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Adam Payter



"His advocacy is flawless and very persuasive. He carries with him a wealth of specialist knowledge which he is able to apply to any given case." (Chambers & Partners)

Adam's practice encompasses complex criminal litigation, financial crime, extradition, inquests and inquiries, and related public law work including judicial review, contempt and national security matters. This allows him to handle all strands of modern criminal practice. In 2006, he was appointed to the Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel and shortlisted for Crime and Extradition Junior of the Year by Legal 500.

He has been instructed in some of the leading cases across his practice areas, including: advising on charge in relation to the Grenfell Tower fire; representing a former Glencore oil trader accused of corruption in West Africa; prosecuting the first case under the National Security Act 2023; acting in the criminal proceedings arising from the Hillsborough tragedy; acting for major companies in inquests, including Pret, Deliveroo, Apple and TotalEnergies (Mozambique); representing company directors in Indian and US extradition requests; acting for care workers in the UK Covid-19 Inquiry; representing families in the Manchester Arena Inquiry and the Heaton Park synagogue attack inquest; acting for Officer W80 following the shooting of Jermaine Baker; acting for the Solicitor General in contempt proceedings against Stephen Yaxley-Lennon (aka Tommy Robinson); and advising government departments in relation to the Rt Hon Sir Brian Leveson's Independent Review of the Criminal Courts and 'Partygate'.

Financial Crime

Adam is recognised as "*an exceptionally astute fraud lawyer*", "*flexible, approachable and hardworking*"; "*able to get to grips with complex underlying material very quickly*" with a "*a great knowledge of the SFO*" (Legal 500). In recent years, he has acted in eight SFO cases, including two of the first Deferred Prosecution Agreement matters. The issues have included concurrent Department of Justice proceedings; non-prosecution agreements in the USA; and immunity or leniency agreements pursuant to SOCPA 2005.

Criminal Litigation

Adam is experienced in all manner of general criminal matters from multi-handed murder trials to terrorism cases. He is noted to be a "very skillful and thoughtful advocate" (Chambers & Partners) and as showing "great insight and tactical awareness about how to achieve the best result" (Legal 500).

Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance

Adam is "a go-to junior in mutual legal assistance and extradition work" (Legal 500 2019) who is "impressive and tenacious" and "a very bright and formidable opponent" (Chambers and Partners 2019). As a result, he has a thriving extradition practice acting for requested persons, judicial authorities and foreign governments in the most "difficult extradition matters" (Chambers and Partners 2020). Adam is experienced in mutual legal assistance matters including multi-jurisdictional disclosure issues. He is well-versed in challenging INTERPOL red notices.

Health and Safety

Adam regularly acts for regulators, companies and individuals in relation to health and safety matters. He has significant expertise in food safety cases.

Inquests and Public Inquiries

Adam is experienced in statutory inquiries and Article 2 ECHR inquests, acting for bereaved families and those at risk of criticism and regulators, including the ORR, CQC and HE. He is ranked in Legal 500. He has particular experience of inquests involving the police, terrorism, national security, prisons, the military and railways.

Public Law

Adam has a flourishing public law practice. He is ranked in Legal 500. Adam was previously employed by Liberty to advise members of the public on civil liberties and all aspects of the Human Rights Act 1998. He advised on issues including data protection; prison law; actions against the police; the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000; inquests and the right to peaceful protest. He was formerly an elected member of Liberty's Policy Council.

Disciplinary Tribunals

Adam is well-versed in police and medical disciplinary proceedings. He is instructed by individual officers and registrants, unions (e.g. RCN and MDU) and regulators (e.g. NMC and BSB) in the full range of fitness to practise hearings, including conduct, competence, and health cases, High Court applications and registration appeals.

International Criminal Work

In 2024, Adam was appointed to the ICC's List of Counsel. Adam previously served as a Judicial Assistant to the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. He worked on the case of *Popovic et al.* (IT-05-88), the seven-handed genocide case concerning the Srebrenica massacre.

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