the Gangmasters Licensing Authority in the Administrative Court, *A Company v. Gangmasters Licensing Authority* [2014] EWHC 4910 (Admin) where he successfully sought interim relief to reinstate a licence following revocation pending a determination by an Appointed Person.

Local Government

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- R (Ajibade) v. The Nursing and Midwifery Council [2012] EWHC 2790 (Admin). Disqualification.
- R (Ian Morris) v. Chester West & Cheshire Council [2012] EWHC 3016 (Admin). Non-Domestic Rates Liability Order.
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- R (J) v. The Healthy Futures Joint Committee of PCT & Others [2007] EWCA 1611 (Admin). Reconfiguration of health care services and consultation.

Procurement

Sam has specific expertise in public procurement and State Aid having been involved in Lancashire County Council [2018] EWHC 200 (TCC).

His specialist practice includes:

- 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

Technology & Construction

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

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- 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 3rd Edition of Patterson & Karim on Judicial Review: Law & Practice.

Memberships

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

- 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

(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

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

Recommendations

"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)

