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Samuel Ritchie has broad commercial practice covering a wide range of commercial disputes, banking and financial litigation, civil fraud and aviation.

He is ranked as a leading junior in Civil Fraud (*The Legal 500*) where he is described as "The perfect barrister – super bright, great advocacy, and a joy to deal with".

Samuel has considerable experience in a range of heavy and complex disputes, both as sole counsel and as part of large teams of solicitors and counsel. Notable recent examples include the litigation brought by the Libyan Investment Authority against various financial institutions; (1) *Manek* (2) *Chandi* (3) *EAGM Ventures v Wirecard*, concerning fraud allegations surrounding Wirecard's largest ever acquisition of a third-party company in India; and acting for the Republic of Argentina in litigation related to its GDP-linked sovereign bonds.

Many of Samuel's cases involve an international element and engage cross border issues of jurisdiction and governing law. He has a particular interest in and experience of civil fraud, appearing in a number of cases engaging civil causes of action arising out of bribery and corruption in a range of contexts.

Recent Highlights

Palladian Partners v LP & Ors v Republic of Argentina & Anr

Acting for the Republic of Argentina, led by Ben Valentin QC and Tamara Oppenheimer QC, in litigation brought against the Republic by holders of GDP linked bonds issued by the Republic as part of its national debt restructuring.

Appearing in heavy international arbitration proceedings, led by Akhil Shah QC, concerning the manufacture and supply of aeroplane components and the allocation of risk between supply contracts.

(1) Manek (2) Chandi (3) EAGM Ventures v Wirecard AG

Acting for Wirecard AG, led by Jeffrey Chapman QC, in successfully having a claim brought by former minority shareholders alleging participation in fraud to acquire their shares in an Indian company acquired by Wirecard struck

out.

Stokoe Partnership v Grayson

Appearing in the Court of Appeal decision, led by Jeffrey Chapman QC, providing clarification on the circumstance in which an individual could be cross examined on a Norwich Pharmacal affidavit prior to trial where the deponent is also a defendant to the proceedings.

Shanghai Hongtou Network Technology Ltd v Jagex Ltd

Acting for the shareholders in a Chinese Company, led by Jeffrey Chapman QC, which had been defrauded of its interest in shares in a valuable English gaming company.

Expertise

Art & Valuable Items

Notable Art & Valuable Items cases

Recently acting on a dispute concerning the sale and non-delivery of a work of art by the artist known as Banksy.

Aviation & Travel

Notable Aviation & Travel cases

Acting in international arbitral proceedings, led by Akhil Shah QC, concerning the manufacture and supply of aeroplane components and the allocation of risk between supply contracts.

Alpstream AG v PK Airfinance & GE Capital Aviation Services

Assisting Stephen Moriarty QC and Rosalind Phelps in relation to a substantial dispute arising from the collapse of the Blue Wings airline and the financing of 7 Airbus A380 aircraft.

Acting for various airlines to defend claims, including those arising under the Montreal Convention and under Regulation (EC) 261/2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights.

Handling several cases concerning the cases on the meaning of the “*extraordinary circumstances*” defence under Article 5(3) of Regulation 261/2004.

Banking & Finance

Samuel’s practice encompasses a wide variety of banking and finance litigation. He has appeared for a number of UK banks in possession claims, and has defended them in a large variety of claims involving allegations of negligence, breach of contract and breach of statutory duty (including claims arising under the Consumer Credit Act 1974, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, and the FCA Handbook).

Notable Banking & Finance cases

Palladian Partners v LP & Ors v Republic of Argentina & Anr

Acting for the Republic of Argentina, led by Ben Valentin QC and Tamara Oppenheimer QC, in litigation brought against the Republic by holders of GDP linked bonds issued by the Republic as part of its national debt restructuring.

Allianz Insurance v JD Williams and Company Limited

Acting for JD Williams, led by Laura John QC, in a claim brought by Allianz relating to the alleged misselling of PPI.

Arempa International v Barclays Bank (UK) Plc

Acting for the bank defending claims in negligence and unjust enrichment further to an alleged payment intercept fraud.

Sarbaz v Nedbank Private Wealth

Acting for the bank, led by Jeffrey Chapman QC, in an alleged breach of mandate case.

Morgan v NatWest

Acting as sole counsel for the Claimant in this piece of interest rate swap litigation.

MacDonald Hotels v Bank of Scotland Plc

Assisting a major UK hotel group, led by Richard Lissack QC, in its claim against Bank of Scotland for breach of a long-standing joint venture relationship.

Libyan Investment Authority v Goldman Sachs International

Acting as part of a team led by Roger Masefield QC for a sovereign wealth fund, in a multi-billion dollar claim in the Chancery Division concerning alleged undue influence with regard to equity derivative transactions.

Bank of Baroda v Imm International & Ors

Acting with Simon Browne Wilkinson QC to appeal a grant of summary judgment in a banking guarantee matter.

Recently acting on an intercreditor dispute, advising the junior creditors on their potential remedies against the senior creditors.

Acting on many cases concerning the mis-selling of interest rate hedging products, and several other mis-selling cases.

Advising a major international hedge fund on potential remedies against its master fund and directors.

Undertaking various work while completing a three-month secondment to Group Litigation and Investigations at Barclays PLC in 2012, including assisting in managing litigation on behalf of the Barclays Group and in reporting to both the Board of Directors and the market on the possible litigation risks facing the Bank. He also worked on a major project focused on Barclays' regulatory capital requirements.

Assisting (during pupillage) in a major syndicated lending dispute.

Civil Fraud

Notable Civil Fraud cases

Palladian Partners v LP & Ors v Republic of Argentina & Anr

Acting for the Republic of Argentina, led by Ben Valentin QC and Tamara Oppenheimer QC, in litigation brought against the Republic by holders of GDP linked bonds issued by the Republic as part of its national debt restructuring. Allegations of bad faith are made against the Republic.

Stokoe v Grayson & Ors [2021] EWCA Civ 626; [2021] 4 WLR 87

Led by Jeff Chapman QC, acting for a defendant accused of illegitimately obtaining and using the Claimant's confidential information. In a judgment given in these proceedings, the Court of Appeal clarified the test for cross examining a Norwich Pharmacal deponent who is also a defendant before trial.

(1) Manek (2) Chandi (3) EAGM Ventures v Wirecard AG

Acting for Wirecard, led by Jeffrey Chapman QC, in successfully striking out proceedings brought by former minority shareholders alleging participation in fraud to acquire their shares in an Indian company acquired by Wirecard.

Shanghai Hongtou Network technology Ltd v Jagex Ltd

Acting for the shareholders in a Chinese company, led by Jeffrey Chapman QC, which had been defrauded of its interest in shares in a valuable English gaming company. The case required several different kinds of interim relief in the form of injunctions, Stop Notices and *Norwich Pharmacal* orders.

The Libyan Investment Authority v Credit Suisse International Ltd

Acting as part of a team led by Roger Masefield QC pursuing allegations of fraud against JP Morgan Markets predecessor, Bear Stearns.

The Libyan Investment Authority v JP Morgan Markets & Ors

Acting as part of a team led by Roger Masefield QC pursuing allegations of fraud against JP Morgan Markets predecessor, Bear Stearns.

SKAT (the Danish Tax and Customs Authority) v Solo Capital Partners & Ors

Acting for one of the Defendants in the litigation brought by the Danish tax and customs authority in respect of tax arbitrage trading.

The Libyan Investment Authority v Société Générale & Ors

Instructed as part of a team led by Mark Howard QC, acting for a sovereign wealth fund, in a multi-billion dollar claim in the Commercial Court involving allegations of bribery and corruption across several jurisdictions and seeking set aside a series of complex derivative transactions for fraud.

Fundo Soberano de Angola v Jose Filomeno dos Santos

Acting for the sovereign wealth fund of Angola in interlocutory proceedings relating to a multi-billion dollar freezing injunction.

Advising numerous banks in circumstances where accounts held at the bank have been part of a fraud of which the bank was unaware.

Advising and acting in many tracing and asset recovery matters, and the restitutionary claims (both personal and proprietary) which arise. As a pupil, he assisted Simon Browne-Wilkinson QC in providing advice on enforcement of

judgement against assets traced into various international trusts.

Commercial Disputes

Samuel has significant experience across a broad range of commercial disputes. Much of his work is of an international character and he regularly advises and appears on matters giving rise to conflicts of laws and jurisdiction issues.

Notable Commercial Disputes cases

Aston Martin MENA Limited v Aston Marin Lagonda Limited

Acting for the Claimant in these proceedings concerning the interpretation and termination of various agreements governing the distribution and sale of Aston Martin vehicles in the Middle East.

Acting as sole counsel to enforce security on business financing provided by a family a office.

Recently acting for a major oil and gas company in an international arbitration concerning a billion-dollar dispute with other shareholders in a specialist Middle Eastern oil and gas joint venture.

Frequently advising on choice of law for international tortious claims.

Acting for a major Baltic shipping company in a dispute with charterers.

Acting on a number of cases regarding the breach of contractual terms implied by the Sale of Goods Act 1979, dealing with matters as diverse as polymer coating, oak floorings, industrial boilers and high specification kitchen appliances.

Recently advising on a major collateral waiver of privilege inquiry.

Acting as Independent Counsel to assess privilege attaching to documents in an insolvency context.

Instructed by a major retail bank to assist with reviewing customer files for privileged documents.

Acting in the full range of interlocutory applications, including jurisdiction disputes. He is currently instructed in a heavy application disputing jurisdiction and seeking to have alternative service set aside.

Acting as junior counsel to assist in obtaining interim injunctions in aid of arbitral proceedings to restrain the payment of dividends in breach of a joint venture agreement.

Insurance

Notable Insurance cases

Advising the Financial Services Compensation Scheme on coverage issues.

Advising on a number of insurance claims, including questions of contractual construction and avoidance.

Handling coverage issues arising from PPI mis-selling.

International Arbitration

Notable International Arbitration cases

Acting in international arbitral proceedings, led by Akhil Shah QC, concerning the manufacture and supply of aeroplane components and the allocation of risk between supply contracts.

Recently acting for a major oil and gas company in an international arbitration concerning a billion-dollar dispute with other shareholders in a specialist Middle Eastern oil and gas joint venture.

Recently acting as junior counsel to assist in obtaining interim injunctions in aid of arbitral proceedings to restrain the payment of dividends in breach of a joint venture agreement.

Professional Discipline

Notable Professional Discipline cases

Executive Counsel to the FRC v David Costley Wood & KPMG

Instructed by the Financial Reporting Council as junior to Richard Coleman QC and Nicholas Medcroft QC in proceedings alleging lack of objectivity and lack of integrity brought against KPMG and one of its partners regarding the administration of the Silentnight Group of Companies.

Directory Rankings

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- Civil Fraud

Education

- Bar Professional Training Course (Outstanding), BPP Law School
- Master of Arts (Jurisprudence) (Double First Class), Keble College, University of Oxford
- Bachelor of Civil Law, Keble College, University of Oxford

Memberships

- Past Chairman of the Junior Combar Committee. Samuel was the Chair of the committee which exists to represent the concerns and interests of junior practitioners at the Commercial Bar.
- Inner Temple Advocacy Trainer. Samuel assists as a trainer on the Inner Temple advocacy programmes.
- Prize for Outstanding Performance on the BPTC, the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple.
- Peter Taylor Scholarship, the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple (awarded by the Inn to the barrister in that year considered most likely to succeed at the English Bar)
- Harris Society Prize for the Highest Mark in Keble College, Oxford in Law Finals.
- Academic Scholar of Keble College.
- Winner of the Slaughter and May Harris Society Moot.
- Harris Society Prize for the Highest Mark in Keble College in Law Moderations.
- Slaughter and May Prize for Introduction to Law (Highest mark in the University).

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