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PROFILE

Michael is an English solicitor advocate, with an extensive and diverse practice focusing on complex, high-stakes commercial litigation (including in the Competition Appeal Tribunal, High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court) and international arbitration (under LCIA and ICC Rules as well as in ad hoc arbitrations under the UNCITRAL Rules).

His work ranges from general commercial and shareholder disputes to complex claims involving public international law across the telecommunications, financial services, technology and infrastructure sectors. A solicitor in England and Wales, Michael is also admitted to practice in Victoria, Australia and is a Registered Practitioner in the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts. Before he was admitted to practice, he worked in digital strategy and consulting in Australia.

EXPERIENCE

Michael's recent experience includes:

- Representing a Middle Eastern telecommunications company in a series of ICC arbitrations arising out of a joint venture transaction
- Representing a U.K. investment holding company in a complex series of defamation claims
- Representing a U.S.-based technology company on defending a class action in California relating to alleged breaches of GDPR
- Representing a U.S. asset manager in relation to a shareholder dispute arising from an investment in a multibillion-dollar arbitral award



PRACTICES

International Arbitration
Data Privacy and Cybersecurity
Crisis Management

EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, LL.M., *First Class Honours*;
Foundation Scholar; Redress Solutions Studentship in Law
Monash University, B.A., Politics and Japanese; LL.B.;
Hons; First Class Honours; LexisNexis Prize for Administrative
Law; Nicholas Auden International Study Scholarship; Sir John
Monash – Community Leaders Scholarship
Australian National University, Graduate Diploma in Legal
Practice
London School of Economics, University of London,
Diploma for Graduates, Information Systems; Academic Prize
in Information Systems

ADMISSIONS

Bars

Solicitor of England & Wales
Rights of Audience (Civil), Higher Courts of England & Wales
Victoria, Australia
High Court of Australia
Dubai International Financial Centre Courts (Registered
Practitioner)

- Acting on potential litigation in the U.K. relating to cryptocurrency matters
- Representing a major payment services company in a multibillion-pound damages claim relating to alleged antitrust infringements concerning interchange fees*
- Representing a leading outsourcing and security company in a London-seated LCIA arbitration arising out of a complex corporate transaction*
- Representing a global professional services firm in an ICC arbitration arising out of an intra-network dispute*
- Representing a sovereign state in relation to an ad hoc UNCITRAL arbitration arising out of a multibillion-dollar fine*
- Advising a Japanese car manufacturer on the public international law remedies for changes to a domestic company law regime in a G20 country*
- Advising a series of large British companies on the international and domestic law remedies in connection with a proposed U.K. nationalisation policy*

*Experience from previous law firm

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Co-author, **Trump Immunity Doesn't Stretch to English Courts**,
The Times (July 2024)

AmEx Fine Offers Lessons For Navigating UK Privacy Laws,
Law360 (July 2021)

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