



## Michael Standing

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

## -- Sport Injury and Negligence

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Michael appears in the County Court, High Court and Court of Appeal, dealing with all aspects of sport injury matters.

He has extensive experience across the full range complex and catastrophic injury work, including serious brain and spinal cord injuries, as well as complex regional pain syndrome, often with life altering consequences. He is regularly asked to advise on tactics and expert evidence in conference and writing. He is particularly sought after for cases involving allegations of fraud and fundamental dishonesty as well as cases involving complex medical evidence.

Much of his work is pleaded in excess of £1m.

### Cases of note

- ***W v GBH (ongoing)*** - Representing the defendant, an international sports body, in a claim brought against them by a former professional athlete.

## Recommendations

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## Memberships

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

## Qualifications

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### 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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