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Dr Adam El-Hakim
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Adam specialises in white-collar crime, asset recovery, mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, internal investigations and compliance. He advises and represents clients before authorities and courts at all stages of criminal proceedings. He has extensive experience in complex domestic and cross-border criminal litigation, including matters involving anti-fraud, anti-money laundering, and anti-bribery regulations. He is also the co-founder of the Private Claimants Network, an initiative dedicated to strengthening the role of victims of financial crime in criminal proceedings.

Recognised for his ability to navigate sensitive, high-stakes matters with discretion and strategic insight, Adam assists clients in mitigating regulatory risks and managing multi-jurisdictional disputes. His practice combines deep technical expertise in criminal law with a pragmatic approach tailored to financial institutions, corporates across sectors, and private clients.

He regularly contributes to thought leadership on financial crime and internal investigations, sharing insights on emerging trends and enforcement developments.

Current professional memberships

- Founding member and Chairman of the Private Claimants Network (PCN)
- Member of the Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Member of the Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Member of the Criminalistic Society of Switzerland (CSS)
- Member of the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA)
- Member of the European Fraud and Compliance Lawyers (EFCL)
- Member of the International Bar Association (IBA)

Career history

- Partner, LALIVE, Zurich, 2026 – present
- Counsel, LALIVE, Zurich, 2023 – 2025
- Associate, LALIVE, Zurich 2019 – 2022
- Federal Assistant Prosecutor, Office of the Attorney General (section for white collar crime), Zurich, 2017 – 2019
- Attorney, Bär & Karrer, Zurich, 2017

Academic qualifications

- PhD, University of Basel (Dr Gadient Engi Scholar), 2017
- Admitted to the Swiss Bar, 2014
- LLM, University College London (Dr Gadient Engi Scholar), 2011

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Practices

- Asset Recovery & Insolvency
- Investigations, Regulatory & Compliance
- White Collar Crime

Languages

- Arabic
- English
- French
- German

Nationality

- Egyptian
- Swiss

Admission

- Switzerland, 2014

- Master of Laws, University of Basel, 2010
- Bachelors of Laws, University of Basel, 2008

Recognition

Adam is recognized as a Key Lawyer
Legal 500 EMEA,Regulatory, compliance and investigations, 2026

Ranked as Future Leaders
Lexology Index, Investigations, 2026

Recent publications

Ownership without standing: Swiss Supreme Court limits party rights in criminal MLA proceedings
BENOÎT A. MAURON, ADAM EL-HAKIM, LOUISE AELLEN, ALEXANDER BATSCHWAROFF
In: Lexology online, LALIVE Insights, 24 September 2026

Swiss criminal complaints in international sports disputes: silver bullet or non-starter?
DANIEL LUCIEN BÜHR, BENOÎT A. MAURON, ADAM EL-HAKIM
In: Lexology online, LALIVE Insights, 2 September 2026

Iran sanctions snapback in Switzerland: key developments
SANDRINE GIROUD, ADAM EL-HAKIM, VIVIEN ALTWEGG
In: Lexology online, LALIVE Insights, 4 August 2026

Recent conferences

CAS Economic Crime Investigation - HSLU Hochschule Luzern
DR ADAM EL-HAKIM , Role: Speaker, Unternehmensstrafrecht
Institut für Finanzdienstleistungen, Zug IFZ, 22 August 2026

Netzwerks Privatklägerschaft NPK - Jahrestagung 2026
DR ADAM EL-HAKIM , Role: Speaker and Chair, Interne Untersuchungen aus Sicht der Geschädigten
Karl der Grosse, Zurich, 21 August 2026

ZAV (Zurich Bar Association) - Schwerpunkt Strafprozess – die (lückenlose) Beweiskette
DR ADAM EL-HAKIM , Role: Speaker, Von unverwertbaren und unechten Beweisen
Sorell Hotel Zürichberg, Zurich, 23 June 2026