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Adam is a partner at Torkin Manes. He practises in all aspects of family law including divorce, custody and access, property, support, and domestic contracts. Adam's focus on efficient resolution guides his practice and advice to his clients. Concurrently, Adam advocates effectively to achieve a result that is aligned with his clients' interests.

Adam regularly appears in courts throughout the Greater Toronto Area, including the Ontario Court of Justice, the Superior Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

Adam is a member of the Advisory Board for the Osgoode Certificate in Family Law Skills and Practice (a seven-day, intensive program featuring a faculty of over 15 family court judges and 25 senior practitioners). As an Advisory Board member, Adam was part of an expert team responsible for the program's concept, design and execution.

Expertise

- ▶ Family Law

Awards & Recognition

- ▶ Recognized by *Lexology* as a Legal Influencer for the Future of Legal Services - Canada (2019)
- ▶ *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® - Family Law (2018 - present)
- ▶ Finalist in *Lexpert* magazine's "Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40" in 2015

Publications & Presentations

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

Community Involvement

- ▶ Canadian Opera Company, Ensemble Circle (2011 - 2012)

Credentials

- ▶ Called to the Ontario Bar, 2007

Education

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