

## Samuel McNeil

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### Samuel McNeil has a broad commercial and civil practice.

He appears on a weekly basis as sole counsel in County Court fast track trials and regularly represents parties at winding-up petitions. He has also been successful against considerably more experienced opponents in multi-track trials and in applications at the High Court.

Samuel has a keen awareness of the commercial realities facing clients, including in the context of commercial disputes, insolvency, disputes across different jurisdictions and subrogation.

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**From October 2023 to April 2024, Samuel will be seconded to HMCTS as a Judicial Assistant to a High Court Judge in the King's Bench (Civil) Division).**

## Legal Services

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### Company, Civil Fraud and Insolvency

Samuel has developed a broad practice across business disputes, including the law of companies, partnerships, unincorporated associations and contractual disputes. He has experience in analysing complex factual patterns in claims related to insolvency, pre-insolvency transactions at undervalue and company directors' duties.

Samuel regularly attends the winding-up list for companies, petitioners and supporting creditors.

### Employment and Discrimination

Samuel has a particular interest in employment claims involving sex, race and disability discrimination. He has worked on claims involving unfair dismissal, constructive dismissal, wrongful dismissal and breach of restrictive covenants.

## Personal Injury, Travel and Aviation

Samuel has experience in fast track and multi-track claims with a cross-border element, including claims that were issued before, during and after the Brexit transition period. During pupillage he assisted other members of chambers in the Supreme Court case *X v Kuoni Travel Ltd* [2019] UKSC 37.

He has also appeared in numerous cases involving serious allegations of fundamental dishonesty.

Samuel frequently appears in claims under EC Regulation 261/2004, the Montreal Convention and the Athens Convention.

## Public and Constitutional Law

Samuel has experience of representing interested parties at Jury and non-Jury inquests.

## Direct Access

Sam is able to accept instructions directly from members of the public, companies and other entities through the public access scheme (also known as direct access). He is happy to accept instructions on a direct basis in appropriate cases. If you wish to instruct Sam on a direct basis, please speak to the clerks.

For more information on public access, please see the Bar Council [website](#).

## Memberships

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- Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- R3
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)
- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)

## Qualifications

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- BA History, School of Oriental and African Studies (First Class)
- MSt, St Antony's College, Oxford (Distinction)
- GDL (Distinction)
- BPTC (Very Competent)
- LLM, London School of Economics

## Awards

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- Lord Brougham Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn
- LSE ELSA-IAS 2019 Arbitration Moot Winner