

STEPHEN SAMPSON

Nationality: British

Qualification: Solicitor of England and Wales, qualifying September 1996

Positions: Partner, Squire Patton Boggs (UK) LLP
Head of the Litigation Practice Group, UK LLP
Global Head of the Sports & Entertainment Industry Group
CAS Arbitrator, appointed 2023
Vice Chair of the UEFA Club Financial Control Body Appeals Chamber
Formerly (*pro bono*) member of the World Triathlon Tribunal
Formerly (*pro bono*) Non-Executive Chairman of Parkour Earth
A decade as visiting lecturer on BASL Post Graduate Diploma on Sports Law

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Thirty years' experience advising on governance, ethics, investigations, compliance and disputes in the sports and entertainment sectors.

For over a decade listed for Sports Law in Band One in Chambers and Partners and in the Hall of Fame in the Legal 500. Recognised as a Thought Leader by Who's Who Legal, which says "*Stephen Sampson is widely regarded as an arbitration specialist with deep experience before sports tribunals and the CAS.*"

Maintains an active practice acting for international and national governing bodies, clubs, leading players and athletes, player and commercial agencies and suppliers to the sports industry across a range of sports. Has acted in numerous investigations and disputes before courts and sports tribunals, including as advocate in domestic and international proceedings. Has advised judicial panels in, amongst others, cricket, football, rugby, sailing and tennis.

Thirty years' experience in football related matters.

- Acted as solicitor and/or advocate in over 100 cases before FIFA tribunals or CAS including *Webster*, *Mutu*, *Kakuta*, *Salah* and *Emiliano Sala*.
- Since appointment to the list, within the top ten most appointed arbitrators by the CAS Division Presidents (2022 to 2025).
- Acted on numerous FA, Premier League or English Football League arbitrations between clubs, agents, players or coaches.
- Represented numerous clubs, players or agencies subject to investigation and/or disciplinary charges by FIFA, The FA, Premier League or English Football League.
- Involved in due diligence and/or regulatory approvals on at least 15 club acquisitions and on two leading player agencies.
- Vast experience of player transfers, including acting for at least ten Premier League clubs on high profile, complex or contentious transactions. Co-author of the chapter on player transfers in *Sport: Law & Practice* (both editions) and *Football and the Law*, both Bloomsbury.
- Acted for clubs and brands/suppliers for 25 years on the range of commercial and business related issues.
- A decade as a coach at a local community youth football club.