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Michael practises across the full range of chambers’ civil liability and commercial work with a particular interest in cases where fraud is alleged or suspected.

He undertakes work in insurance fraud, personal injury, clinical negligence, commercial and financial services, sports law, costs, and regulatory and disciplinary matters. He represents claimants and defendants in trials, joint settlement meetings (JSMs) and all interim hearings. He has a substantial paperwork practice.

He regularly acts as sole counsel in significant brain and spinal cord injury cases with a value pleaded in excess of £1m, as well as being led in higher value cases.

He has substantial experience of working as part of a larger team on high-profile and sensitive investigations, particularly involving financial institutions, and is currently instructed in a complex banking investigation.

Michael graduated with first class honours in Law, and the prize for the top student pursuing a career at the Bar. He was previously employed by a leading city boutique law firm in the business crime and commercial litigation departments. He also spent time working on policy development for a human rights non-governmental organisation (NGO), campaigning for fairer justice systems.

Areas of expertise

Clinical Negligence

Personal Injury

-- Employers' Liability

-- Insurance Fraud

-- Occupiers' Liability

-- Property Damage

-- Public Liability

-- Road Traffic

-- Sport Injury and Negligence

Banking and Financial Services
Commercial Contracts
Costs Litigation
Data Protection
Misuse of Private Information
Regulatory and Disciplinary

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Michael is instructed by both regulators and professionals.

Michael is regularly sought to act on behalf of healthcare and legal regulators. He has recently acted for or advised the General Medical Council (GMC), the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), the General Dental Council (GDC), the Professional Standards Authority (PSA), and the Council for Licensed Conveyancers (CLC).

He appears frequently before the High Court acting both for regulators and registrants.

Between 2017 and 2019, Michael completed secondments to the Bank of England's Regulatory Action Division, and the Litigation and Enforcement Team acting in four complex and large-scale financial investigations into global banks.

Of particular note, he worked on the investigation into Citigroup's UK operations, which resulted in a fine of £44m being imposed for failures in regulatory reporting governance and controls.

Cases of note

- **PSA v (1) GMC & (2) H** [2021] EWHC 588 (Admin) - Acting for the PSA, before Mr Justice Chamberlain, successfully appealing a decision of the GMC's Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (MPTS) that a doctor should not be struck from the record for committing acts which would amount to sexual assaults. The court allowed the appeal in full and imposed the sanction of erasure.
- **PSA v (1) NMC (2) L (3) M** [2019] EWHC 3326 (Admin) - Acting for the respondent nurse, before Mrs Justice Steyn, having also appeared at first instance, The registrant was charged with dishonestly providing a training certificate to a colleague, before that colleague had undertaken the training.
- **CLC v (1) W (2) M** - Acting for the Council for Licensed Conveyancers (CLC) in a contested three-day hearing regarding breaches of code stemming from the downturn in business and subsequent closure of the practice. Sanctions of suspension and conditions of practice were imposed.

Recommendations

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Memberships

- Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)
- LawInSport

Qualifications

Education

- 2013: BPTC, Kaplan Law School – Very Competent
- 2012: LLB Law, University of Exeter – First Class Honours

Scholarships and Prizes

- Advocacy Scholarship, Kaplan Law School
- Winner, Inner Temple Intervarsity Moot Competition
- Paul Heim Prize for top finalist going to the Bar, University of Exeter
- Dean’s Commendation for finals results, University of Exeter

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