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Adam practises primarily in public law, human rights, regulatory and environmental law. He is a member of the Attorney General's C Panel of Counsel and is listed as a 'leading junior' in public law by The Legal 500 2023.

Adam has appeared in a wide range of courts and tribunals, including the High Court, Upper and First-tier Tribunals, Court of Protection, County Court and before a major public inquiry, both led and unled.

Adam graduated from Balliol College, Oxford, with a first class degree in History and Politics. He obtained a distinction on the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL), an outstanding on the Bar Professional Training Course, and was an Inner Temple Princess Royal Scholar.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Court of Protection

Inquiries and Investigations

Environment

Court of Protection

Adam has significant experience of Court of Protection proceedings. He is instructed by a wide variety of clients, including the Official Solicitor, clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), hospital trusts, local authorities and family members. He has acted in cases covering a broad range of conditions, including Korsakoff's syndrome, acquired brain injury, dementia and autism, and raising a variety of capacity and best interests issues. His experience also includes personal welfare deputyship applications.

Cases of note:

- **Re EN** - Adam appeared for the applicant CCG. The issues in the case included capacity to make decisions on residence, care and contact; best interests decisions for residence and care; and the deprivation of EN's liberty.
- **Re NT** - Adam appeared for the respondent CCG in these proceedings concerning NT, who had treatment-resistant schizophrenia, a moderate learning disability and an eating disorder. The issues in the case included the proportionality of restrictions imposed on NT as a result of her eating disorder; restrictions on contact between NT and her family; and whether NT moving from a residential placement to the family home would be in her best interests.
- **Re SGA** - Adam acted for SGA, instructed by the Official Solicitor, in proceedings arising from a personal welfare deputyship application. The case involved a number of complex issues relating to the deprivation of SGA's liberty, her residence and care and the appropriateness of a deputyship order, including as a result of cross-border arrangements between Scotland and England.
- **Re JM** - Adam acted for JM, instructed by his mother and litigation friend. The proceedings concerned JM's best interests in relation to residence and care, against a lengthy background of problems in the provision of his care and in the context of a funding dispute between a local authority and CCG.
- **Re RCC** - Adam acted for RCC, instructed by the Official Solicitor, in these s21A of the Mental Capacity Act proceedings (s21 proceedings). The issues in the case included whether it was appropriate to issue s21A proceedings following other comparatively recent applications; the proportionality of restrictions on RCC's liberty; and the appropriate approach to identifying alternative placements in light of RCC's complex needs and the previous proceedings.
- **Re JW** - Adam acted for JW, instructed by the Official Solicitor, in these s21A proceedings. The issues in the case included whether JW had litigation capacity and whether a return home would be in her best interests, in the context of a lengthy investigation into JW's property and financial affairs.
- **Re AD** - Adam appeared for an NHS trust in this application concerning the discharge of a patient from hospital. The case involved significant difficulties in the relationship between AD's family and the public bodies involved in her care. Adam was involved in successfully negotiating the conditions for AD's discharge.

Recommendations

Adam is recommended by the legal directories and has twice been listed as a "rising star" in public law by The Legal 500.

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*"Great at providing technical advice."*The Legal 500 2021

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Human Rights Law Association (HRLA)
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)
- UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA)

Qualifications

Education

- 2012-2013: BPTC, BPP, Outstanding.
- 2011-2012: GDL, City University, Distinction.
- 2007-2010: BA, History and Politics, Balliol College, Oxford, First Class (second in year).

Scholarships and prizes

- 2012-2013: Princess Royal Scholarship (Inner Temple).
- 2012-2013: Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Scholarship (Inner Temple).
- 2011-2012: Exhibition (Inner Temple).
- 2010: First prize, national undergraduate dissertation competition (Society for the Study of French History).
- 2009-2010: James Gay Scholarship (Balliol College, Oxford).
- 2008-2009: James Gay Exhibition (Balliol College, Oxford).

Additional information

Publications

- Ongoing: Legal Action Group community care updates.
- Ongoing: Contaminated Land updates.
- 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2021-2021: contributor to "Significant UK Environmental Law Cases", Journal of Environmental Law.
- 2018: LexisNexis Briefing, *R (Hutchinson & Ors) v Secretary of State for Health & the National Health Service Commissioning Board* [2018] EWHC 1698 (Admin).
- Contributor to Jordan's *Regulatory and Disciplinary Proceedings* (8th, 9th and 10th editions)
- 2015: "Deprivation of Liberty – Back to Basics", Law Society PS Magazine.

Languages

- French
- Spanish (conversational)

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