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PRACTICE AREAS

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Appellate

Civil Appeals

Commercial Law

Competition Law & Consumer Law

Contractual Disputes

Corporations Law & Securities Law

Insurance Law & Professional Negligence Law

Intellectual Property & Trade Practices

Sports

Common Law

Negligence

Competition Law & Consumer Law

Consumer Protections

Restraint of Trade

Trade Practices

Defamation

Equity & Trusts

Industrial Relations Law & Employment Law

Employment Contracts

Negligence

Professional Negligence

Public Law & Administrative Law

Human Rights Law

Information Privacy

Sports

Contract Disputes

Disciplinary Tribunals

Technology Law & Media Law

Broadcasting

Entertainment

Information Technical (IT) & Computing

“It’s refreshing as a commercial lawyer to find a barrister who has a good commercial sense for not only analysing issues but also finding solutions. What differentiates working with Michael is that he’s prepared to give strong recommendations and I value his proactive commercial input.”

Richard, Corporate and Commercial Lawyer.

Michael Rivette brings business insight and experience to the practice of commercial law to provide clients with advice grounded in the real world of business and help them achieve the most positive commercial outcomes.

As Michael’s client, you are advised and represented by a globally-recognised leader in commercial, privacy, media, entertainment and intellectual property law.

With more than 20 years’ experience in business as an owner, director and board member of communications, marketing and media companies, clients benefit from Michael’s practical commercial knowledge combined with experience in the law.

Michael’s practice has developed through significant return business, fostering long-term client relationships and new client referrals based on his easy and collaborative, but decisive style.

Advocacy

An experienced trial and appellate advocate, with more than 30 years’ experience in the law, Michael has successfully argued leading decisions in commercial, intellectual property and privacy law. He has considerable expertise in urgent applications, including injunctions and search and seizure orders, and in class action proceedings both at the state and federal level.

A recognised leader in the development of privacy law, breach of confidence and data protection, Michael has appeared as counsel in major privacy related cases since successfully arguing the landmark *Giller v Procopets* (2008) 24 VR 1. He also acted as Lead Counsel for the Plaintiff in the first successful privacy class action in *Evans v Health Administration Corp* [2019] NSWSC 1781 and regularly advises corporations and government departments on privacy compliance, risk and liability issues.

Directory Recommendations

- Lawyer of the Year – Privacy and Data Protection: Best Lawyers 2020
- Leading Intellectual Property Barrister: Doyles Guide 2018
- Leading Technology, Media & Telecommunications Barrister: Doyles Guide 2019
- Leading Lawyer – Privacy and Data Protection: Best Lawyers 2019
- Leading Lawyer – Privacy and Data Protection: Best Lawyers 2021
- Leading Lawyer – Privacy and Data Protection: Best Lawyers 2022

Publications, speaking and lectures

Michael is widely published, including as the Australian co-author to international texts *The Law of Privacy and the Media* - Tugendhat and Christie (OUP) and *Remedies for Breach of Privacy* (Hart). He is also published in the *Australian Law Journal*, in a recent article “*Privacy Class Action*” (2020) 94 ALJ 791. He has also authored articles published in the *Media and Arts Law Review*, *Privacy Law Bulletin* and *Intellectual Property Forum*.

He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Media and Communications Law, the Editorial Board of the Privacy Law Bulletin (LexisNexis) and the Editorial Board of the Media, Technology and Communications Law Bulletin (LexisNexis).

Michael is sought after as a speaker and lecturer. He is a Senior Fellow at the Melbourne University Law School in the Masters Program, where he teaches Privacy Law. He also regularly presents at seminars and conferences to legal professionals throughout Australia on advocacy, privacy, breach of confidence, media, intellectual property and commercial law.

“I’ve been dealing with lawyers for 35 years and there are two things I value most about working with Michael. Firstly, he’s prepared to give you an opinion and secondly, as a businessman himself he has a good commercial understanding of what we do. The value of having someone who speaks our language cannot be overstated. Michael works with us to get the best commercial outcome.”

Nicholas Dower, Chairman

Niche Group and Oliver’s Real Food Group.

ADMISSIONS

Admitted to the Legal Profession:

01 Jun 1981

Signed Victorian Bar Roll:

20 May 1982

Accredited as Mediator

20 Dec 2012

QUALIFICATIONS

B Juris, LLB, LLM (Melb)

ALSO ENTITLED TO PRACTISE IN

High Court of Australia

Western Australia