



# Adam Furze

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Adam became a member of Drystone Chambers in May 2025 following the successful completion of his third-six pupillage. He completed his pupillage at the Crown Prosecution Service and qualified as a Crown Advocate.

Since joining chambers, Adam has quickly developed a mixed practice of prosecution and defence work, predominantly in the Crown Court on the Western Circuit. Recent defence instructions have included serious violence, a large-scale commercial burglary conspiracy, robbery, arranging the commission of a child sex offence and stalking with fear of violence.

In terms of prosecution work, Adam is a grade 2 prosecutor and a member of the CPS Serious Crime and General Crime panels. His background as a former Crown Advocate has provided him with invaluable experience prosecuting a wide variety of cases ranging from domestic abuse to allegations of serious violence and sexual offences.

Whilst studying for his law degree, Adam worked as a Legal Researcher for a barrister specialising in prison law, criminal appeals and public administrative law with a particular focus on cases involving civil liberties. He also volunteered for a suicide helpline supporting individuals in mental health crisis.

Adam is keen to develop a practice in regulatory law, professional discipline and court martial proceedings. During his second six, he was seconded to the Service Prosecuting Authority. Alongside his day job, Adam serves in the British Army Reserves, so he has an understanding about the unique challenges of military life.

Adam has recently published an article available [here](#), considering the implications of the recent judgment in [DPP v Barton \[2024\] EWHC 1350 \(Admin\)](#).

## Expertise

### General Crime

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#### Notable General Crime cases

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#### R v C [2025]

Possession of a bladed article in a public place with defence of insanity raised.

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## **R v D [2025]**

Defended autistic client charged with stalking with fear of violence in a domestic context.

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## **R v E [2025] Winchester Crown Court**

Prosecution of threatening with an offensive weapon (bread knife) in a private place and assault by beating arising in a domestic context. A successful res gestae application was made to admit the 999 call and body worn footage despite the complainant writing to the court saying her allegations were false.

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## **R v P [2024] Winchester Crown Court**

Successfully defended a client charged with dwelling burglary by stealing £9,000 worth of watches and cash.

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## **R v M [2024] Southampton Crown Court**

Prosecution of appeal against conviction of assault occasioning actual bodily harm on a psychiatric ward.

## **Assault and violence**

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### Notable Assault and violence cases

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## **R v A [2025] Southampton Crown Court**

Successfully defended client at trial charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent of a 16 year-old who suffered 2 fractured vertebrae and a serious head injury resulting in the complainant being placed in an induced coma.

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## **R v K [2025] Portsmouth Crown Court**

Obtained suspended sentence for client charged with causing grievous bodily harm without intent.

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## **R v G [2025] (ongoing)**

Defending client charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm and criminal damage in a domestic context.

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## **R v K [2025] Southampton Crown Court**

Successfully prosecuted 4-day strangulation and assault occasioning actual bodily harm trial.

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## **R v B & N [2025] Bournemouth Crown Court**

Prosecution of affray and assault occasioning actual bodily harm against a prison officer in Portland Young Offenders

Institution.

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### **R v P [2024] Portsmouth Crown Court**

Prosecution of three charges of assault occasioning actual bodily harm during consensual BDSM between a vulnerable, young same-sex couple.

## **Sexual Offences**

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### **Notable Sexual Offences cases**

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#### **R v H [2025] Southampton Crown Court**

Prosecution of attempted sexual communications with a child and causing/ inciting a child to engage in sexual activity. The defendant was communicating with a decoy profile operated by an undercover police officer.

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#### **R v R [2024] Winchester Crown Court**

Prosecution of attempted sexual communications with a child. The defendant was identified by a vigilante organisation operating a decoy profile.

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#### **R v W [2024] Portsmouth Magistrates' Court**

Prosecution of domestic sexual assault, battery and common assault trial. The Crown's case involved calling the seventeen-year-old son of the complainant who suffered with autism to give evidence.

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#### **R v S [2024] Portsmouth Magistrates' Court**

Prosecution of a stranger sexual assault of a mother as she fastened her son's seatbelt in a pre-school car park. The Defendant was a convicted sex offender and was seen acting suspiciously around the pre-school before the incident.

## **Professional Discipline**

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Adam has completed training to present cases on behalf of the the Nursing and Midwifery Council for fraudulent entry, interim orders, substantive order reviews and substantive hearings.

## **Qualifications**

- LLB Hons- University of Portsmouth
- PGDipBar and LLM- University of Law

Scholarships:

- University of Law Advocacy Scholarship

#### Awards:

- Portsmouth Law School award for outstanding contribution
- Air Cadet Pilot Scholarship

## Memberships

- The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
- Western Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association
- Advocate

## Positions Held

- CPS Serious Crime Panel Grade 2
- CPS General Crime Panel Grade 2