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PRACTICE

Michael was called to the Bar in 2026. He practices in all areas of commercial and public law, with a particular focus on contractual disputes, equity and trusts, administrative law and statutory construction.

His practice as a solicitor primarily focussed on complex commercial litigation, corporations and shareholder disputes, arbitrations and judicial review matters.

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

MinterEllison

2022 – 2026

- Senior Associate (previously Associate / Lawyer) in the Dispute Resolution team.

High Court of Australia

2021

- Associate to the Hon Justice Patrick A Keane AC of the High Court of Australia.

Supreme Court of Queensland

2020

- Associate to the Hon Justice John K Bond in the Trial Division (Commercial List) of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

The University of Queensland

2024

- Sessional academic (tutor) for Law of Torts II undergraduate course.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Called to the Queensland Bar in 2026.
- Admitted as a Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2020.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) - Magdalen College, University of Oxford

Awarded 2023

- Papers: Commercial Remedies, Restitution of Unjust Enrichment, Advanced Administrative Law, Principles of Civil Procedure
- Awarded distinctions in all four papers

Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) - The University of Queensland

Awarded 2019

- University Medal in Law
- Valedictorian (Semester 1, 2019)

Bachelor of Economics - The University of Queensland

Awarded 2019

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- University Medal in Law (2019)
- TC Beirne School of Law Valedictorian (2019)
- UQ Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (2014 – 2019)
- Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence (2014 – 2019)
- Corrs Chambers Westgarth Prize in Civil Procedure (2018)
- Walter Harrison Prize in Property Law (2017)
- Australian Finance Conference Prize in Economics (2016)
- Herbert Smith Freehills Prize in Contract Law (2015)
- Ross Anderson Memorial Prize in Constitutional Law (2015)
- John Black Prize for Highest Performing First-Year Student (2014)

