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Adam specialises in the litigation and arbitration of large construction, engineering and infrastructure disputes, often involving professional negligence and insurance issues. He has experience of disputes arising out of the major UK and international forms of contract and a wide range of projects including:

- energy (including oil & gas and renewables)
- transport (including roads, rail, ports and airports)
- water and water treatment
- hospitals and healthcare
- retail and leisure

Adam has particular expertise in relation to disputes arising out of private finance initiative (PFI) and similar projects, including payment mechanism, funding and construction disputes.

He is an experienced advocate and has appeared before a wide range of courts and tribunals, including the Court of Appeal and the High Court (including the Commercial Court and the Technology and Construction Court (TCC)), numerous domestic and international arbitral tribunals, as well as in adjudications. He regularly advises and represents clients in alternative dispute resolution processes, including mediation.

Adam is ranked in the leading legal directories:

Legal 500 UK Bar 2025:

- Construction: Band 2 – Leading Silks
- International arbitration (Counsel): Band 4 – Leading Silks

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2025:

- Construction: Professional Negligence: Band 2
- Construction: Band 3

Areas of expertise

Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes

Energy

International Arbitration

PFI

Construction Professionals' Liability

PFI

Adam has significant experience of and expertise in disputes arising out of PFI projects, including in the healthcare and education sectors. These disputes include payment mechanisms, deductions, service failures, and construction defects, including energy, fire safety and structural defects. He acts for public bodies, SPVs and contractors.

Recent cases of note

- Representing a local authority with respect to a PFI cladding dispute valued at £80m arising out of the design and construction of a number of residential tower blocks.
- Representing a leading UK contractor in a series of disputes, in litigation and adjudication, concerning defects in a number of schools constructed under the PFI. The defects include fire safety and noise issues.

Memberships

- TECBAR
- COMBAR
- LCLCBA

Qualifications

Education

- 1992 – BA (Hons) Jurisprudence (University of Oxford)
- 1993 – BCL (University of Oxford)

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