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WHAT OTHERS SAY

"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**

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)

PROFILE

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.



AREAS OF PRACTICE

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
- Telecommunications
- eCommerce

ALSO ENTITLED TO PRACTISE IN

High Court of Australia

Western Australia

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



PUBLIC 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 Master's 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.