



# Sam Robinson

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## Areas of Practice

Sam is a highly regarded and experienced defence practitioner, and is also instructed in both extradition and inquest matters. His practice includes homicide, serious violence, rape, people trafficking, complex conspiracies and fraud.

Sam is instructed regularly in cases with difficult defendants and particularly challenging defences.

He is well regarded for his thorough and imaginative approach to both legal argument and tactics. Much more than 'a safe pair of hands', he is well known for his excellent witness handling (both in cross examination and evidence in chief) and his imaginative and persuasive closing speeches.

Sam has an excellent rapport with lay clients and is often instructed as a result of him being requested by defendants who have observed him in court.

## Notable Cases

### Recent cases

R v **Raja** - A taxi driver accused of murder.

R v **Siddique** - Acting for a practicing psychiatrist accused of a serious sexual offence.

R v **Arslan and Others** - Instructed in a 6 handed people trafficking case, defending the first defendant.

R v **O'Leary** - Attempted s18 of a police officer, violent disorder and firearms offences. The defendant was suffering from post traumatic stress disorder and AWOL from the army at the time of the offence.

R v **Al-Ani and others** - Successfully appealed tariff sentences passed in the wake of the 'Israeli Embassy' protests.

R v **Kyham** - Appeared on behalf of a convicted terrorist who was accused of section 18 whilst in prison.

R v **Dickinson** - Defended the first defendant in a large-scale conspiracy to burgle high performance cars.

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## **Other**

Recently instructed in a perverting the course of justice case following a trial for importing and supplying large quantities of class A drugs.

Sam has also successfully defended in a number of rape cases.

## **Background Information**

Before being called to the bar Sam was a speech writer and regularly briefed and wrote speeches for a number of government ministers including Gordon Brown, John Prescott and David Blunkett.