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Memberships

Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn
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Education

King's College London – MSc
Construction Law & Dispute Resolution –
Merit
BPP – BVC/LLM – *Distinction*
Hubert Greenland Scholarship –
Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn
Lord Denning Scholarship – *Honourable*
Society of Lincoln's Inn
Hardwicke Entrance Award – *Honourable*
Society of Lincoln's Inn
BPP Bursary for the LLM
Leeds University – LLB Law (*hons*)

Overview

Adam joined Exchange Chambers having previously worked at three international law firms as an employed barrister. As such, Adam has extensive experience acting for clients in complex, high-value matters.

Adam has particular expertise in construction disputes, commercial litigation, ADR, professional negligence and insurance. Recent instructions include:

- Represented the claimant in successful Part 8 proceedings in the TCC High Court in *Grain Communications Limited v Shepherd Groundworks Limited [2024] EWHC 3067 (TCC)* about (1) the appropriateness of Part 8 proceedings for matters involving disputes of fact, (2) implying terms against those provided expressly in a contract, (3) requirements for a variation instruction, (4) limitations to the recovery of damages, and (5) the fairness of purported exclusion clauses and UCTA.
- Represented the successful party in TCC High Court enforcement proceedings regarding set off and serial adjudications *CNO v Caldwell Construction Ltd [2024] EWHC 2188 (TCC)*.
- Representing a Defendant contractor in a multi party dispute regarding cladding defects at a state-of-the-art facility, led by David Pliener KC.
- Instructed in TCC High Court Part 7 and Part 8 proceedings relating to three connected adjudications regarding the completion of groundworks and sewage works in excess of £1.2m. Successfully settled before hearing.
- Represented the successful party in TCC High Court adjudication enforcement proceedings *Bexhill Construction Ltd v Kingsmead Homes Ltd [2023] EWHC 2344 (TCC)*.
- Instructed to advise a developer as to the purported agreement with a contractor for final account works in excess of £6.53m.
- Instructed in High Court TCC Part 8 proceedings brought contesting the jurisdiction of the adjudicator on the basis of the

identity of the contracting parties and the incorrect appointing body.

- Advising on and drafting particulars in respect of a claim against a global motor vehicle producer for breach of an exclusivity agreement, with the claim valued in excess of £1.5m.
- Drafting an amended defence to a claim in excess of £5m regarding breach of contract and bailment obligations in respect of alleged high value machinery.
- Advising a majority shareholder and director of an English Football Club on allegations of breach of director's duties, fraudulent misrepresentation and breach of contract. Represented the client at pre-action negotiations/meetings.
- Advising pre-action and drafting particulars for a claim against a solicitor for negligence arising out of an underlying claim regarding a failure to act in accordance with procedural and/or court time limits and a failure to obtain the client's consent in respect of a number of decisions taken. Claim in excess of £70,000.
- Advising a national developer in respect of multi-million-pound developments on the contractual interpretation and grounds upon which the agreement with the contractor could be terminated.
- Advising a facilities management company in respect of an agreement with a national developer as to the mechanisms for overhead cost recovery, legal costs and standard of care provisions.
- Advising a developer as to the grounds for terminating a JCT contract with the contractor in respect of a development in excess of £2.5m.

Publications

Reasons and reasons for reasons revisited: has the domestic arbitral award moved away from the fundamental basis behind the reasoned award, and is it now time for realignment? Arbitration International, 2016, 0, 1-12.

Losing the Snail's Trail, Building magazine, 16.09.2016.

An insider looking out – ironing out misconduct in international arbitration, Construction Law Journal 89, 2017.

Beyond the Bar

In his spare time Adam enjoys painting with oil paints, with his work exhibited and sold nationally and internationally. Adam also enjoys spending time with his family and young cocker spaniel!