

## Christopher D. Adams

**Born:** Sept. 8, 1973

**Position:** Partner — Walder, Hayden, & Brogan, Roseland

**Practice Areas:** Criminal defense; commercial litigation; academic dishonesty

**College:** West Virginia Univ., B.A., political science, 1995, cum laude; dean's list

**Law School:** Seton Hall Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1998; Student Bar Association, president, 1997-98

**Career History:** Current firm since 2001 (partner since 2004); Durkin & Durkin, associate, 1998-2001 (general litigation, criminal defense)

**Profile:** Although less than a decade out of law school, Adams has already distinguished himself as a talented criminal defense lawyer in high-profile cases. Among them, he sat second chair in defense of former professional basketball player Jayson Williams, who was acquitted of aggravated manslaughter and other charges arising from the shooting death of his limousine driver (Williams is to be retried on a reckless manslaughter charge). Adams was lead counsel for



Roger Duronio, who was acquitted of two of four counts after a seven-week federal court trial of an alleged plot to launch a computer virus known as a “logic bomb” into UBS Paine Weber’s world- wide computer system. The computer-forensics prosecution was novel in the Third Circuit. Adams has also carved out a practice niche of defending graduate and law school students charged with academic dishonesty or disciplinary violations in administrative hearings and trials held at academic institutions. Having made partner at age 31, Adams is now in charge of management of the firm’s information technology systems and is one of two partners responsible for recruiting and hiring. He is also a member of the mentoring committee, which assists young attorneys in the development of their practices. Since graduating Seton Hall, he has served as a moot-court coach for law students competing in national appellate advocacy competitions. He does pro bono criminal defense work for the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, of which he is a member.

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