

Sam studied law and banking in Beirut where he worked in the Banking sector and as a young man, he was a very high achiever, securing a senior position in the banking sector at the age of 24 and later became one of the youngest executives on the bank's Board of Directors.

His career in banking continued until 1984, when he migrated to Australia to escape the uncertainty and danger of the war in Lebanon which had re-escalated suddenly in that year.

In his first ten years in Australia, Sam worked in various industries and small businesses after that, he worked for the Victorian government for over 20 years in various roles; Sam is currently self-employed as a consultant.

As a dedicated advocate for cultural diversity, Sam is heavily involved across the community sector. In 2003 Sam was elected as the inaugural Chairperson of the Ethnic Communities Council of the South East (ECCOSE).

He also served as Chairperson of the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria from 2007 to 2011 and is currently a Board Director.

Sam is Vice President and one of the Directors of ERHMA where he has joined its board since 2003 and a Trust Member of the SMCT, Melbourne.

He has served as an elected Councillor with the City of Casey 1997 - 2000.

Appointed a Justice of the Peace in September 2000.

Sam has received many certificates of appreciations, nominations and awards such as:

- Certificate of appreciation from the City of Casey for voluntary work
- Appointed a White Ribbon Ambassador in 2011
- He is a Dementia Champion for Alzheimer's Australia
- Received a Meritorious award from the Victorian Multicultural Commission for services to the Ethnic Communities.

Sam also sits on many advisory boards and committees, with non for profit and government entities in various capacities.