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Adam Gadd has a common law background and undertakes a wide range of civil litigation. His practice includes expertise in personal injury, business and commercial, property, building and construction and costs law. He is regularly instructed in these practice areas both in an advisory capacity and as an advocate in the civil courts and tribunals at all levels.

He has appeared before a variety of courts and tribunals including The Land Registry and Property Tribunals, the High Court, Court of Appeal and Courts-Martial.

Adam acts for a variety of small and medium-sized businesses and individuals as well as in high-value cases involving large multinational organisations and local authorities. He has particular expertise in personal injury fraud cases and has acted for both claimants and insurers in such cases. He regularly gives seminars and publishes articles on his areas of expertise.

## Personal Injury

Adam Gadd is a senior junior with extensive experience in personal injury litigation. His practice has a particular emphasis on catastrophic and life changing injuries.

He excels in handling complex liability disputes arising out of all types of accident, including where fraud and fundamental dishonesty are alleged and issues of surveillance are critical.

Adam appears on behalf of both claimants and defendants and regularly appears in cases where novel and challenging quantum points arise, or medical innovation requires a unique approach to addressing loss.

He is regularly instructed in multi-million pound cases as sole counsel and is able to advise and plan from the outset to ensure a swift conclusion to litigation. He promotes a collaborative approach to his cases whereby solicitors and experts work together to achieve the best results for the lay client.

He has published articles and given recent webinars on, in particular, amputation and osseo-integration claims, costs in road traffic personal injury cases and landlords liability under the Defective Premises Act 1972.

He is a member of the executive committee of PIBA.

Since 2012 he has assisted the Editor of the Counsel's Remuneration section of Butterworth's Costs Service.

His recent cases include:

- *B v HE*: Above elbow amputation case including osseo-integration. Complex argument on liability of highway authorities.
- *PT v MD*: Complex pain syndrome case involving surveillance evidence.
- *H v B&B*: Claim against solicitors for professional negligence in a personal injury claim arising out of a road traffic accident. Serious brain injury with long term risk of epilepsy and encephalopathy.
- *C v SHCT*: Claim for traumatic brain injury against employer where claimant was assaulted by a pupil.
- *P v PLPL*: Provisional damages claim arising out of cadmium poisoning at work. Long term risk of emphysema, pulmonary fibrosis, lung cancer, prostate cancer.

## Business & Commercial

Adam has a wide range of experience in dealing with business and commercial disputes. He is regularly engaged by businesses and consumers for issues arising out of business to business and business to consumer contracts. He has acted in cases requiring injunctive relief for matters such as restrictive covenants and induced breach of contract.

His practice in this area encompasses commercial contracts, commercial property disputes, civil fraud, consumer law, economic torts, costs and damages. He regularly acts across a range of sectors including the motor, construction and mobile phone industries.

Mr Gadd has also acted in the past on behalf of businesses involved in regulatory issues including in criminal prosecutions under environmental and trading standards legislation.

## Property Law

Adam acts in a wide range of property disputes including real estate transactions and commercial and residential landlord and tenant issues. He regularly advises landlords, tenants, landowners and developers on matters such as, leasehold enfranchisement, leasehold disputes whether business or residential including variation and interpretation, procedural aspects of property litigation, easements and tortious actions arising out of land. He has substantial experience in civil fraud cases particularly in relation to commercial leasehold matters and acts at short notice in cases requiring tight notice such as injunctive relief and requests for landlord's consent. He also has experience advising and representing clients in Party Wall matters under the Party Wall etc. Act 1996.

He has acted for and against estate agents in actions including commission on conveyances and leasehold renewals. He has particular expertise in professional negligence actions against conveyancers.

He is a speaker at Pump Court Chambers Annual Property Seminar and records webinars for Lexis Nexis on commercial property issues.

## Building & Construction

Adam's practice is also complemented by his expertise in construction disputes. He is assisted by his knowledge in the overlapping areas of property, regulatory and business and commercial law. Renowned for his skills as an advocate, Adam always commands the respect and attention of the Court. He has the ability to organise and absorb large amounts of technical detail and present the case in the best interests of his clients. He accepts instructions from contractors, public bodies, insurers and leading construction companies as well as large corporations in various fields. His practice ranges from complex technical disputes to claims arising under the standard forms of building contracts.

## Inquests & Inquiries

Adam Gadd is a founder member of the Inquests and Inquiries team within Chambers. He is currently instructed as a senior junior in one of the largest and most high profile inquiries currently underway with responsibility for a substantial and significant work stream within that Inquiry. His experience and skill set as a multi disciplinary common law barrister, including work in the criminal courts, property tribunals and various regulatory bodies, makes him exceptionally well placed to act in and advise on the very wide range of issues that are the subject of inquiries. He is well versed in dealing collaboratively with the multifarious points that arise in the course of an

inquiry, from large scale document management and disclosure processes to AG undertakings and issues of public interest immunity.

He is an efficient and effective team colleague, working well with paralegals, solicitors and counsel whether within the Inquiry team or those acting on behalf of core participants. He has experience in all aspects of evidence and witness handling before an inquiry including statement drafting, R9 requests and responses and the examination of witnesses. Examples of his witness examination can be found [here](#).

His current practice as a leading junior in personal injury work means that he is often instructed on fatal cases that have been subject to an Inquest.

He is currently junior counsel to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

## Civil Fraud

Adam has a large amount of experience in litigating civil fraud claims and is frequently instructed where allegations of dishonesty are made or intimated. His fraud practice includes typical motor insurance and other personal injury fraud (low velocity impact, staged accidents, phantom passenger claims, fundamental dishonesty) as well as actions for deceit, breach of fiduciary duty and committals arising out of court proceedings.

He regular acts in cases where surveillance evidence is deployed and is well versed in testing the legitimacy of such evidence and the costs consequences that flow from it.

Having previously practiced criminal law and acted in fraud trials he has a thorough understanding of the multi-disciplinary nature of fraud cases from preliminary investigation to enforcement of court orders.

## Sports Law

Adam Gadd has a wide ranging and varied common law practice which includes sports related commercial disputes, disciplinary and regulatory proceedings, breach of confidentiality and privacy and losses arising from personal injury sustained in sporting events.

He is the Chair of the Irish Football Association's Disciplinary Committee and a member of the Football Association of Ireland's Disciplinary Panel, dealing with high profile and contentious sporting matters on a weekly and often urgent basis. He has been appointed to Sports Resolutions' Pro Bono Panel providing legal advice and representation to athletes, coaches, team officials, and other individuals appearing before Sport Resolutions and

other sport specific tribunals.

Adam was appointed to the Sport Resolutions Panel in 2024.

Adam is Head of Pump Court Chambers' Sports Law Team.

## Qualifications

- Graduate Diploma in Law, Nottingham Law School (2003)
- MA (Hons) History & Politics, University of Glasgow (2001)

## Professional associations

- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Employment Law Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association

## Professional activities

- Appointed to the Sport Resolutions Panel in 2024
- Adam was appointed a Recorder in 2023
- Chair of the Irish Football Association Disciplinary Committee since 1.7.22

## Publications

- Assistant Editor Butterworth's Costs Service (Counsel's Remuneration) (2012-)
- Contributor to PI Brief Update Law Journal