



Adam Williams – Barrister

Called 2013

Adam joined Chambers in 2019 having previously been in-house Counsel for a large Solicitors firm based across the Midland, South East and Western circuits. Whilst there, Adam quickly developed a significant practice within the Crown Court, establishing a good reputation throughout the circuits. He is known for providing clear, concise and accurate advice for both lay and professional clients.

PRACTICE AREAS:

CRIME:

Adam regularly prosecutes (level 2 panel advocate) and defends in the Crown Court. He has successfully defended in a wide range of offences such as; serious assaults, robbery, drugs, burglary, firearm offences, public disorder and minor sexual offences.

As a prosecutor Adam has prosecuted represented and unrepresented defendants. He has successfully prosecuted a wide array of offences such as; assaults, drugs, robbery, theft, burglary, malicious communications and perverting the course of justice.

Adam is regularly instructed in POCA proceedings including full confiscation hearings. He also has extensive experience in dealing with defendants with mental health issues including fitness to plead, stand trial and disposal hearings.

He has been regularly praised for both his written and oral advocacy by Judges he has appeared before.

“In all my time on the bench, this skeleton argument has been the most helpful written advocacy I have received” High Court Judge sitting in the Crown Court

“I find Mr Williams to be an extremely capable advocate and it is a pleasure to have him frequently appear in my Court” Resident Judge in the South Eastern Circuit

NOTABLE CASES:

- R v G Aylesbury Crown Court [2019] – Prosecuted an unrepresented defendant under the malicious communications act. The prosecution evidence was a significant number of pages due to the amount of emails sent by the defendant. Following an effective review by Adam, the material was condensed into a Jury Bundle which was more manageable for the Jury. The trial Judge praised Adam’s ability following the trial stating his advocacy was “thorough and effective”.
- DB v R [2019] Court of Appeal – Successfully appealed against a term of a restraining order prohibiting the appellant from going within 100 metres of the complainant.
- R v N Oxford Crown Court [2018] – S20 deferred sentence for client to demonstrate he is addressing his alcohol use with a prohibition on him having any alcohol. Evidence of client breaching prohibition during deferred period, following mitigation HHJ Ross imposed a suspended sentence despite breach.
- R v G Kingston Crown Court [2018] – The defendant denied breaching his criminal behaviour order as he believed he was in Middlesex not Surrey when he committed the offence. Following further disclosure on the day of trial and representations made to the Crown which resulted in them offering no evidence.
- R v E Isleworth Crown Court [2017] – Defendant charged with affray with 3 others. CCTV of incident showed defendant using a belt as a weapon. Raised self-defence, acquitted after trial.
- R v T Reading Crown Court [2017] – The defendant was originally arrested for attempted murder and charged with S18 GBH. After representations were made to the CPS a plea to ABH was accepted. The defendant was eventually sentenced to a suspended sentence order.
- S v R [2017] Court of Appeal – Successfully appealed against an immediate custodial sentence for fraud by false representation which was substantially reduced in length.
- R v B Harrow Crown Court [2016] – Following an error by previously instructed representation the matter was incorrectly listed for a Newton hearing following an equivocal plea. After identifying the issues it was then listed for an application to vacate plea. Following legal submissions the application was granted and successfully remitted to the Magistrates’ Court for trial.
- R v J & R Isleworth Crown Court [2016] – Application to dismiss a charge of aggravated vehicle taking was successful. The defendants were both passengers of

the vehicle and it was raised that there was no evidence that they knew that the vehicle was stolen.

- R v T High Wycombe Magistrates' Court [2016] – The defendant was successfully acquitted following trial in relation to an allegation of assault by beating. It was alleged that he spat at the complainant and wiped blood upon her.
- R v C Banbury Magistrates' Court [2016] – The defendant had exited his property with weapons to confront attackers who had attended his back garden. He raised self-defence and defence of property as a defence to the charge of affray. The defendant was successfully acquitted following trial.
- R v U Oxford Magistrates' Court [2015] – Successful submission of no case to answer in relation to two allegations of assault by beating. One of the allegations involved a child in a pushchair which the complainant and defendant were both tugging back and forth. No physical contact was made with the child.
- I v R [2015] Court of Appeal – Granted leave to appeal sentence in relation to an S5a Stalking offence. Appeal abandoned on the day as appellant was being deported and no longer wished to appeal. Indication from LJ Rafferty appeal would have been allowed.

PRIVATE CRIME:

Adam regularly appears on behalf of privately paying defendants. His work ethic, sound legal judgment and approachability are just some of his attributes to be praised by both his lay and professional clients. He also accepts instructions from local authorities.

NOTABLE CASES:

- R v A Croydon Crown Court [2019] (privately paid) – Allegation of no insurance. Police officer states they saw the client driving the vehicle and pulled them over. The client factually disputed this stating he had never been in the vehicle. Due to effective cross examination of the officer and his generic computer generated automated statement, the Court were not satisfied the client had been driving and accordingly found him not guilty.
- R v B High Wycombe Magistrates' Court [2019] (privately paid) – Theft of over £2,000 on numerous occasions from a high end supermarket. Due to the nature of the offence and the value, custody was almost inevitable. Following being instructed, Adam advised on the best mitigation to advance which included a mitigation bundle being presented to the Court. Following submissions, the client was sentence to a low level community order instead of custody.
- R v R Banbury Magistrates' Court [2017] (privately paid) – Following a successful S8 application being made, disclosure of documents were ordered by the Court. The Crown having not complied with the request by the day of trial, offered no evidence as the Magistrates, following submissions from the defence, refused to adjourn the trial.

COURT MARTIAL:

Having served in the Royal Air Force Reserves (UAS) during his time at University, Adam has an in-depth knowledge of military life, operations and the Court Martial. Before joining Chambers, Adam was the head of the military law department in a large firm of solicitors. Adam has a reputation for fighting for his client's fearlessly and understanding the key differences in the consideration of the Court Martial compared to that of the Crown Court. Adam accepts instructions on both a private and legal aid (AFLAA) basis.

NOTABLE CASES:

- R v K Catterick Court Martial [2019] – Desertion from the Army for 10 years. Following mitigation, the client was sentenced to a community order instead of a custodial sentence.
- R v B Catterick Court Martial [2018] – A Corporal had pleaded guilty to fraud by false representation. Following substantial mitigation advanced on his behalf he was sentenced to a suspended period of detention and retained in the service.
- R v W Colchester Court Martial [2018] – A Corporal was originally arrested for attempted murder against an Officer. He was subsequently charged with Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. There were significant disclosure issues within the case that Adam successfully argued. The client was acquitted after trial by the board.
- R v T Bulford Court Martial [2017] – Successful appeal against sentence following demotion for disobeying standard orders. Rank reinstated.
- R v R Bulford Court Martial [2017] – A Sergeant pleaded guilty to a number of charges of theft and fraud with the overall value in the tens of thousands of pounds. He was in a significant position of trust as he could self-authorise payments on the services buying system. Following significant mitigation advanced the client was sentenced to a suspended period of detention and retained in service.
- R v W Colchester Court Martial [2016] – A Flight Lieutenant pleaded guilty to a mess deck theft. Considering the significant breach of trust the Court would ordinarily be considering dismissal and custody. Following mitigation, including a psychiatric report, the client was sentenced to a fine and not dismissed from service.

MEDIATION

Adam is a fully qualified mediator having completed his training with the London School of Mediation (LSM). He is a member of the Civil Mediation Council (CMC) and complies with their voluntary regulations, best practice and complaints procedure. Adam is currently registered on Clerksroom's mediator database. His specialist mediator profile can be found here:- <https://www.clerksroom.com/profile?type=mediators&fl=W&pid=2559>

REGULATORY

Adam accepts instructions in all regulatory matters. Due to his close connections with Edge Hill University and the Centre for Sports Law research, Adam is keen to expand his practice further and accepts instructions in Sporting disciplinary hearings.

PERSONAL INJURY

Having previously been an in-house advocate for a specialist road traffic accident firm of Solicitors, Adam has experience in all manner of hearings and providing advice on quantum.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bar Professional Training Course, Nottingham Law School
- LLB Hons, Edge Hill University
- Accredited Mediator, London School of Mediation (LSM)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Paraded with the Queen's Colour Squadron as part of a Guard of Honour for Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal family at the grand opening of the Bomber Command Memorial in London on the 28th June 2012;
- Livermore, City of Liverpool Citizenship Trophy (awarded to the best Officer on Squadron, LUAS)
- Volunteering Award from Edge Hill University.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Thames Valley Bar Mess
- Civil Mediation Council
- Inner Temple
- Guest Lecturer Edge Hill University

INTERESTS OUTSIDE WORK

Flying, Parachuting, Shooting, Theatre, Football, Climbing and Hill Walking with Ralph his rescue dog.

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