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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

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Adam has acquired a significant amount of experience in environmental law, as well as writing and speaking regularly on environmental matters. He is a contributor to the Journal of Environmental Law, assisted with the update of the current edition of Contaminated Land by Stephen Tromans QC, prepares updates on contaminated land issues and has presented at UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA) events (including its annual conference).

Cases of note:

- **Re a water resources management plan** - Adam was instructed to advise a water company on the preparation of its water resources management plan (led by Stephen Tromans QC).
- **Itchen, Candover and Testwood Water Abstraction Inquiry** - Adam acted for Southern Water, over a significant period of time, in a dispute with the Environment Agency on changes to water abstraction licences (led by Justine Thornton QC). The case involved issues across the Habitats Directive, Water Framework Directive, domestic environmental law and the legislative regime governing water abstraction. The proceedings were compromised shortly before the beginning of the inquiry and involved detailed negotiations with parties including the Environment Agency and Natural England.
- **Re a sewerage undertaker** - Adam was instructed in a number of claims against a statutory undertaker arising out of sewage flooding.
- **Re a local authority** - Adam assisted with advice on the hierarchy of environmental and planning law responsibilities for the clean-up of contaminated land.

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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