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Sam Rudman is a Partner in Choate's Litigation and Investigations group and Co-Head of the Business and Financial Litigation practice. He is a first-chair trial lawyer whom clients trust to take cases to judgment. Sam represents a wide range of clients in connection with their most challenging matters. He has tried or arbitrated cases arising in a variety of different contexts, including cases concerning alleged breaches of contract and fiduciary duty, fraud, high-stakes insurance and reinsurance disputes, and various other complex commercial matters.

Sam also routinely represents clients in cases arising under the antitrust laws, in class actions, and in regulatory matters. His clients range from national banks and lenders to fantasy sports companies, directors and officers, and data centers.

He litigates in state and federal trial and appellate courts across the country and in arbitration.

Recognition

- "Litigation Star" and 40 & Under List by *Benchmark Litigation* (2024-2026)

Representative Engagements

- **Underdog Sports:** Lead defense counsel in putative class actions challenging the legality of Underdog's products in New York, California, and Alabama, and in gambling-loss recovery actions in Kentucky and South Carolina; prevailed on a motion to dismiss the Kentucky action.
- **Forrester Research:** Represented the company in expedited litigation concerning the company's right to publish a report. Plaintiff claimed more than $100 million in damages and sought a temporary restraining order and expedited discovery; defeated both requests. Plaintiff dismissed the case on the eve of a preliminary injunction hearing.
- **Meketa Investment Group:** Represented Meketa in ERISA litigation concerning investment advice provided to a pension fund; won dismissal of all claims, which the Second Circuit affirmed, and the Supreme Court denied certiorari.
- **Nano Dimension:** Lead counsel to Nano Dimension and certain of its officers and affiliates in connection with multiple litigations arising from Desktop Metal's bankruptcy, including an adversary proceeding brought by Desktop Metal's litigation trustee in the Southern District of Texas and securities litigation in the Southern District of New York.
- **Markley Lowell:** Lead defense counsel in a putative class action over a 352,000-square-foot data center.
- **Cape Cod Healthcare:** Lead defense counsel in a putative class action concerning website analytics and patient data.

Focus Areas

- Finance and Restructuring
  - Independent Directors & Special Committees
- Litigation and Investigations
  - Insurance and Reinsurance
- Private Equity and M&A
  - Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure

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- **The Bon Morro, LLC:** Lead counsel pursuing contract and Chapter 93A claims on behalf of a debtor in an adversary proceeding in the District of Massachusetts.
- **Directors and officers of a distressed SPAC:** Representing the directors and officers of a debtor in an adversary proceeding brought by a Chapter 7 trustee in the Eastern District of New York, which alleges breaches of the duty of care and loyalty.
- **Commercial lender:** Represented the lender in a dispute concerning a multi-million dollar asset-based loan; won summary judgment.
- **Consumer electronics distributor:** Represented the company in nationwide class action litigation; defeated nationwide class allegations shortly before the case settled.
- **Cultural Care:** Represented the sponsor of the au pair cultural exchange program in nationwide class action litigation asserting claims under the antitrust laws, RICO, and various state laws.
- **Multiple Ivy League universities:** Represented universities in cases concerning alleged violations of Title IX and related civil litigation.
- **Industry-leading SaaS provider:** Represented the company in a dispute with one of its largest vendors.
- **National fantasy gaming company:** Represented the company in various regulatory matters.
- **Companies and individuals:** Represented clients in connection with federal antitrust investigations.
- **International reinsurer:** Represented the company in a confidential arbitration; prevailed on all claims following the arbitration hearing and won attorneys' fees.
- **Leading insurer, Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy:** Represented the insurer in the bankruptcy, including presenting expert testimony on behalf of the non-settling insurers at the confirmation hearing.
- **Global telecommunications provider:** Represented the client in an international arbitration.
- **Private equity firm:** Represented the firm in an international arbitration relating to alleged fraud in the operation of a portfolio company.

Education & Credentials

- University of Michigan Law School, JD (2012) *magna cum laude,* Henry M. Bates Memorial Scholarship (*Michigan Law School's highest honor*), Winner, *Henry M. Campbell Moot Court Competition*
- Amherst College, BA (2009) *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- New York
- U.S. District Court, Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. Supreme Court

Clerkships

- Honorable Steven M. Colloton, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- Honorable Amul R. Thapar, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

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