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Year of call: 2013

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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

Clinical Negligence

Michael is very experienced in high value and complex clinical negligence cases, acting for both claimants and defendants.

He has successfully dealt with numerous cases involving:

- Cauda equina
- Delayed diagnosis
- Issues regarding consent
- Fatal claims
- Negligent treatment
- Birth injury claims
- Operative failings
- Optometrist and ophthalmologist negligence
- Dental negligence

He is currently instructed in a number of ongoing and high value claims, both for claimants and defendants, involving complex loss of earnings issues.

Cases of note

- ***F v A Trust (ongoing)*** - Acting for the defendant trust in a High Court claim regarding allegedly negligent surgery. Claimant claims for lifetime loss of earnings.
- ***P v A Trust (ongoing)*** - Acting for the claimant in a high value claim regarding a delayed deep vein thrombosis (DVT) diagnosis and unnecessary fasciotomy surgery.
- ***J v M & A (ongoing)*** - Acting for the claimant in a claim for delayed diagnosis of cauda equina.

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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