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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

## Administrative and Public

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Adam acts for a wide variety of clients in administrative and public law, in areas ranging from community care and healthcare to age assessments, consultation challenges and financial services. He has particular experience in judicial review and is instructed by both claimants and defendant public bodies. He has twice been listed as a "rising star" in public law by The Legal 500.

Cases of note:

- ***R (Get Real Marketing Company) v Culture Recovery Board and Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport* [2022] EWHC 1137 (Admin)** - Adam appeared for the Culture Recovery Board and Secretary of State, led by Stephen Kosmin, in this challenge to a decision to refuse a loan application. The application related to a fund created to help organisations in the cultural and heritage sectors recover from the impact of Covid-19. The claim was dismissed.
- ***R (Wallpott) v Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee* [2021] EWHC 3291** - Adam appeared for the claimant, led by Vikram Sachdeva QC, in this urgent challenge to a decision to refuse funding for a potentially life-saving cancer treatment. Mrs Justice Steyn found that the defendant had misinterpreted its policy on individual patient funding requests, breached its duty to give reasons, made a mistake of fact and failed to have regard to a material consideration. The decision was quashed and remitted.
- ***R (AA) v Rotherham MBC* [2019] EWHC 3529 (Admin)** - Adam appeared for the defendant local authority, led by Jenni Richards QC, in this application for judicial review of a decision to close a day centre for adults with learning disabilities. The claim was directed at the second of two consultations relating to the reconfiguration of learning disability services. Mrs Justice Jefford dismissed the claim.
- ***R (O'Carroll) v Financial Ombudsman Service* CO/926/2019** - Adam advised and appeared for the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) in this application for judicial review of a large number of linked decisions relating to advice by a financial adviser. Some of the decisions concerned the FOS's jurisdiction and others related to the merits of the underlying complaints. Part of the claim was compromised; permission for the remainder was refused on the papers and again at an oral renewal hearing.
- ***R (JH) v London Borough of Merton* JR/7715/2018** - Adam acted for the claimant, who had arrived without documentation from Afghanistan and sought asylum in the UK, in this challenge to the defendant's assessment of his age. Having obtained permission from the Administrative Court for the claim to proceed, Adam represented the claimant in a four-day fact-finding hearing in the Upper Tribunal.
- ***R (Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee) v Secretary of State for Health* [2017] EWHC 1147 (Admin)** - Adam acted for the claimant, led by Alison Foster QC, in this challenge to a decision concerning the funding of community pharmacy services following a consultation. The grounds of challenge included that the consultation was unfair as a result of a failure to disclose material information, that the Secretary of State had breached his Tameside duty to inform himself about the impact of the decision, and that there had been a failure to comply with the public sector equality duty.
- ***R (Hoareau and others) v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs* [2016] EWHC 2102 (Admin)** - Adam acted for the Secretary of State, led by Kieron Beal QC and Penelope Nevill, in this challenge to a consultation and related decision on the potential resettlement of individuals removed from the Chagos Islands. The claimant contended that the consultation was unfair because it failed to consult on certain options for resettlement, and that a decision not to provide a particular form of financial support to Chagossians was irrational and contrary to the public sector equality duty. Permission was refused on the papers and again following an oral renewal hearing.

## Recommendations

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

## Memberships

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

## Qualifications

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### 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

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### 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
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