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Memberships

- Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn
- Lord Denning Society
- COMBAR
- TECBAR

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*)

Practice 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.

From his time as an employed barrister Adam has particular expertise in commercial litigation, ADR, construction disputes, professional negligence and insurance, and has advised on the following matters;

- Representing an Architect in TCC multi-party proceedings in respect of alleged defects arising out of the design and construction of a PFI Hospital.
- Drafting submissions in an LCIA Arbitration in respect of a claim for the full payment for the supply of ammonia between Swiss and Russian Multinational Corporations. The case concerned detailed legal argument in respect of contractual interpretation, set off and shipping law.
- Representing a surveyor in proceedings alleging negligence in respect of notices provided under the Party Wall Act 1996.
- Representing a privately owned global real estate investment, development and management firm in respect of disputes arising out of a joint venture agreement, the subject of which was the design and construction of a large shopping complex outside Moscow. The disputes included changes in control and ownership of parent companies, project mismanagement, project management payments, acquisition of utility permits and funding of the project. Under LCIA arbitration Rules. The value of the disputes exceeded \$140m.
- Drafting the Response to a claim for over \$335m in respect of alleged defective lock gates, heard before a Dispute Adjudication Board in respect of the Panama Canal Extension.
- Drafting of the Employer's Representative Determination for a Contractor's claim for delay and disruption exceeding \$1.4 billion

(Panama Canal Extension).

- Representing an Architect in proceedings, including mediation, relating to the design and construction of a hospital wing in Sheffield. The claim related to the negligent approval of compensation events. Successfully settled at mediation.
- Providing advice to Insurers regarding coverage relating to the alleged defective design of a balcony system installed at luxury apartments in London.
- Providing coverage advice to Insurers in respect of an operators all risk policy and the temporary shutdown of a wind turbine due to flooding.
- Drafting the Notice, Referral and all subsequent submissions for an Adjudication that included issues arising out of the construction of an anaerobic digestion facility. Adjudication included issues of legislative interpretation, DSEAR and IGEM guidance and contractual interpretation.
- Drafting Response and Rejoinder to an Adjudication in respect of the recovery of a part of the Retention. Matter involved legal analysis of the interim payment mechanism and issues of contractual interpretation and jurisdictional challenges.
- Advising a Local Authority as to claims brought by the contractor in respect of losses allegedly exceeding £100m following the completion of a large scale PFI Infrastructure Project. Claims involved delay and disruption and acceleration and required detailed analysis of the contractual matrix.

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!