

# Adam Wheeler

## Associate

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Adam is an Associate with the firm's Indigenous Practice Group. Adam is building a practice focused on Indigenous governance and inherent jurisdiction. He works with Indigenous governments, communities, and their members to advocate for Indigenous self-determination through litigation, negotiation, and advisory services.

As a litigator, Adam advocates for Indigenous rights and government accountability with a particular focus on appellate litigation. He has appeared at all levels of court in Ontario and at the Supreme Court of Canada.

As an advisor and negotiator, Adam supports Indigenous governments with legislative drafting, governance, policy, and economic development matters. He has a special interest in social service and environmental/resource matters and regularly advises clients on complex negotiations in these areas.

Before joining Foglers, Adam served as Counsel with the Ministry of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice. At the Department of Justice, Adam negotiated agreements relating to Indigenous inherent jurisdiction over child and family services and co-chaired the national working group on the implementation of *An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families*. Drawing on this experience, Adam brings a practical approach to advancing Indigenous rights and government relations.

Adam is actively involved in his community and is passionate about advocacy related to mental health and housing. He is an Advisor to Ontario Health's CEO and to the Ontario Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence, past Chair of the Board for the Gerstein Crisis Centre, Vice-Chair of the Board for Madison Community Services, and a member of CAMH's Constituency Council. He is also a Board Member for Family Service Toronto, a social and developmental service organization in Toronto.

## PRACTICE AREAS

**Indigenous**

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## Education & Memberships

### EDUCATION

**Osgoode Hall, LL.M. (Dispute Resolution), 2024**

**Wilfrid Laurier University, Wholistic Healing Practices and Colonial Trauma Certificate, 2022**

**Called to the Ontario Bar, 2018**

**University of Toronto, M.S.W., 2017**

**University of Toronto, J.D., 2017**

**McGill University, B.A., 2012**