

# SAMUEL JONES

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Samuel Jones is a specialist advocate who prosecutes and defends in a wide variety of the most serious of **criminal cases**, including murder, serious violence, rape and sexual offences, drugs and **fraud**.

He was initially recognised in Chambers UK as a 'rising star' at the bar and has ranked as a 'leading junior' on the Western Circuit year on year since then. He has a proven track record of success in serious cases and has consistently been described in Chambers UK and Legal 500 as 'impressive' and 'unflappable', 'a superb first class-advocate' and as 'talented beyond his call'.

Sam is also a specialist regulatory lawyer and is an established member of the list of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in **Health & Safety** and **Environmental Law**; as a Level A member of that list he undertakes both prosecution and defence work in this field at all levels of seriousness.

He is also a recognised **sports law** lawyer, with particular skills and experience in appearing before sports tribunals and conducting other advisory work in the sports of rugby, football, athletics and horse racing.

## Expertise

### Crime

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Consistently ranked in Chambers UK as one of the 'leading juniors' on the Western Circuit in Crime, Sam both prosecutes and defends in a wide variety of the most serious of criminal cases.

As a grade 4 prosecutor on the Crown Prosecution Service Prosecution Panel, Sam prosecutes cases of all types and categories; he has recently been led as junior counsel in a number of high-profile prosecutions and prosecutes cases across the full spectrum of seriousness in his own right.

Sam is also a member of the Crown Prosecution Service Rape and Child Sexual Abuse List of approved prosecutors and routinely prosecutes cases of this sort.

He is also regularly instructed to defend in cases involving offences of all kinds and at all levels of seriousness including murder and serious violence, rape and sexual offences, drugs supply, arson and fraud.

Sam also conducts Courts Martial work and has a proven track record of success when defending in such cases.

Sam has established a loyal client base and is highly rated for his ability to absorb information and identify the key issues in any case, no matter its size or complexity.

Sam is regularly instructed directly by the police as independent counsel to conduct sift and search reviews of seized material for the purposes of identifying legally privileged material.

Sam also has a wealth of experience dealing with road traffic matters. He is instructed to defend in serious driving cases, such as causing death by dangerous driving and is also instructed to advise in cases involving speeding offences and disqualification (including through the 'totting up' procedure).

## Featured Crime cases

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### **R v KY, SS & Others (2022)**

Junior Prosecution Counsel in Gross Negligence Manslaughter case. Twelve defendants (seven at trial) prosecuted in relation to a fatality on a demolition site.

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### **R v SJ & LB (2022)**

Defence Counsel for the first defendant in multi-defendant historic rape allegation.

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### **R v O (2022)**

Defence Counsel in a case involving the alleged murder of his mother by a 19 year-old defendant.

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### **R v L (2021/2022)**

Defence Counsel in case involving alleged rape and other serious sexual offences perpetrated against strangers. The case proceeded to the Court of Appeal.

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### **R v C-W (2021)**

Prosecution Counsel in a case involving a series of sexual attacks on women late at night; there were multiple victims.

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### **R v S, A & T (2021)**

Prosecution Counsel in multi-defendant prosecution arising out of a number of serious injuries inflicted on a 6-month-old child.

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### **R v H (2020)**

Junior Prosecution Counsel in the prosecution of a man for discharging a firearm at and endangering the lives of police officers in a siege situation. He was convicted and received a sentence of 29 years imprisonment.

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## Health & Safety

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Sam is an established and well regarded regulatory practitioner; his experience extends to both prosecution and defence work. He is instructed in cases of all categories and at all levels of seriousness, from appeals work through to trial and sentencing (in the Magistrates' Court, the Crown Court and the Appellate Courts).

He has been on the list of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law for a number of years and is frequently instructed to take on health and safety prosecution work. As a level A prosecutor, he has experience of prosecuting fatalities, in particular arising from accidents at work and of prosecuting very large organisations.

He is also routinely instructed privately to defend corporate and individual clients facing prosecution for such offences.

In the context of his Health and Safety work, Sam is noted for "the quality of his advocacy, written work and advice which belie his years. He performs and punches above his weight". He has been consistently ranked in this area in Chambers and Partners where he has been described as 'very cool and confident' when dealing with cases of this sort and 'extremely capable, in every sense'.

Sam also undertakes work in various other areas of regulatory practice; he is frequently instructed by the Fire and Rescue Authority to prosecute offences concerning breaches of Fire Safety Regulations. He also prosecutes on behalf of the Architects Registration Board and the Welfare, Rural and Health Division of the Crown Prosecution Service. He also undertakes food hygiene and safety work and acts in cases involving alleged Trading Standards breaches. He also has particular experience in defending companies charged with offences arising out of the New Roads and Street Works Act in the context of construction and street works.

### Featured Health & Safety cases

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### **NSC v JFL (2022)**

Sam was instructed to defend a large multi-national company in a prosecution arising from street works carried out across the Southwest. The offences related to planned construction projects which were undertaken otherwise than in accordance with the regulations.

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### **R v SM (2021)**

Prosecution Counsel in a prosecution arising out of fatality at a Sawmill.

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### **HSE v G (2020)**

Sam was instructed to defend in a high profile HSE prosecution of a car manufacturing company arising out of an incident at one of their plants in South Wales. An employee sustained a serious injury to his hand in a work-related accident.

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### **TBC v S**

Sam was instructed to defend a well-known jeweller company for offences relating to unfair trade practices. Following various legal submissions and a carefully considered basis of plea, the ultimate sentencing court took a proportionate approach to the final financial penalty imposed.

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### **R v L**

Sam is frequently instructed by the HSE to prosecute cases involving gas safety. He recently prosecuted a plumber for serious gas safety failings at a property where he conducted unregistered gas work in Cornwall. The case involved a gas leak caused by the defendant which had caused some injury to the occupants of a property where the defendant was conducting pipe work. On conviction he received a prison sentence.

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### **AFA v C, F & Z**

Sam is frequently instructed by the Avon Fire Authority to prosecute breaches of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. He has an established reputation for prosecuting cases of this sort, having done so, consistently and successfully, over the last 5 years. In a recent case Sam prosecuted a business which was fined £94,000 for letting workers sleep overnight at the premises without checking it was safe. In another case the Manager of a Bristol restaurant received a prison sentence for a series of serious fire safety breaches.

## Environmental Law

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Sam is regularly instructed to prosecute and defend in cases involving alleged regulatory breaches of Environmental Law.

He has acted in a number of high-profile environmental cases.

As an A list member of the Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law Sam deals with the most serious examples of such cases. He also has particular experience of dealing with proceeds of crime and confiscation proceedings arising from such prosecutions.

Sam has developed a strong reputation for his conduct of this type of case, noted particularly for his 'thorough and strategic approach' to such cases.

### Featured Environmental Law cases

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#### **E.A. v H & H (2022)**

Prosecution Counsel in a case involving the prosecution of a waste removal company for unlawful deposits of waste. The case gave rise to significant confiscation proceedings concerning the criminal benefit derived from the offending.

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#### **E.A. v VL (2022)**

Defence Counsel in a case involving water pollution. The polluting event was said to have killed thousands of fish in a local river.

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#### **E.A. v M (2021)**

Prosecution Counsel in a case involving the unlawful deposit and construction of structures on farmland which gave rise to a risk of flooding.

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#### **WDA v M & M**

Sam was instructed to defend a family poultry company in Mid Wales in a Welsh Government prosecution involving alleged fraud and breaches of the Eggs and Chicks Regulations.

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#### **E.A. v R**

Sam was instructed to defend a waste removal company for alleged fly tipping offences relating to dangerous waste removed from a music festival on farm land.

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## **N.S.W. v CW**

Sam was instructed to defend a waste management company alleged to have improperly disposed of mass quantities of waste inappropriately.

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## **E.A. v P**

Sam was instructed to defend a landowner in multi-handed Environment Agency prosecution for waste transfer offences. Other defendants included a Haulage Company and a Company Director. The prosecution case concerned the deposit of hundreds of thousands of tonnes of waste material on farm land throughout the South West.

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## **Sports Law**

Sam has a strong background in rugby related matters, a sport about which he is particularly passionate. Having worked on cases relating to both the WRU and RFU, Sam has also developed a deserved reputation in the conduct of disciplinary hearings for clubs and players at, Domestic, European and International level. His dedicated and approachable manner, together with his strong team ethic, make him popular with both professional and amateur sportsmen and women.

Sam was instructed by the British Horseracing Authority to be part of a Review Team (led by Christopher Quinlan QC) to review the structure composition and operation of its Disciplinary Panel, Appeal Board and Licensing Committees.

He has also conducted work for and in the context of other sports governing bodies, including the Football Association, the Welsh Football Association, the International Paralympic Committee and others.

Sam is able to accept instructions directly from sports professionals, players, clubs and other sporting bodies.

He is currently involved in a number of ongoing sports related instructions.

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## **Inquests**

Sam is instructed to carry out inquest work. He recently acted for the family of a young man who died whilst in the care of the local authority. He also recently acted for the families of two young women who tragically died whilst volunteering in South Africa. Sam has also previously been instructed to represent the interest of witnesses giving evidence at Inquests as well as the interested of organisations appearing as interested parties at Inquests.

Sam's inquest work compliments his significant health and safety practice. He is often instructed to advise early in such cases, at the inquest stage, with a view to his acting in any subsequent criminal litigation.

## **Inquiry**

Sam also has experience of conducting Inquiry work. He was instructed to represent one of the Core Participants in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). He takes a keen interest in this particular type of work.

## Education

- BVC, BPP Law School, London
- LLB, University of Wales, Cardiff

## Appointments

- Appointed Grade 4 Prosecutor on Crown Prosecution Service Prosecution Panel
- Appointed member of the Rape and Child Sexual Abuse List of approved prosecutors
- Appointed "A" list prosecutor on Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health & Safety and Environmental Law List
- Direct Access qualified

## Memberships

- Amicus – Lawyers for Justice on Death Row
- Criminal Bar Association
- Health & Safety Lawyers Association
- Western Circuit