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Adam is head of Chambers Personal Injury Team and has a very busy Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence practice.

Adam acts across the spectrum of PI and Clin Neg cases. Known as a tough court room advocate, he is popular amongst peers and clients alike for his pragmatic and practical approach to all aspects of litigation.

Adam's current caseload includes six and low seven figure claims relating to head injuries; below knee amputation; catastrophic spinal injuries and multiple back fractures following accidents on the road and at work. In his Clinical Negligence practice, Adam is currently representing the victims of delayed stroke diagnosis; delayed cancer diagnosis; a contraindicated limb replacement and several lack of consent cases relating to ophthalmic treatment.

Additionally, Adam is involved in a number of high-profile Inquests/fatal accident claims.

Adam has been ranked in the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners as a Leading PI Junior for a number of years.

Adam was a Co-Editor of the 9 Gough 'Guide to RTA Liability' writing the chapter on 'Pedestrian RTAs.' He has also contributed chapters to all four of the 9 Gough Clinical Negligence manuals.

Away from work, Adam is the Chair of Trustees for a Mental Health Charity (Jami) and sits on the Board of a not-for-profit Care Home Charity. He is the Founder and Patron of the UK's first ever 'Free (primary) School.' Adam lives in North London with his wife, three children and rather larger than expected Cavapoo! He enjoys watching (and playing) most sport and is a keen (half) marathon runner.

Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury

Adam is head of the 'Chambers of the Year 2020' PI Team. He has an extensive practice covering all principle areas of Personal Injury. He predominantly represents claimants in high value complex and catastrophic injury litigation. Adam is known as a tough court room opponent and skilful and pragmatic negotiator.

Notable Personal Injury cases

HU v DA

A £750,000 settlement following two JSMs for a claimant knocked off his bicycle on the way home from work and sustaining a subtle brain injury.

MO v AL

A £500,000 claim which involved a complex liability argument and significant causation issues relating the extent pre-existing arthritis affected the prognosis.

DA v BE

Recently settled for a confidential sum, the claim involved a below knee amputation following a high speed motorcycle collision.

AV v RM

Settled for high six figure sum. A foreign national was injured whilst on a school visit when the defendants reversed into her in a school car park.

DO v HI

Fatal accident claim involved a deceased daughter of the claimant who provided care and financial support for her mother. Recently settled for confidential six figure sum.

Clinical Negligence

Adam has a busy Clinical Negligence practice, representing claimants with a variety of clinical cases. He is regularly instructed in complex litigation, recovering 6 and 7 figures sums for his clients.

Notable Clinical Negligence cases

HO v OE

Significant six figure settlement for claimant who underwent laser eye treatment and was left with life changing permanent symptoms. Case fought on the basis of lack of informed consent.

SU v ES

Case recently settled at Mediation for a high six figure sum. Lack of informed consent and negligent surgical procedure for a late 50's claimant who went to hospital for a minor ankle procedure and now faces the possibility of below knee

amputation.

JO v RW

Adam representing stroke victim who alleges that defendant NHS Trust negligently missed the correct diagnosis which led to a failure to treat appropriately during the 'golden period' for thrombolysis.

AXB v BCD

Adam successfully appeared on behalf of claimant who sustained life changing spinal injuries when a diagnosis of cauda equina was missed.

Inquests

Adam exclusively represents the family members of the deceased, and is sought for his empathetic manner with the family and calm and measured advocacy before the Coroner.

Notable Inquests cases

AY v NR

High profile inquest following the death of the claimant's husband whilst working a night shift maintaining equipment at Waterloo station. To date four interested parties are involved. Matter is awaiting listing for a jury inquest later this year.

MA v NR

Inquest into the death of a railworker killed when undertaking routine track maintenance. Nine interested parties in addition to the claimant (deceased's partner).

XY v AB

inquest following the death of a resident and his partner (who was visiting at the time) in a care home where an oxygen canister exploded causing a fatal fire.

DP v AV

Highly significant claim following death by suicide of a serving police officer. Claim relates to his treatment by senior staff in the hours leading up to his death.

VH v RB

Inquest following the death of a patient at the defendant hospital. The deceased was not properly monitored and fell from his bed sustaining fatal head injuries.

Education

- LLB hons University of Leeds (1998)
- BVC Inns of Court School of Law (2000)

Memberships

- APIL
- PIBA
- South Eastern Circuit

Appointments

- Head of PI Team

Awards

