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Adam Robb 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:

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

Adam has particular expertise in relation to disputes arising out of 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 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's commercial practice includes sale of goods, bonds, guarantees and indemnities.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure
 - International Arbitration
 - Professional negligence
 - Commercial
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SECTORS

- Insurance & reinsurance
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PRACTICE AREAS

CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Adam is recommended by the leading directories for construction, professional negligence and international arbitration (construction). He was nominated as construction junior of the year in the 2017 Chambers & Partners awards.

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Adam acts for contractors, employers, construction professionals, insurers and developers in domestic and international construction and engineering disputes. He has substantial experience of adjudication, litigation and domestic and international arbitration and the major contract forms including JCT, FIDIC, and NEC.

Recent examples of Adam's construction and engineering experience include:

- ICC Arbitration: multi-million pound claim and counter-claim arising out of infrastructure (water treatment) works in the Middle East, including defects and delay issues.
- ICC Arbitration: substantial dispute arising out of the construction of an airport in the Middle East
- Arbitration: Representing a joint venture in international arbitration proceedings pursuing multi-million euro claims in Ireland in respect of a major transport infrastructure project.
- ICC Arbitration: multi-million pound contract termination claim arising out of major Middle East infrastructure project
- TCC: leading case on operation of payment mechanism in PFI type contract: *Community 1st (Chadderton) Ltd v OMBC* [2015] EWHC 1263 (TCC)
- TCC: c £150 million claim in relation to defects in concrete car park
- TCC: professional negligence claim in relation to foundation defects in construction of major retail development
- TCC: multi-million pound professional negligence claim in relation to defects in a hospital
- Commercial Court: substantial dispute in relation to outfitting of a cruise ship
- TCC: multi-million pound termination claim in respect of major UK residential development
- TCC: multi-million pound claim arising out of design and construction defects leading to collapse of a church near London
- Advising in relation to c £40 million claim in relation to alleged defects in external wall insulation on tower blocks
- Advising in relation to c £20 million claim in relation to defective ground source heating system at a UK hospital
- Advising in relation to c £40 million claim in relation to defective heating system in UK hospital

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

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PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

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Recent examples of his professional negligence experience include:

- Domestic arbitration: Representing leading engineering consultancy defending a very high-value professional negligence claim arising out of a United Kingdom transport (rail) infrastructure project.
- TCC: Representing a construction professional (quantity surveyor) defending a multi-million pound professional negligence claim arising out of work to a hospital.
- TCC: Representing a construction professional in relation to a very substantial professional negligence claim arising out of a hotel project.
- TCC: Representing a contractor in relation to c£150million professional negligence claim against

structural engineer in relation to defects in retail development car park.

- TCC: Representing engineering professional with respect to professional negligence claim in relation to defects in foundations for major retail development.

CIVIL LIABILITY

INSURANCE & MATERIAL LOSS

Adam has considerable experience of dealing with disputes arising out of material loss (including fire, flood and subsidence issues) both in relation to coverage issues and consequential claims against third parties.

His recent experience includes:

- TCC: claim arising out of a fire at a hostel for vulnerable adults
- TCC: claim arising out of defective foundations in a major retail development
- TCC: claim arising out of a fire at a major combined retail/residential development
- Advising an insurer in relation to the coverage of claims in relation to sub-contractors.

COMMERCIAL

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SECTORS

INSURANCE & REINSURANCE

Adam acts for insurers and insureds in respect of a wide range of insurance issues, often arising in relation to construction and engineering projects, including in relation to material damage subrogated recovery and CAR.

Recent examples of his insurance and reinsurance experience include:

- Advising an insurer in relation to the coverage of claims in relation to sub-contractors.
- Advising an insurer in relation to a notification dispute.
- Advising an insurer in relation to a series of credit insurance disputes.

BONDS AND GUARANTEES

Adam has considerable experience of claims arising under performance bonds and related guarantees/indemnities.

Recent examples of his experience in relation to performance bonds and guarantees/indemnities include:

- Representing an energy infrastructure company in relation to €150 million claims on a performance bond.
- Acting on behalf of issuers of performance bonds in respect of claims under counter-indemnities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Adam was recommended by Chambers UK for both Construction and Professional Negligence: Technology &

Construction.

Adam was recommended in Legal 500 International arbitration, Professional Negligence and Construction law.

"A great team player who really takes the time to listen to clients, is patient with queries and is exceptionally bright." "He's very hard-working and extremely good with clients. In short he's a good all-round performer who is very easy to deal with." Chambers & Partners 2019

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'His ability to digest, understand and present highly complicated technical cases is unrivalled.' Legal 500 2018

'An up-and-coming junior silk for construction and engineering disputes.' Legal 500 2018

'Great on technically complex and challenging issues.' Legal 500 2018

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"Able to go for the jugular when required; a go-to senior junior for complex disputes" Legal 500 2016

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"He has a very keen eye for detail and never misses a point." Legal 500 2015

"Extremely competent, very thorough and good with highly technical cases." Legal 500 2015

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"He is very thorough and gets into the real legal detail." Chambers UK 2015

"His strength lies in handling technical, knotty legal problems." Chambers UK 2015

"He's very confident, clear in his advice and tenacious in his approach." Chambers UK 2015

"He's very approachable and very measured." Chambers UK 2014

"He has an excellent ability to quickly grasp the technical detail of disputes." Chambers UK 2014

“Super-bright, he has a mind that just races away.” Chambers UK 2014

“Luminaries of the Construction Bar recognise Adam Robb as a star, and someone who is ‘truly outstanding and can really handle exceptionally complex cases whilst remaining completely unflustered.’” Chambers UK 2013

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MEMBERSHIPS

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1993 – BCL

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