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Adam Baradon KC

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Year of call:	**2006**
Appointed to silk:	**2023**
Degree:	**BA, University of Nottingham, 2002 (First Class Honours)**
Languages:	**French (working knowledge)**

"A go-to silk for civil fraud and injunctions." (Legal 500, 2025)

Adam's cases frequently involve allegations of fraud, the breakdown of shareholder relationships, or difficult questions of contractual construction. He also has significant experience in disputes resulting from the sale of specialist machinery and technology. He is equally comfortable litigating in the courts or in arbitration, and has extensive experience of leading large teams on complex, high-value matters, often in the public eye and with an international element.

Adam is regularly instructed on urgent applications including for multi-party freezing and/or search and related relief (including Bankers Trust orders, orders for cross-examination, and Bench Warrants), Norwich Pharmacal orders, orders for delivery up, and orders in support of arbitration. He acts for claimants and respondents, obtaining novel and wide-ranging relief (eg [2020] EWHC 2114 (Ch)). He has recent experience of applications and claims in respect of cryptocurrency and of cyber-attacks/hacking, and regularly trains law firms on legal issues relating to cryptoassets and attacks.

He is the Chair of the London Bar Association (formerly the LCLCBA), and sits on the Bar Council's General Management Committee as well as on the The Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR) sub-committee responsible for Mentoring for Underrepresented Groups.

Adam is ranked in the latest editions of Legal 500 for Commercial Litigation, International Arbitration (Counsel), and Civil Fraud. Recent comments include:

- "Adam is the best KC around for complex fraud disputes. His advocacy is superb. Judges listen to him and opponents fear him."- Legal 500, 2026
- "His advocacy is superb, as is his written work. Judges listen to him and opponents fear him" - Legal 500, 2026
- "A genius with the incredible ability to absorb lots of complicated information and see the wood from the trees. A very eloquent and skilled advocate who makes his points with a devastating combination of politeness and force." - Legal 500, 2025
- "He is very receptive, strategic and knowledgeable. A go to silk for civil fraud and injunctions." - Legal 500, 2025

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- "Incredibly intelligent, can get to grips with the most complicated legal and factual issues. An encyclopaedic knowledge of the law." - Legal 500, 2024
- "Adam is very bright and a pleasure to work with. He is also very good on strategy." - Legal 500, 2025
- "Very collegiate and responsive, and with a clear written style when advising clients" - Legal 500, 2024
- “Adam is a senior advocate who can take some very difficult instructions and lead. He is a very forensic and strong cross-examiner and a great guy to have on one’s side." - Legal 500, 2023/2024
- "Very knowledgeable and clever. Knows the law extremely well and can comprehend highly complex issues very quickly. Tremendous attention to detail." - Legal 500, 2023
- "Strong analysis – quickly identifies key points, good grasp of the evidence. Writes clearly and persuasively."- Legal 500, 2023
- "Thorough, meticulous and impressively committed to the case."- Legal 500, 2022
- "An extremely good advocate." - Legal 500, 2021

EXPERIENCE

Commercial

Adam acts in a broad range of commercial disputes, both in court and in arbitration.

Whilst at Skadden, Adam was a member of the Legal Business Award “Dispute Resolution Team of the Year” in both 2012 and 2013.

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Cases

Kireeva and another v Clement Glory Limited and others

[2025] EWHC 890 (Ch)

Leading Rowena Page, securing set aside of an order for service out of a claim in respect of a very substantial asset.

Lander Automotive Ltd v Opel Group GmbH and Adam Opel AG

[pending]

Defeating service out of a 7-figure claim against Opel companies (the vehicle manufacturer).

Companies Act / Fraud

Acting (leading Sanjay Patel (4 Pump Court, Daniel Cashman, and John Eldridge (Serle Court)) for 5 directors in defence of a 9-figure claim alleging breach of directors' duties in the context of a massive alleged fraud. Listed for a 22-week trial in 2024.

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COVID medical supplier

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Securing judgment for over £10m on a COVID procurement fraud, following various procedural battles, and leading variously Tom Leary and Femi Adekoya.

H v F

Acting for one of the world's largest chemicals companies in a multi-million pound dispute over licensing fees.

ID v LU and another

[2021] WLR 4992; [2021] EWHC 1851 (Comm)

Acting for the successful second defendant (leading Barnaby Lowe) on its application to set aside service out on the basis that the 'necessary or proper party' jurisdictional gateway (CPR PD6B, paragraph 3.1(3)) cannot be used to bring a foreign defendant into the jurisdiction where the anchor defendant could have contested jurisdiction but voluntarily accepted service of the claim form.

Vneshprombank LLC v Georgy Bedzhamov

Chancery Division, [2020] EWHC 2114 (Ch), [2021] EWHC 1360 (Ch)

£2.4 billion freezing injunction. Acting unled for a third party impacted by a search order and related fraud proceedings. At a series of hearings, the Court ordered (amongst other things) as a condition of continuation that the Claimant must undertake to pay his client's costs of compliance on the indemnity basis, other far-reaching orders for the protection of Adam's clients ([2020] EWHC 2114 (Ch)), and subsequently that the review of documents should cease ([2021] EWHC 1360 (Ch)).

B v Q

Commercial Court [2021] EWHC 258 (Comm)

Acting for the Defendant to a c$50m claim under a loan for development of infrastructure in Africa, in a case considering the novel remedy of appropriation.

Fulham Football Club v Kline

Commercial Court, [2020] EWHC 2907 (Comm), [2020] EWHC 3170 (Comm)

Acted (with Nick de Marco QC) for the Premier League club in contempt of court proceedings brought against a former employee, Craig Kline, with respect to certain tweets and other posts made by Mr Kline in breach of the Court's orders. Following the hearing of the applications (which Fulham secured be heard in private), Butcher J sitting in the Commercial Court upheld Fulham's two committal applications on 25 November 2020 and fined Mr Kline £25,000 following a sanctions' hearing on 12 January 2021.

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A v B

Commercial Court, [2020] EWHC 2790 (Comm); [2021] 1 Lloyd's Rep 281

Acting for the successful Claimant in a dispute over leave to enforce an arbitral award, resulting in a judgment considering (amongst other things) the Court's jurisdiction under s.66 Arbitration Act 1996, oral contracts, and the effect of consent awards.

Indian entity v Emirati entity

ICC (London)

Acting for a leading real estate development group in its $3bn claim for breach of trust and breach of contract against its former joint venture partner (leading David Lowe, Carmine Conte, Barnaby Lowe, and Indian counsel).

Infrastructure Investment Dispute

Comm Ct and abroad

Acting for an investment group in a large infrastructure lending dispute involving actions in the Commercial Court and other jurisdictions.

H v H

Commercial Court

Acting (unled) for the Defendant in a claim for alleged breach of a consultancy agreement in respect of fundraising in the cannabis industry which engages (amongst other things) questions as to the scope of a duty of good faith.

K v Bank

LCIA

Acting (unled) for the Respondent bank in a claim alleging political interference in the judicial process of two CIS companies, in breach of contract.

(1) N (2) S v (W)

LCIA

Acting (unled) for the Respondent in a substantial claim for damages and other relief arising out of written and unwritten contracts, engaging amongst other things issues of Russian law and novel points on agency.

TES v VV

Commercial Court

Acting (unled) for the Defendant in a claim for alleged breach of a contract relating to Russian/Estonian freight forwarding.

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C v Z

DIFC-LCIA

Acting with Robert Anderson QC for the claimant in a dispute concerning an African national telecoms operator and Chinese supplier.

Shareholders v Shareholders

LCIA

Acting with Ian Mill QC on a $80m+ claim for fraudulent misrepresentation inducing a significant investment in an African infrastructure asset. London arbitration under the LCIA Rules.

Kiwix Limited v Google Ireland Limited

Chancery Division

Acting unled for the claimant in a case scrutinising the Google AdSense terms.

JD Classics Ltd v (1) Derek Hood (2) Sarah Hood

Commercial Court

Acting (unled) for the second defendant in an 8-figure fraud claim engaging novel trust issues, s.423 claims, and allegations of sham.

AH and 5 others v AN and 13 others

Chancery Division

Acting (leading Daniel Cashman) for 6 claimants in claims for fraudulent misrepresentation, breach of trust, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract and other grounds in respect of 10 investment schemes, amounting to approximately £15 million. Obtaining freezing orders including under the Chabra jurisdiction against 14 respondent parties, together with ancillary relief including a passport order and orders for alternative service.

L v L

Chancery Division

Acting (led by Tom Croxford QC) in conjoined unfair prejudice petitions brought by one brother against another in respect of their holdings in businesses with a combined annual turnover of approximately £640 million.

Nottingham Forest and another v Fawaz Al-Hasawi and another

Chancery Division, [2018] EWHC 2884 (Ch)

Acting (leading Hollie Higgins) on the successful appeal of a decision on the construction of an entire agreement clause.

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PL v KA

Chancery Division

Acting (unled) for the claimant in claims brought for undue influence, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, breach of trust, fraudulent misrepresentation and in restitution in respect of a series of investments in motorcars, property and financial instruments.

Diageo v Mallya

Commercial Court

Acting (led by Alan Maclean QC) for the defendant businessman in a series of claims totalling more than £134m.

Baturina v Chistyakov

(Commercial Court, Trial Feb/March 2017)

Acting for the Claimant in this €70m+ fraud claim arising in the context of a joint venture (with Andrew Green QC and George Molyneaux).

Putative investor v Shareholders

LCIA

Acting (unled) for the defendant owners of an Eastern-block bank in a dispute over an alleged agreement for its sale. (London seated arbitration under the LCIA Rules (2014))

Nazarbayeva v Ishmuratov and Korotkov-Koganovich

(ChD)

Acting (with Andrew Hunter QC, Harry Adamson and Tom Coates) for the Defendants in a £165m claim involving allegations of fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and contract.

UK plc v International Industrialist

Acting (with Harish Salve SC and Monica Carss-Frisk QC) for an international industrialist in a $500m dispute resulting from an oral contract and related claims in respect of breach of contract and allegedly dishonest conduct.

Emirati State-owned Vehicle v Indian Industrialist

Acting (with Harish Salve) for a well-known industrialist in a $125m+ dispute relating to an investment in India alleging various breaches of warranty

Infrastructure Company v International Manufacturer

Swiss Rules of International Arbitration

Acting (unled) for the defendant manufacturer in a £7m+ claim resulting from the failure of cooling water pumps at a power station. (Zurich seated arbitration under the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration)

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HR Owen Dealerships Ltd v Glen House Development LLP

(QBD TCC)

Acting (with Robert Howe QC) for the applicant seeking declaratory relief in respect of the interpretation of a consent order.

Service Provider v Bank

Acting (unled) for a service provider in a £16m dispute relating to the termination of a long-term outsourcing/agency agreement.

Danwood Group Ltd v Long Clawson Dairy Ltd

(QBD)

Acting (unled) for the defendant in a claim for breach of contract and counterclaim alleging a photocopier fraud.

Banca Zarattini v Newscape Capital Group Ltd

(ChD)

Acting (unled) for the defendant in a dispute relating to a contract for bonds allegedly concluded on the Bloomberg network.

White v Simpson and another

(ChD)

Acting (unled) for the defendants in a shareholder dispute taking the form of conjoined claims for (amongst other things) declaratory relief, statutory compensation, damages, and rectification of a company's register of members.

Civil Fraud, Asset Recovery & Injunctive Relief

Adam has extensive experience of fraud claims in a wide range of contexts including cryptocurrency. He frequently appears in all divisions of the High Court for both claimants and defendants on urgent appeals for interim relief, including search orders, freezing injunctions and related orders.

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Cases

Gallahue and others v Tripathi

eg [2024] EWHC 1740 (Ch) and [2025] EWHC 632 (Ch)

Successfully (leading John Eldridge of Serle Court) resisting the extension by value of a freezing injunction against a medical technology entrepreneur in an ongoing fraud claim and, subsequently, resisting a Pugachev trust disclosure order.

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(1) B and (2) V v S

QBD

Securing freezing, proprietary freezing and related relief for a successful musician against a professional adviser.

A v D and others

Acting (leading Mark Galtrey of Falcon Chambers) for alleged Chabra defendants in a multi-million pound fraud claim.

O v P

London Circuit Commercial Court

Successfully resisting an application for a freezing injunction, proprietary injunction and related relief in respect of cryptocurrency.

SLC v Persons Unknown

[2022] EWHC 3457 (KB)

Successfully obtaining interim non-disclosure orders and other relief against a hacker for a financial institution.

Vneshprombank LLC v Georgy Bedzhamov

Chancery Division, [2020] EWHC 2114 (Ch), [2021] EWHC 1360 (Ch)

£2.4 billion freezing injunction. Acting unled for a third party impacted by a search order and related fraud proceedings. At a series of hearings, the Court ordered (amongst other things) as a condition of continuation that the Claimant must undertake to pay his client's costs of compliance on the indemnity basis, other far-reaching orders for the protection of Adam's clients ([2020] EWHC 2114 (Ch)), and subsequently that the review of documents should cease ([2021] EWHC 1360 (Ch)).

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HP Inc UK Ltd and others v DDL

Chancery Division

Obtaining a search order and related relief (leading Kerenza Davis).

Nava v Rajguru

(ChD)

Acting for the claimant in this fraud claim which involved the grant of unusual relief over a series of ex parte applications: obtaining a freezing injunction, bankers trust relief, Norwich pharmacal relief, order for cross-examination as to assets, Bench Warrant. Judgment in default obtained in 2017.

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International Group v Senior Manager

Obtaining (unled) freezing and proprietary injunctions, and orders for the provision of information, against a senior manager who conducted a fraud on her employer.

Danwood Group Ltd v Long Clawson Dairy Ltd

(QBD)

Acting (unled) for the defendant in a claim for breach of contract and counterclaim alleging a photocopier fraud.

Government Agency v Convicted Criminal

(QBD)

Obtaining (unled) a freezing injunction for a government agency following a tax assessment under POCA powers.

Policyholder v Property Insurers

Acting (unled) for a policyholder in a claim which was denied on the grounds of fraud.

Professionals v Professional Indemnity Insurers

Acting (unled) for partners in a professional firm in a £4m coverage dispute involving allegations of fraud

Arbitration

Adam frequently acts in a wide range of international commercial arbitrations, both ad hoc and institutional, and in related applications to court

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K v Bank

LCIA

Acting (unled) for the Respondent bank in a claim alleging political interference in the judicial process of two CIS companies, in breach of contract.

K v F and others

Commercial Court

Acting (with Nick de Marco QC) for the Defendants on a section 9 Arbitration Act application.

S v W

Ad hoc

Acting (unled) for a one of the former partners in a dispute resulting from the breakdown of a partnership amidst allegations of fraud. London, ad hoc, arbitration.

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Premiership Football Club v Former Senior Employee

LCIA

Acting (led by Nick de Marco QC) for a Premiership football club in a dispute with a former senior employee, including obtaining High Court relief in support of the arbitration.

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Acting (unled) for the defendant manufacturer in a £7m+ claim resulting from the failure of cooling water pumps at a power station. (Zurich seated arbitration under the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration)

Chemicals Company v Insurer

Bermuda Form

Acting for the defendant (re)insurer in a $50m coverage dispute on the Bermuda Form.

Pharmaco v Insurers

Bermuda Form

Acting for the claimant pharmaceutical company in a series of claims through a tower of insurance on various Bermuda Forms.

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Crypto & Digital Assets

Adam has extensive experience in applications and claims in respect of cryptocurrency and in respect of cyber-attacks/hacking. He has both obtained and resisted injunctions, and successfully taken claims against persons unknown to judgment.

He is currently instructed for Tulip Trading Limited and Craig Wright.

He regularly trains law firms on legal issues relating to cryptoassets and attacks.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

Bar Vocational Course, BPP Law School, 2006; GDL, BPP Law School, 2005; BA, University of Nottingham, 2002 (First Class Honours)

Prizes & Scholarships

- Eastham Scholarship (2006)
- Lord Mansfield Scholarship (2005)
- Hardwicke Entrance Award (2004)
- Winner Lincoln's Inn Inter-Provider Mooting Competition (2005/6)
- Runner-Up Inns of Court Inter-Inn Mooting Competition (2005/6)
- Finalist BPP Mooting Competition (2005/6)

Memberships

- London Bar Association (formerly the LCLCBA) (Chair)
- COMBAR
- ChBA
- LCIA

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