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Sam specialises in international arbitration and other complex cross-border disputes.

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BACKGROUND

Before beginning his career in law, Sam read Classics (Latin and Ancient Greek) at Oriel College, Oxford. He then completed his legal qualifications at BPP law school in London.

Sam joined Herbert Smith Freehills in 2014. He gained experience as a trainee in Herbert Smith Freehills' London, Tokyo and Dubai offices before qualifying as a solicitor of England and Wales and joining the Tokyo office as an associate in September 2016.

KEY SERVICES

[Dispute Resolution](#)
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KEY SECTORS

[Energy](#)
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EXPERIENCE

Based in Tokyo, Sam helps Japanese and international clients resolve complex high-value commercial disputes primarily through international arbitration. He also has experience in litigation and various forms of alternative dispute resolution.

Sam has acted in arbitrations under various institutional rules (ICC, LCIA, SCIA, JCAA) with seats in Asia and Europe and works in a variety of sectors including energy, automobiles, pharmaceuticals and sport.

Sam's experience includes advising:

- a high tech manufacturer in a SIAC arbitration in relation to tort and contractual claims arising from distribution arrangements in Europe and the US
- a multinational energy company in LCIA arbitration proceedings in London against an Azerbaijan construction constructor. The dispute concerned delays and cost overruns in relation to the construction of a catering facility in Baku, Azerbaijan
- a Japanese client on US litigation, defending and (following mediation) successfully settling claims arising on a coal-fired power plant project in the United States
- an Australian mining and engineering services contractor in a London-seated arbitration (LCIA rules) concerning an EPCM contract for services at a Mongolian molybdenum mine