

Criminal Trial Lawyer & Criminal Appeal Lawyer

A person convicted of a crime strides through the front door of a courtroom confident he can represent himself and ends up leaving through the back door — in handcuffs. In his 15 years of practicing law, Sam has seen this scenario unfold time and again.

A judge once told me trials are not like tea parties and he was right," Sam recalls. "In fact, it was an understatement.

Defendants pay the price for going it alone — and that price is now greater than ever. Sentences are harsher, as a result of the tough-on-crime agenda, and the consequences of even minor offences are more severe, especially when it comes to employment. Criminal record checks now reveal charges even when there has been no conviction.

Sam has built a thriving law practice by being an excellent advocate for his clients. He is tenacious, bold and innovative. He was the first criminal lawyer to use a social media expert to explain that Sam's client was simply boasting on Facebook and not threatening anyone.

As a former assistant crown attorney, he's prosecuted the offences he now defends against. Sam knows his way around the criminal justice system, the myriad courthouses in the Toronto area; he knows exactly how the other side thinks.

Above all else, Sam is committed to his clients. "You need a lawyer to give you his honest opinion and his best advice so that you understand your jeopardy, the legal process and your options," he says. "Bottom line is, you need someone to help you through an emotionally difficult time and achieve the best possible result. You need someone who is in your corner — always."