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As a partner in Torkin Manes' Family Law Group, Adam leverages his creative and efficient resolution capabilities to skillfully guide and counsel clients in matters involving divorce, parenting, property, support, and domestic contracts, with particular emphasis on resolving complex financial issues often involving high net worth and international clients.

Adam is a passionate and an accomplished advocate, and has acted on behalf of clients in mediation and arbitration proceedings, as well as before the courts at both trial and appellate levels. As an extension of his practice, in 2020, he was appointed a Dispute Resolution Officer of the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto, and is a trained Mediator.

A sought-after speaker and author, Adam has shared his knowledge about current family law issues through his monthly column in the *National Post*, as well as in feature articles in other prominent legal publications, including the *Lawyers Weekly* and *Law Times*. He authored a chapter in the book, "Support Rights and Obligations Under Ontario Family Law", published by Thomson Reuters, and has discussed family law issues on various radio programs across Canada. As an active contributor to the legal community, Adam is frequently called upon to present at continuing legal education seminars on family law.

Throughout his practice, Adam has received numerous accolades as a leading lawyer in Canada. Since 2019, Adam has been recognized by the *Best Lawyers in Canada*, a preeminent peer review legal publication. Adam has also been recognized by *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* since 2022. He has also been named a Featured Expert on *Lexology*, a comprehensive, international resource for lawyers, and was named a *Lexology* Legal Influencer, an award that recognizes thought leaders in the profession.

To complement his law practice, Adam has devoted many hours to the broader legal community. He is a member of the Advisory Board for the Osgoode Certificate in Family Law Skills and Practice, and was an instrumental contributor to the program's concept, design and execution. Since its inception, he has acted as an instructor for the program, which is currently in its third year. Aligned with his commitment to the profession, Adam is an Adjunct Professor at Queen's University's Faculty of Law, where he is teaching the Family Law Course for the 2022/2023 Winter term.

Expertise

- ▶ Family Law

Awards & Recognition

- ▶ *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* - Family Law

- ▶ *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® - Family Law (2019 - present)
- ▶ Recognized by *Lexology* as a Legal Influencer for the Future of Legal Services - Canada (2019)
- ▶ Finalist in *Lexpert* magazine's "Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40" (2015)

Publications & Presentations

- ▶ Jan 11, 2023 | Article
Ontario Family Law Reporter: Judge Appoints Receiver to get to the Bottom of Husband's Assets in Divorce Case
Ontario Family Law Reporter
- ▶ Nov 09, 2022 | Article
Why a stepfather was granted parenting time – and court costs – despite biological mother's objection
Financial Post
- ▶ Sep 20, 2022 | Article
Judge appoints receiver to get to the bottom of husband's assets in divorce case
Financial Post
- ▶ Jul 28, 2022 | Article
Think your marriage contract is a sweetheart deal? Case shows courts may not be so sure
Financial Post
- ▶ Jun 08, 2022 | Article
If you think child support doesn't apply to stepchildren, think again
Financial Post
- ▶ Mar 16, 2022 | Article
Judge awards damages for 'family violence' in landmark case
Financial Post
- ▶ Feb 25, 2022 | Article
Father awarded more than \$675,000 in costs after epic five-year fight over kids
Financial Post
- ▶ Dec 22, 2021 | Article
Omicron trumps court order for separated parents in Christmas travel dispute
Special to Financial Post
- ▶ Oct 27, 2021 | Article
Why failure to disclose financial information is 'the cancer' of family law
Special to Financial Post
- ▶ Oct 01, 2021 | Presentation
Conduct of the Family Law Trial: Civility and Professionalism in a Post-Pandemic World
The Advocates' Society
- ▶ Jun 21, 2021 | Article
Supreme Court doesn't let father who left country off the hook for \$170,000 in child support
Special to Financial Post
- ▶ Mar 05, 2021 | Article
Catch me if you can: Case shows 'fake evidence' and witness coaching among perils of digital-age trials
Special to Financial Post
- ▶ Dec 02, 2020 | Article
Dispute over dead husband's sperm shows need to plan ahead as reproductive technology advances
Special to Financial Post

- ▶ [Nov 17, 2020 | Article](#)
Risk Management in Canadian Education: Courts weighing in on back-to-school disputes between separated parents
Risk Management in Canadian Education
- ▶ [Nov 10, 2020 | Presentation](#)
10th Annual Recent Developments in Advanced Issues in Child and Spousal Support
Osgoode Professional Development
- ▶ [Oct 29, 2020 | Article](#)
Father still on the hook for unpaid support, even though child now an adult, top court rules
Special to Financial Post
- ▶ [Oct 28, 2020 | Presentation](#)
Top Ten Technology Tips for your next Virtual Arbitration
Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario
- ▶ [Aug 27, 2020 | Article](#)
Courts weighing in on back-to-school disputes between separated parents
Special to Financial Post
- ▶ [Jul 13, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
How the closed Canada-U.S. border affects binational families
Special to Financial Post
- ▶ [May 13, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
Judge cuts bus driver's parenting time – and orders it take place outside – due to COVID-19 risks
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Apr 08, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
Hardship due to COVID-19 may be cause to have spousal support payments reduced
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Apr 07, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
Judge bars Ontario father from matrimonial home for failing to take COVID-19 risk seriously
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Mar 30, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
The Family Law Financial Implications of COVID-19
- ▶ [Mar 05, 2020 | Presentation](#)
Dispute Resolution Options When Family Law Matters Do Not Settle
Osgoode Certificate in Family Law Skills and Practice
- ▶ [Feb 19, 2020 | Article](#)
Account for RESPs in any separation agreement, or risk getting taught a lesson in court
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Jan 30, 2020 | Article](#)
B.C. Court of Appeal sends a clear family law message in case of transgender teen
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Dec 17, 2019 | Article](#)
'Catch me if you can': Husband who failed to disclose Cayman Islands bank account ordered to pay wife \$32,000 in costs
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Nov 21, 2019 | Article](#)
Adam Black on children living at home longer and the effects this is having on some child support decisions
Special to the National Post

- ▶ [Oct 23, 2019 | Article](#)
Adam Black on why conflict doesn't always end with a court order for separating couples in his latest column in the National Post
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Sep 24, 2019 | Article](#)
Why your seemingly perfect separation agreement may not be written in stone
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Aug 27, 2019 | Article](#)
Why you should plan for a breakup before your marriage breaks down
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Jul 31, 2019 | Article](#)
Consent can't be 'frozen in time' even if embryos can be, appeals court finds
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Jul 04, 2019 | Article](#)
If you win the lottery, your ex might hit the jackpot, too
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Jun 04, 2019 | Article](#)
Father finds out the hard way that bad faith can cost you big time in court
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [May 08, 2019 | Article](#)
If you rack up debt after separation, don't expect your former spouse to pay for it
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Apr 11, 2019 | Article](#)
Your ex gets a raise after you divorce? You might be in line for tens of thousands more
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Mar 12, 2019 | Article](#)
For unmarried couples, splitting the house on separation is no sure thing
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Feb 13, 2019 | Article](#)
Changes in property ownership can have unexpected and wide-ranging consequences in family law
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Jan 16, 2019 | Article](#)
The irony of representing yourself in family law litigation: It can cost you more than hiring a lawyer
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Dec 11, 2018 | Article](#)
She paid the insurance premiums for 13 years, but his new spouse got the payout – until the court intervened
Special to the National Post
- ▶ [Nov 30, 2018 | Article](#)
Modern Families: Understanding Polyamorous Relationships and their Judicial Recognition
STEP Journal, November 2018, Volume 26, Issue 9
- ▶ [Nov 22, 2018 | Presentation](#)
Cross-Cultural Challenges and Opportunities in Family Dispute Resolution
FDRIO 2018 Conference: Panelist "Through the Lens of Change"
- ▶ [Nov 14, 2018 | Article](#)
How your company can wind up on the hook for your support obligations
Special to the National Post

- ▶ Oct 17, 2018 | Article
Income declared on a tax return isn't the last word when calculating child support
Special to the National Post
- ▶ Sep 19, 2018 | Article
Indefinite needs mean indefinite support for disabled adult child, court finds
Special to the National Post
- ▶ Aug 23, 2018 | Article
If you want to keep wealth in the family, be careful how you bequeath it
Special to the National Post
- ▶ Jul 24, 2018 | Article
When a 'final agreement' in family law isn't final at all
Special to the National Post
- ▶ Jun 26, 2018 | Article
Why the date of separation in a marriage breakup can be a contentious and costly issue in family law
Special to the National Post
- ▶ Mar 06, 2017 | Presentation
Summary Judgment in Family Law
Speaker, 11th Annual Family Law Summit, Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ Mar 01, 2017 | Presentation
The All Families Are Equal Act: Celebrating and Understanding the Legislative Changes
Co-chair, Ontario Bar Association
- ▶ Feb 13, 2017 | Article
Marriage Contracts in Ontario
Torkin Manes LegalSource
- ▶ Jan 25, 2017 | Presentation
Financial Disclosure in Family Law: Ask the right questions, get the right results
Speaker, Advanced Family Law Program for Law Clerks, Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario
- ▶ Nov 17, 2016 | Presentation
Open Border - Hidden Risks
Torkin Manes Annual Business Law Seminar
- ▶ Jan 25, 2016 | Article
Online and Social Media Evidence in Family Law
JUST. Magazine - OBA
- ▶ Oct 10, 2015 | Newsletter
An Access Order is Not a Suggestion
Torkin Manes LegalPoint
- ▶ May 25, 2015 | Presentation
Instructor, Family Law Section
Can Bar Prep
- ▶ Mar 17, 2015 | Newsletter
Protecting Equality in the Context of a Separate but Equal Regime
Torkin Manes LegalPoint
- ▶ Nov 05, 2014 | Article
Marriage Equality
- ▶ Dec 01, 2013 | Article
Family Trusts Under Canadian Family Law
2013 Annual Joint Family Law Program, The Law Society of Manitoba

- ▶ Mar 01, 2013 | Article
The One Thing (or Two) I Wish I Knew...
The Advocates' Journal (Vol. 31, No. 4)
- ▶ Feb 01, 2013 | Article
Tax Issues in Matrimonial Matters: A Discussion of Key Concepts
Etobicoke District Chartered Accountants' Association
- ▶ Jan 11, 2013 | Newsletter
When Are Separated Spouses Really Separated?
Torkin Manes Focus - Winter 2013
- ▶ Dec 01, 2012 | Article
Incivility and Sharp Practice in Family Law
The Law Society of Upper Canada Family Law Summit
- ▶ Oct 01, 2012 | Presentation
Civility, Difficult Judges and Practice Management in Family Law: A Discussion of Best Practices
Presented by Laurie H. Pawlitzka at the Thunder Bay Law Association's 2012 Family Fall Conference
- ▶ Oct 01, 2012 | Presentation
Mediation in Ontario: A Discussion of Key Concepts
Presented by Laurie H. Pawlitzka at the International Bar Association Annual Conference, October 2012
- ▶ Oct 01, 2012 | Presentation
Family Law Fundamentals: Using the Family Law Rules to Your Advantage
Co-Chair, Ontario Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education, October 2012
- ▶ Aug 01, 2012 | Article
A Voice for the Vulnerable: Lucy McSweeney, Ontario's Children's Lawyer
Ontario Bar Association, JUST Magazine, August 2012
- ▶ Jul 01, 2012 | Article
Supreme Court Offers Guidance on Spousal Support Variations
Money & Family Law, July 2012
- ▶ May 01, 2011 | Article
Family Law Fundamentals - Everything You Need to Know about Child Support
Co-Chair, Ontario Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education, May 2011
- ▶ Mar 01, 2011 | Presentation
30-Hour Family Law Course
Guest Lecturer, Riverdale Mediation, March 2011
- ▶ Oct 01, 2010 | Presentation
Arbitration Screening and Law Update
Guest Lecturer, Riverdale Mediation, October 2010
- ▶ Jan 01, 2000 | Article
Judicial Intervention in Alternative Dispute Resolution
A collection of case digests with respect to judicial intervention in alternative dispute resolution mechanisms such as mediation and arbitration.
- ▶ Jan 01, 2000 | Presentation
Child Support Omnibus: 6 Hot Topics
Presented at Everything You Still Don't Know about Family Law and Are Afraid to Ask,

Memberships

- ▶ The Advocates' Society

- ▶ Canadian Bar Association
- ▶ Ontario Bar Association - Public Affairs Liaison, Family Law Executive 2011 & 2012
- ▶ Ontario Bar Association - Member-at-Large 2013 to 2019
- ▶ Ontario Bar Association - Justice Effectiveness Taskforce (2012)
- ▶ Ontario Bar Association - Family Law Executive, 2010-12 Chair, Government & Stakeholder Relations
- ▶ Ontario Bar Association - Sexual Orientation and Gender Equality Committee
- ▶ Toronto Lawyers' Association

Community Involvement

- ▶ Adjunct Professor, Family Law Course, Queen's University Faculty of Law, Winter 2022/2023

Credentials

- ▶ Called to the Ontario Bar, 2007

Education

- ▶ LL.B., Queen's University, 2006
- ▶ B.Comm. (Honours), Ryerson University, 2002