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Sam counsels clients on environmental issues and helps them navigate federal, state, and local regulations. He assesses environmental risk in corporate transactions, advocates for clients in contact with regulators, guides clients in litigation, and helps clients achieve regulatory compliance.

Sam provides assistance on a variety of corporate transactions, including representing buyers, sellers, and lenders. He works on transactions in a range of industries, including automotive, textiles, packaging, food goods, and energy. For each transaction he works on, he helps identify and characterize environmental risks so they can be properly mitigated through contractual provisions.

Sam has experience representing clients in lawsuits involving complex environmental indemnity provisions and arising under CERCLA and similar state statutes. His experience includes handling several aspects of the litigation process, including factual investigation, preparing for and taking fact depositions, working with experts as they draft their reports, and preparing for expert depositions.

Sam has experience assisting clients in communications with regulators in a variety of situations, including requesting the issuance of comfort letters, negotiating permit provisions, and advocating in disputes over potential violations. He also has experience helping clients understand and comply with reporting requirements related to spills, wastewater bypasses, and the discovery of historical contamination.

During law school, Sam served as a Research Assistant to Professor Nadav Shoked, for whom he conducted research and edited articles related to property law and local government issues.

He was previously a summer extern for the Honorable Marvin E. Aspen of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois.

Recent Experience

KeHE Distributors' Acquisition of DPI Specialty Foods

ProFrac Holdings Corp. Affiliate's Acquisition of Performance Proppants

ProFrac Holdings II, LLC, Acquires Monarch Silica, LLC

Oterra Acquisition of Food Ingredient Solutions

Seven Oaks Acquisition Corp. Business Combination with Boxed, Inc.

Incodema Holdings' Acquisition of Majestic Metals

Incodema Holdings' Acquisition of Dahlquist Machine

Frontenac Co.'s Acquisition of Newterra Group Ltd.

John Eagle Auto Group's Sale of Four Automobile Dealerships to Lithia Motors, Inc.

John Eagle Auto Group's Sale of Six Automobile Dealerships to Lithia Motors, Inc.

Recognitions

- *Chambers USA*, "Associates to Watch," Environment: Mainly Transactional (2021–2024)
- "The *Lawdragon* Green 500: The 2024 Leaders in Environmental Law"
- *The Legal 500 US*, "Key Lawyer," Environmental Litigation, 2024
- "Lowden-Wigmore Award," received for writing the best student Note/Comment published in the *Journal of International Law and Business* as part of Volume 37
- "Arlyn Miner Book Award," received for writing the best briefs in his first year legal writing course (one student selected from each legal writing section)
- Dean's list

Activities

- Member, Environmental Law Institute
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Chicago Bar Association

Credentials

EDUCATION

Sam received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Northwestern University School of Law in 2017, where he was Managing Editor of the *Journal of International Law and Business*. Sam was also co-chair of the Student Bar Association-Technology Committee and a team captain with Street Law. He received his B.A., with honors, in geophysical sciences and history, philosophy, and social studies of science and medicine, from the University of Chicago in 2011.

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Related Insights & News

- Co-author, “NY Plastic Pollution Verdict May Not Bode Well For Other Suits,” Law360, January 2025
- “California’s First-in-the-Nation Climate Disclosure Laws Will Move Forward with Limited Delay Under Recent Amendment,” Winston’s Environmental Law Update, Oct. 17, 2024
- “Legal & Regulatory Update: From Greenwashing to New Climate Disclosure Rules,” Manufacturers Alliance, Sustainability Council Meeting, Oct. 12, 2023
- “The Evolving PFAS Legal Landscape,” Webinar, Jun. 28, 2023
- “The Evolving PFAS Regulatory Landscape,” Food and Beverage Environmental Conference, Apr. 26, 2022
- “PFAS Regulatory and Litigation Update,” Chicago Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee Meeting, Jun. 16, 2020
- “The Present and Expected Future of PFAS Regulation and Litigation in the United States,” Manufacturers Alliance on Productivity and Innovation, Environmental, Health & Safety Council Meeting, May 28, 2020
- “The Evolving PFAS Regulatory Landscape” Webinar, Jun. 5, 2019
- “*Giving the Market a Microphone: Solutions to the Ongoing Displacement of U.S. Workers through the H1B Visa Program*,” Volume 37, *NW Journal of International Law and Business*, 275, 2017

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Advised on Four Winning Deals Recognized at *IJGlobal*’s 2024 Awards Gala

MARCH 13, 2025

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Advises on PFI Americas Awards Renewable Deal of the Year

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

WEBINAR

Winston & Strawn and the Environmental Law Institute Host Plastics and Packaging Webinar

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

BLOG

Novel Theory of Liability Against Food and Beverage Manufacturers For Plastics Pollution Fails First Test
DECEMBER 23, 2024

BLOG

California's First-in-the-Nation Climate Disclosure Laws Will Move Forward with Limited Delay Under Recent Amendment
OCTOBER 17, 2024

BLOG

Microplastics Policy: Is Federal Preemption a Viable Defense?
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2024
JUNE 12, 2024

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Chambers USA* 2024
JUNE 6, 2024

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Featured on *Lawdragon's* Green 500: The 2024 Leaders in Environmental Law List
FEBRUARY 2, 2024

BLOG

Newly Enacted California Climate Bills Create Sweeping Disclosure Requirements for Companies Across the Country
OCTOBER 17, 2023

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Chambers USA* 2023
JUNE 6, 2023

BLOG

It's Official: EPA Approves Phase I Standard ASTM E1527-21 as Meeting All Appropriate Inquiry, Effective February 13, 2023
JANUARY 26, 2023

Capabilities

Environmental

Environmental Litigation & Enforcement

Transactions

Private Equity

Mergers & Acquisitions

Litigation/Trials

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

Automotive & Mobility