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Adam joined chambers as an associate tenant in 2024. He has experience of a number of jurisdictions having practised in both crime and civil where he regularly appears in trials and hearings in the crown, county and magistrates' courts. Adam is instructed by police forces across the country.

Adam accepts instructions in all of chambers' core practice areas.

Expertise

Police Law

Adam has a busy practice in private law actions against the police and public authorities. He has expertise in defending the range of civil claims brought against police forces, including claims for unlawful arrest and false imprisonment, assault, battery, malicious prosecution, and misfeasance in public office. Adam has a particular interest in cases that are said to involve breaches of human rights. Drawing on his extensive experience in the Crown Court, Adam is skilled at defending cases in front of a jury as well as a judge alone.

Adam is regularly instructed to represent police forces in civil applications on complaint in the Magistrates' Court and has significant experience in the full range of applications including domestic violence (DVPOs), sexual behaviour, including applications for SHPOs and SROs, stalking and harassment (stalking protection orders), gang violence (applications for gang injunctions), dangerous dogs (proceedings under Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and Dogs Act 1871), football hooliganism (FBOs), firearms, and civil forfeiture of cash and listed assets under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Adam also has experience of dealing with High Court applications for notification orders under the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008.

Professional Discipline & Regulatory

Adam regularly presents for Appropriate Authorities in misconduct proceedings and has been instructed on behalf of the Appropriate Authority in the Police Appeals Tribunal.

Adam has presented on behalf of the Appropriate Authority in a range of matters including use of force, inappropriate sexual communications, failure to report matters (including sexual assault by one officer on another), offensive and discriminatory language, misuse of information, and dishonesty.

Inquests and Public Inquiries

Adam has a growing practice in inquests where he is able to act on behalf of police forces and other organisations alike. Adam has substantial experience in police law and in this capacity he regularly advises upon matters engaging the European Convention such that he is well placed to advise upon inquest cases potentially engaging Article 2.

Adam has experience in public inquiries and was instructed as “junior junior” counsel on behalf of the Cabinet Office at the COVID-19 public inquiry.

Education & Qualifications

- LL. M. (international law) with distinction (University of Sheffield, 2016 – 2018)
- LL. B. with honours (University of Nottingham, 2009 – 2012)

Memberships

- Gray’s Inn
- Administrative Law Bar Association
- Bar Human Rights Committee

Appointments

- Attorney General “Junior Junior” Scheme
- Direct Access qualified