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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 (2021)

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- 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

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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)
- Seconded Lawyer at Macquarie Group Tax (2014)
- Seconded 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 FOR)
- 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
- Deputy Chair, 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