

## Sam King QC

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Chambers & Partners 2018 – Band 1



### Experience

Year of Call: 1990

Year of Silk: 2018

### Practice Areas

- Court of Protection - Vulnerable Adult
- International Children Law
- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

### Direct Access

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### Awards



### Education

BA (Cantab)

MA (Law) Selwyn College, Cambridge University

Qualified for admission to the New York Bar 1989

### Appointments

Master of the Bench, Middle Temple 2019

### Profile

Sam's main area of practice is in children's law. She is regularly instructed in both private and public law cases. She represents all parties in complex cases involving allegations of sexual abuse or where there are psycho-sexual factors in issue, non-accidental injury, psychiatric ill-health, intractable contact cases and where shared residence is in issue. Sam's practice increasingly reflects her interest in the law relating to surrogacy, reproductive technologies and co-parenting arrangements.

She also appears in leave to remove applications and domestic and international adoption cases and is a

member of chambers' international movement of children group. Sam has an interest in forced marriage and the children's law cases which arise in that context.

Sam often gives lectures and seminars to lawyers and other professionals. Her lectures include talks on the subject of evidence gathering in respect of sexual abuse (LexisNexis), recent developments in the area of private law (LexisNexis), adoption and placement orders (4pb and Family Law Week). She has recently given seminars on routes to parenthood under the HFEA 2008 (Resolutions London) and in respect of international adoption and surrogacy.

### **Memberships**

Middle Temple  
FLBA

### **Directories**

Renowned family barrister in high demand due to her deep knowledge of public and private law cases, both at home and abroad. She exhibits strength in the most serious public law cases, including those concerning issues of alleged radicalisation and sexual abuse, and also has experience in private law issues relating to non-traditional families and surrogacy.

Strengths: "She's so thorough, and knows her papers inside and out. Not pompous at all in her approach, she can catch witnesses off-guard and pick up on the slightest discrepancy. In any case handles she can pull out and highlight weaknesses in a really clever way." "She is meticulous in her preparation and extremely good on medical cases. She's got great client care skills, is excellent in cross-examination and will think outside the box."

### **Chambers & Partners 2020**

'Can diffuse difficult situations well, she can make tricky points seem straightforward to lay clients and judges alike.'

### **Legal 500, 2020**

#### **Top Tier**

Renowned family barrister in high demand due to her deep knowledge of public and private law cases, both at home and abroad. She exhibits strength in the most serious public law cases, including those concerning issues of alleged radicalisation and sexual abuse, and also has experience in private law issues relating to non-traditional families and surrogacy.

Strengths: "She's a brilliant advocate who is really good at handling vulnerable clients in sensitive cases, whilst also being very tenacious in court." "Her cross-examination skills are legendary, and she is equally formidable and at ease on her feet making submissions on complex issues of law."

### **Chambers & Partners 2019**

'Has an excellent command of her papers.'

### **Legal 500, 2019**

#### **Top Tier**

Renowned family junior in high demand due to her deep knowledge of public and private law cases, both at home and abroad. She exhibits strength in the most serious public law cases and private issues concerning non-traditional families and surrogacy.

Strengths: "Direct and clear in her advice." "Her cross-examination skills and eloquent submissions are second to none."

### **Chambers & Partners 2018**

## **Band 1**

'She is a strong lawyer and an excellent advocate.'

### **Legal 500, 2017**

Renowned family junior in high demand due to her deep knowledge of public and private law cases, both at home and abroad. She exhibits strength in public law cases concerning non-traditional families and surrogacy.

Strengths: "She is widely known as the best advocate around in children cases. Her cross-examination skills and eloquent submissions are second to none. She is direct and clear in her advice but caring and empathetic towards her clients."

### **Chambers & Partners 2017 - Band 1**

A sexual abuse case expert.

### **Legal 500, 2016**

Highly regarded for her willingness to take on the most challenging cases in both the public and private children law sphere. She has particular expertise in cases with complex medical issues and those concerning alternative family structures.

Strengths: "She holds enormous gravitas in court and is a superb advocate." "She's extremely good, very energetic, committed and knowledgeable about the law."

### **Chambers & Partners 2016 - Band 1**

'A first-class advocate.'

### **The Legal 500, 2015**

Tackles a broad range of public and private law children work, including cases involving complex issues of surrogacy, non-accidental injury and the examination of complicated matters of medical evidence.

Expertise: "She has a confident and reassuring manner." "She has a wonderful hands-on approach to cases, and is a joy to work with."

### **Chambers & Partners - Band 1**

Sam King - 'A delight to work with, and a formidable advocate.'

### **The Legal 500, 2014**

Draws much praise for her work in complex care cases, including those matters concerning sexual abuse and parents/children with mental health problems.

Expertise: "Outstanding. She's a brilliant advocate, who is incredibly bright and good at handling clients. She is just your dream counsel."

### **Chambers & Partners 2014**

#### **Ranked in Band 1**

Sam King Provides 'clear and focused advice'.

Recommended as a Leading Family Junior in the area of Children Law

### **Legal 500, 2013**

The "incisive and pragmatic" Samantha King has a tremendous reputation in children law matters involving care and medical dimensions. Sources suggest that she is a "very accomplished practitioner" who can "make a hopeless case appear to have merit."

## **Chambers and Partners 2013 Ranked Band 1**

Sam King, who is 'pre-eminent in the field of public law'.

### **The Legal 500, 2012**

Outstanding performer, Samantha King, who handles a wide range of children matters, both public and private. Sources describe her as a "very smart and impressive advocate who is passionate, experienced and tenacious."

## **Chambers and Partners 2012 Ranked Band 1**

Sam King is 'outstanding'.

### **The Legal 500, 2011**

Samantha King represents the full range of parties in public children law. She is praised for her "solid understanding of medical detail and her intuitive feel for strategy."

## **Chambers and Partners 2011 Ranked Band 1**

Samantha King, who frequently acts for local authorities in care cases.

### **Chambers and Partners 2010**

Sam King is 'outstanding', 'especially in public law'.

### **Legal 500, 2010**

Samantha King has been around the block in relation to both private and public law children cases, and is recognised for her exemplary work in care proceedings.

### **Chambers and Partners 2009**

Chambers and Partners say Sam is "experienced and extremely competent" in child care cases. "Really getting into the papers" and "good with difficult clients," she also has an interest in international child abduction matters.

## **Cases**

16/09/2020	G (A Child: Child Abduction) [2020]	Henry Setright QC Michael Gration Sam King QC Charlotte Baker	[2020] EWCA Civ 1185
17/06/2020	SX (A Child) (2020)	Alex Verdan QC John Tughan QC Sam King QC Sally Bradley Greg Davies	[2020] EWHC 1573 (Fam)
05/05/2020	A Local Authority v Mother & Ors (2020)	Alex Verdan QC John Tughan QC Sam King QC Sally Bradley Greg Davies	[2020] EWHC 1086 (Fam)

15/11/2019	Re I-L (Children) (1996 Hague Child Protection Convention:Inherent Jurisdiction ) [2019]	Sam King QC Jacqueline Renton	
02/07/2019	AB v CD & C (2019)	Alex Verdan QC Sam King QC Jacqueline Renton Michael Edwards	[2019] EWHC 1695 (Fam)
09/05/2019	A Local Authority v A Mother & Ors (2019)	Sam King QC	[2019] EWCA Civ 799
16/04/2019	LR v (1) a local authority (2) a mother (3) a father (4) RP (by her children's guardian) (2019)	Sam King QC Private: Oliver Jones	[2019] EWCA Civ 680
19/07/2018	A Local Authority v (1) A Mother (2) A Father (3) A, B, C, D & E (By their Children's guardian) (2018)	Sam King QC Ruth Kirby Chris Barnes	[2018] EWHC 1841 (Fam)
08/12/2017	A Local Authority v X, Y and Z (Permission to Withdraw) (2017)	Sam King QC Chris Barnes	[2017] EWHC 3741 (Fam)
13/07/2016	London Borough Tower Hamlets v B [2016]	Alison Grief QC Sam King QC Rebecca Foulkes Chris Barnes	[2016] EWHC 1707 (Fam)
10/06/2016	Re A, B and C (UK surrogacy expenses)	Sam King QC Andrew Powell	[2016] EWFC 33
02/09/2015	G (Children) (2015)	Sam King QC	AC9601870
10/03/2015	MG and JG v JF [2015]	Sam King QC	[2015] EWHC 564 (Fam)
13/01/2015	Re S (A Child) (Habitual Residence & Child's Objections) (Brazil) (2015)	Henry Setright QC Sam King QC	[2015] EWCA Civ 2
04/09/2014	AVH v (1) SI (2) SIV (By Her Guardian Judith Bennett-Hernandez) (2014)	Sam King QC	[2014] EWHC 2938 (Fam)
15/08/2014	P v (1) D (2) X (3) Y (4) Z (2014)	Teertha Gupta QC Sam King QC Hassan Khan Andrew Powell	[2014] EWHC 2355 (Fam)
06/02/2014	Re P (Findings of Fact) (2014)	Sam King QC	[2014] EWCA Civ 89
07/08/2013	IA (A Child) [2013]	Jane Rayson Sam King QC	[2013] EWHC 2499 (Fam)
05/07/2013	M (2013)	Sam King QC Matthew Persson	2013 EWHC 1901 (Fam)
05/07/2013	Hertfordshire County Council v H [2013]	Alex Verdan QC Sam King QC Alison Grief QC	[2013] EWHC 4049 (Fam)

05/05/2013	Re C (A Child) [2013]	Sam King QC	[2013] EWHC 2413 (Fam)
31/01/2013	Re G (A Minor); Re Z (A Minor) [2013] EWHC 134 (Fam)	Sam King QC	[2013] EWHC 134 (Fam)
12/12/2012	W (A Child) [2012]	Sam King QC	[2012] EWCA Civ 1828
01/12/2010	T v T (2010)	Alex Verdan QC Sam King QC	[2010] EWCA Civ 1366
02/02/1999	Re D-R (Adult: Contact) (1999)	Sam King QC	(1999) 1 FLR 1161 : Times, February 8, 1999
19/11/1997	Re M (A Minor) (Adoption or Residence Order) (1997)	Sam King QC	(1998) 1 FLR 570
21/07/1993	Re G (Minors) (Interim Care Order) (1993)	Sam King QC	(1993) 2 FCR 557 : (1993) Fam Law 672 : Times, August 2, 1993