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Adam's practice includes corporate, commercial and civil litigation, with a particular emphasis on restructuring and insolvency. He has experience in class action defence, shareholder disputes, product liability and complex commercial and contractual disputes.

Adam regularly represents debtors, creditors and appointed court officers in restructuring and insolvency matters before the courts. He is regularly called upon to enforce and provide advice regarding security rights of banks and other lenders. Adam also represents a wide range of clients in disputes involving international commercial arbitration and other complex commercial issues.

### SELECT EXPERIENCE

- Acting in defence of the City of Montréal in appeal proceedings in relation to the action taken by the trustee bankruptcy of Bixi and in first instance proceedings in relation to actions taken by certain suppliers of Bixi
- Acting for a major U.S.-based mid-market financing company in pursuit of a claim against a Quebec-based multinational security services in relation to the bankruptcy of the United Protections Services Group
- Acted on behalf of Bloom Lake General Partner Limited and various affiliates in their insolvency proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (CCAA) in respect of the closures of two of the largest iron ore mines in Canada
- Acted on behalf of RB Energy Inc. and Quebec Lithium Inc. in their insolvency proceedings under the CCAA in respect of the closures of their iodine and lithium mines
- Represented the first-ranking creditor in the insolvency proceedings of Strateco Resources Inc. under the CCAA in respect of the failure of a planned uranium mining project
- Successfully obtained Canadian court approval of a plan of arrangement in cross-border insolvency proceedings for the settlement of hundreds of billions of dollars of claims, including thousands of asbestos personal injury claims worth billions of dollars
- Represented interested parties in the class action proceedings and the insolvency proceedings of Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Canada Co. in relation to the train derailment and explosion in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec
- Successfully defended the interests of a leading multilevel marketing company in the defence of a proposed national class action brought on behalf of 40,000 Canadian distributors alleging misrepresentations and operating an illegal pyramid scheme in violation of the *Competition Act*

- Successfully obtained court approval of the first plan of arrangement (a merger of equals between ECU Silver Mining Inc. and Golden Minerals Company) and the third plan of arrangement (the conversion of Granite Real Estate Inc. from a corporation into a REIT stapled unit structure) under Quebec's new *Business Corporations Act*
- Acted in the interest of several creditors in the restructuring of AbitibiBowater Inc., and others, under the CCAA

## **PUBLICATIONS**

[Co-author: Improper Purpose by a Creditor? The Quebec Court of Appeal Weighs In](#)  
Blakes Bulletin on Restructuring & Insolvency, February 20, 2019.

## **EDUCATION**

Admitted to the Quebec Bar - 2009

LL.B./B.C.L., McGill University - 2008

B.Com., John Molson School of Business, Concordia University - 2004