



Michael Wells

Room 0336 Dawson Chambers

405 Lt Bourke St

Melbourne Victoria

P: +61 3 9229 5000

List Y: +61 3 9225 6777

E: michael.wells@vicbar.com.au

Admissions

Admitted as a Lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (2009)

Entered in the High Court Register of Practitioners (2010)

Admitted to the New South Wales Bar (2016)

Signed the Victorian Bar Roll (2018)

Joined the Queensland Bar (2020)

Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Philosophy), University of Queensland (2008)

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Queensland (2008)

Master of Laws, University of Sydney (2011)

Master of Taxation, University of Sydney (2015)

Master of International Tax, University of Melbourne (expected 2021)

Practice Areas

Banking and Finance

Bankruptcy Law and Insolvency Law

Class Actions

Commercial Law

Competition Law and Consumer Law

Contractual Disputes

Corporations Law and Securities Law

Insurance Law

International Commercial Law

Public Law and Administrative Law

Superannuation

Tax Law and Revenue Law

Transport Law





Profile

Michael practices nationally in commercial, corporations and tax law.

He has particular experience in contractual disputes, insolvency, class actions and tax litigation.

He was admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 2016, signed the Victorian Bar Roll in 2018 and joined the Queensland Bar in 2020.

He has appeared led and unled in trials and appeals in a range of courts and tribunals including the High Court of Australia, and regularly appears in the Federal Court of Australia and Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Professional Experience

Tipstaff to the Hon Justice J L B Allsop AO (2008)

Researcher to the President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal (2009)

Lawyer at Allens (2010 – 2012)

Solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills (2012 – 2015)

Secondee Lawyer at Macquarie Group Tax (2014)

Secondee Lawyer at NAB Regulatory Affairs (2015)

Tutor at The University of Sydney Law School (2012 – 2019)

Presentations and Publications

Reporter for the Commonwealth Law Reports (259 CLR – present)

New South Wales Law Reports (80 NSWLR – present)

Australian Tax Reports (101 ATR – present)

Administrative Law Decisions (127 ALD – present)

Australian Corporations and Securities Reports (81 ACSR – present)

Australian Law Reports (276 – present)

Federal Court Reports (221 – 228 FCR)

Federal Law Reports (282 – 292 FLR)



Memberships and Appointments

Committee Member, Law Council of Australia, Business Law Section Taxation Committee

Committee Member, Australian Bar Association, Taxation Committee

Committee Member, Tax Bar Association Committee

Committee Member, Tax Institute, Dispute Resolution Technical Committee

Member, Federal Court of Australia Taxation NPA User Group

Member, International Fiscal Association

Member, Australian Institute of Administrative Law

Member, Australian Association of Constitutional Law

Associate, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners