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Main Bio

Adam Lang has a varied general and complex commercial litigation practice. As a litigator, Adam has experience in many types of business disputes including real estate, employment and construction litigation, banking and securities litigation, governmental investigations, white-collar and common criminal defense, accounting, actuarial and malpractice disputes, and class action, partnership and shareholder disputes. Adam also serves as a business advisor and counselor to his clients in an effort to develop efficient, effective, and practical solutions to the complex and intricate problems they encounter. He is a member of the firm's Real Estate, Privacy, Electronic Discovery, and Criminal Defense subgroups. In addition, Adam is the co-chair of the Legislative and Governmental Affairs practice group where he handles election, political and administrative matters. Adam is also co-chair of the firm's Hiring Committee.

Representative Matters

Real Estate and Banking Litigation

- Represented professional sports franchise in complex arena management and lease dispute
- Advised cell tower company and wireless carriers in multiple lease and easement disputes with land owners
- Defended and prosecuted matter on behalf of commercial property owner on sophisticated issues relating to wrongful recordation and quiet title claims
- Represented homeowners in complex egress/ingress easement disputes and engaged municipality and third-party neighbors in working on a successful solution benefitting all parties involved
- Represented 100-plus unit apartment complex owner in \$25 million dispute over ownership of complex
- Advocated for mobile home park owner in dispute relating to Schedule B exceptions
- Represented banking institution in complex and sophisticated matters relating to alleged Ponzi scheme
- Defended banking institution in matters involving the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Truth-in-Lending Act, various trade practices acts, customer fraud and conversion, chargebacks, and breaches of banking policy

Professional Malpractice

- Defended law firms in matters relating to advice provided on issuing securities, sophisticated Ponzi scheme issues, and on bankruptcy estate recoveries
- Represented national accounting firm in eight-figure arbitration relating to audit and actuarial services rendered for insurance company
- Defended national accounting and actuarial firm relating to ERISA advice provided in the administration of pension and profit sharing plans

Electronic Discovery

- Defended real estate company in matter arising out of sanctions stemming from the company's response to subpoenas for electronically-stored information
- Managed the electronic discovery life-cycle, including preservation, retention, collection, storage, search terminology, review, and production of electronic discovery, in several cases involving voluminous electronically-stored information
- Advised multiple clients on implementing electronic discovery policies, procedures, protocols, and best practices

Governmental Investigations

- Advised corporation in multiple FBI investigations and subpoenas
- Represented various national companies in SEC investigations
- Represented company in allegations and investigations relating to voter fraud

Election and Political Law

- Advised trade associations on matters including contribution solicitations, formation of PACs, ability of 501(c) organizations to engage in the political process, lobbying limits of elected officials, and conflict of interest concerns
- Assisted political candidates on rules and laws relating to petitions, ballots, electioneering, and Clean Election issues
- Litigated multiple referenda, initiative, and candidate-related matters in court and in front of the Federal Election Commission

Education

- University of California at Los Angeles, School of Law (J.D.)
 - Co-Chief Submissions Editor, UCLA Entertainment Law Review
- University of California at Los Angeles, School of Public Policy and Social Research (M.P.P., Public Policy, Health Care Policy Concentration)
- Washington University in St. Louis (B.A., Psychology, *summa cum laude*, and Political Economy)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
 - Business Law Section
 - Litigation Section
- State Bar of Arizona
 - Business Law Section

- Trial Practice Section
- Maricopa County Bar Association
- American Association of Justice
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)
- Member of Central Arizona Estate Planning Council

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Arizona Governor Doug Ducey Issues Executive Order Allowing Elective Surgeries](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 24, 2020)
- "[Virus-Related Merger Breakdowns Draw Suits Trying to Force Deals](#)," Quoted, Bloomberg Law (April 9, 2020)
- "[CFPB Outlines Responsibilities of Credit Reporting Agencies and Furnishers in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 6, 2020)
- "[In Arizona, Ask These Five Questions Before Closing a Business You Think Isn't Essential](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 1, 2020)
- "[Arizona Bars & Restaurants Can Delay License Payments, Continues Sales](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 1, 2020)
- "[Arizona - Can My Business Stay Open?](#)" Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (March 25, 2020)
- "[Arizona Supreme Court Clarifies Area Variance Standard; Property Owners May Obtain an Area Variance When Special Circumstances Existed at Purchase](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (October 9, 2017)
- "Latest Trends on Hiring," Presenter, Brown Bag Seminar Series (June 28, 2016)
- "Legislative Round Up," Moderator/Presenter, Last Chance CLE (June 23, 2016)
- "'Our Bar,' Where Everyone Knows Your Name and Our Troubles Are All the Same," Faculty, State Bar of Arizona Convention (June 15, 2016)
- "Title and Escrow Disputes," Panelist Presenter and Co-Author of Materials (2010-2012)
- "Medical Tort Reform in Arizona: Where Are We Now?," Panelist (2007)
- Various panels to law students on preparing for summer clerkships and transitioning from student to lawyer
- In-House Counsel Continuing Legal Education, Presentation Moderator

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America[®], Commercial Litigation (2019-2024)
- Snell & Wilmer COACH Award (2023)
- AZ Business Leader, AZ Business Leaders Magazine (2020)
- Southwest Super Lawyers[®], Business Litigation (2017-2022, 2024)
 - Rising Stars Edition (2012-2016)
- 40 Under 40, Phoenix Business Journal (2015)
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers

Community Involvement

- City of Phoenix, Audit Committee (2023-present)
- Arizona Coyotes Foundation, Board of Directors (2018-present)
- Valley Leadership Institute, Class 38 (2016-2017)
- Global Shapers Phoenix, Advisory Council (2016-present)
- All Saints Episcopal Day School Tiger Dads Club
 - Charity Golf Tournament Chair (2016-2017)
- Washington University in St. Louis, Alumni and Parents Admission Program (APAP)
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (2009), Arizona's Finest Couple and Spirit Award
- New Pathways for Youth, Emeritus Council, Past-Chairman of Board
- National Brain Tumor Society, Phoenix Brain Tumor Walk, Past Co-Chairman
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Executive Committee
 - Incoming President (2017-2018)
 - Treasurer (2016-2017)
 - Secretary (2015-2016)
 - Legislative Committee, Co-Chair (2013-2017)
- Arizona State University, Dean's Advisory Board to New College at West Campus (2012-2014)
- Arizona Democratic Party, Copper State Leadership Council

Previous Professional Experience

- United States District Court, Central District of California, Judicial Extern to Hon. J. Spencer Letts

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Colorado
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan