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ADMISSIONS

2024 Appointed Silk

2011 Admitted to the Bar

QUALIFICATIONS

LLB (Hons.) University of Sydney (2007)

BA University of Sydney (2005)

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Commercial Crime
Regulatory Investigations
Corruption
Appellate
Criminal Law

PROFILE

Sam commenced at the Bar in 2011 and has established a practice with specialisation in commercial crime and regulatory investigations. This includes defence and respondent work in criminal prosecutions and other proceedings arising out of investigations by the AFP, ASIC, ACCC, ATO, ICAC and other regulatory bodies.

Sam also advises directors and corporations regarding civil and criminal liability under State and Federal legislation.

Sam has been consistently listed as a Leading Criminal Law Senior Counsel by Doyle's Guide as well as a Leading White Collar Criminal Law and Regulatory Investigations Senior Counsel. Sam has been ranked in the Legal 500s listing as Leading Senior Counsel for Crime and Regulatory at the Australian Bar.

Sam has advised and appeared in various statutory commissions of inquiry including the ICAC, the Police Integrity Commission, the ACT Board of Inquiry, the ACT Integrity Commission and the Australian and NSW Crime Commissions.

Sam appears in complex criminal trials in superior courts before juries as well as appeals against conviction and sentence in appellate jurisdictions, including the Court of Criminal Appeal and High Court.

RECENT SELECT CASES

Recent notable commercial crime cases include:

- *CDPP v Sundaraj & Ors* (2026) – briefed on behalf of the CDPP in a prosecution against individuals charged with offences related to the provision of false and misleading information in relation to the affairs of a corporation, contrary to section 1309(1) *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth).
- *R v Evans* (2026) – briefed on behalf of CEO in a prosecution for insider trading and tipping offences, contrary to sections 1043A(2) and 1311(1) *Corporations Act* (2001) Cth.
- *CDPP v Benjamin Jospeh Aulich and Michael Papandrea* (2025) – briefed in a complex money laundering prosecution in the Supreme Court of the ACT.
- *R v Peter Andrew Amos* (2024) – appeared at sentence on behalf of offender in a prosecution for breaches of director's duties contrary to sections 184(2)(a) and 1311(1) *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth).
- *CDPP v Sornalingam Ragavan* (2024) - successfully defended an Accused in a foreign bribery conspiracy prosecution.
- *CDPP v Citigroup Global Markets Australia Pty Ltd & Ors* (2022) - successfully defended an Accused in the banking cartel prosecution in the Federal Court of Australia.
- *R v Dougas; R v Read; R v Linke* (2022) - successfully defended an Accused in a foreign bribery conspiracy prosecution in the Supreme Court of NSW.
- *R v BB* (2021) - appeared in a prosecution for contravening a UN Sanction Enforcement law in the Supreme Court of NSW.

Recent notable statutory commissions of inquiry include:

- Operation Kingfisher (2024-2026) - appeared for the Chief of Staff to the Minister for Education in the ACT Integrity Commission investigation into allegations concerning public officials within the ACT Education Directorate.
- Operation Mantis (2024) - appeared on behalf of director at the ICAC investigation into allegations of corruption concerning the conduct of former employees, contractors and others at Canterbury Bankstown Council.
- ACT Board of Inquiry into the Criminal Justice System (2023) - appeared for an individual in the investigation into the conduct of criminal agencies involved in the trial of *R v Bruce Lehrman*.
- Operation Galley (2023) - appeared for a Councillor at the ICAC investigation into allegations of corruption concerning the conduct of former Councillors and others at Georges River/Hurstville City Council.
- Operation Keppel (2021) - appeared for a director at the ICAC investigation into allegations concerning the breach of public trust and dishonest exercise of official functions by the former NSW MP for Wagga Wagga.
- Operation Dasha (2020) – appeared on behalf of director of City Planning at the ICAC investigation into allegations of corruption concerning the conduct of former employees, contractors and others at Canterbury Bankstown Council.

Recent notable appellate cases include:

- *Alex v R* [2026] NSWCCA 121 – appeal against conviction for conspiracy to commit tax fraud on the grounds of jury misconduct and erroneous directions of law by the trial judge.
- *Breen v R* [2025] NSWCCA 182 – appeal against sentence for double murder concerning various errors by the sentencing judge including erroneous treatment of aggravating factors.

- *Koschier v R* (2024) 113 NSWLR 491 – 5F appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal against the refusal by the trial judge to grant a permanent stay of a special hearing.
- *Shortland v R* [2024] NSWCCA 174 – appeal against sentence on the ground that a miscarriage of justice was occasioned by the failure of the Applicant's legal representatives to present evidence from a psychologist at the sentence hearing.
- *Bott v R* [2023] NSWCCA 255 – appeal against sentence concerning the application of intermediate appellate authority in *Director of Public Prosecutions (Cth) v Maxwell* (2013) 228 A Crim R 218.
- *R v AB; R v CD; R v EF* [2023] NSWCCA 168 – briefed for the Respondent contradictors in a Crown application pursuant to subsection 108(2) *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act* 2001 (NSW) in relation to the construction of subsection 70.2(1) *Criminal Code* 1995 (Cth).
- *Cavanagh v R; McIvor v R; O'Keefe v R* [2023] NSWCCA 164 – appeal against conviction concerning the existence of a joint criminal enterprise or an extended joint criminal enterprise to murder.
- *Tiriaki v R* [2023] NSWCCA 73 – appeal against conviction concerning fresh evidence following murder conviction.
- *Kemal v R* [2022] NSWCCA 83 – appeal against sentence concerning the proper application of section 5.4 *Criminal Code* (Cth).
- *SY v R* [2022] HCASL 198 – special leave application concerning the circumstances in which the Court of Appeal may receive additional material on sentence as well as the proper application of the principles relevant to crediting time in custody.
- *DPP v Dougas; DPP v Read; DPP v Linke* [2022] NSWCCA 19 – appeared for Respondents in 5F appeal against pre-trial rulings excluding evidence pursuant to section 137 *Evidence Act* 1995 (NSW).
- *Sidaros v R* [2020] ACTCA 11 – appeal against interlocutory decision to ACT Court of Appeal concerning the application of sections 90 and 138 *Evidence Act* 2011 (ACT).

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

2018-2020 University of Sydney

Lecturer in Evidence Law for penultimate year candidates undertaking the Bachelor of Laws and Juris Doctor.

2007-2010 MinterEllison Lawyers

Solicitor in commercial and litigious practice groups, including Dispute Resolution and Corporate. Responsibilities included advising public and private sector clients across a broad range of complex and high-profile commercial disputes covering fraud, contractual disputes, insolvency and reconstruction, anti–money laundering issues, and anti-corruption compliance and enforcement.

2010-2011 Aboriginal Legal Service

Criminal defence lawyer representing Indigenous Australians in a variety of criminal matters across multi-jurisdictions.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Navigating Uniform Evidence Law published by Thomson Reuters (Professional) Australia Limited (June 2022).

"*Re-examining and leading evidence in reply*" presentation to the NSW Bar Association May 2015-May 2023.

"*Corporate crime – issues and developments*" presentation to Dispute Resolution Group MinterEllison Lawyers (11 October 2020).

"Corporate criminal liability, enforcement and culture" co-presentation with Arnold Bloch Leibler at UNSW (31 July 2019).

"*Criminal conduct and regulatory investigations*" co-presentation with Ashurst Australia to Woolworths Group (May 2019).