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PRACTICE

Overview:

Michael has a varied public and commercial law practice. His public law practice includes constitutional law, administrative law, and statutory construction. His commercial practice is broad ranging, but has a particular focus on contractual disputes, equity and trusts, and insolvency matters.

Michael has appeared (led) in the High Court of Australia and in intermediate appellate courts and at the trial level in various jurisdictions (both led and unled).

Matters in which Michael has been briefed include:

Constitutional law:

- *Vanderstock v State of Victoria* (2023) 98 ALJR 208; [2023] HCA 30 (led by Stephen Donaghue KC, David Thomas SC and Celia Winnett)
- *JZQQ v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] FCAFC 168 (led by Craig Lenehan SC)
- *Pearson v Commonwealth of Australia & Ors* (S126/2023) (led by Craig Lenehan SC and Zelig Heger)
- *CZA19 v Minister for Immigration & Anor* (VID247/2024) (led by Patrick Knowles SC)

Administrative law:

- *Child Support Registrar v CMU23* [2024] FCA 109 (led by Scott McLeod KC)
- *Burns & Anor v Chief of the Defence Force* [2023] FCA 866 and (QUD 12/2024) (led by Scott McLeod KC)
- *Sabatino v Minister for Resources* (BS 9739/23) (led by Stephen Lee)
- *Rewami v Australian Information Commissioner* (QUD 446/2023) (unled)
- *Lie In Tjeng v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* (BRG 99/2023) (unled)

General commercial:

- *Americold Australian Holdings Pty Ltd v Lago Cold Stores Ltd* (NSD 363/2023) (led by Stewart Webster)
- *General Trade Industries v AGL Energy Limited* (QUD 255/2020) (discovery application) (unled)
- *Angus v Polites & Firgaira Property Pty Ltd* (RSL164-19) (unled)

Michael has also been briefed in two other large ongoing commercial cases although his involvement in those matters remains confidential.

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Counsel Assisting the Commonwealth Solicitor-General (2022-2023)

Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, Canberra

Senior Lawyer/Lawyer (Dispute Resolution and Office of General Counsel) (2020-2022)

Australian Government Solicitor, Brisbane

Associate to the Honourable Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC (2018-2019)

High Court of Australia, Canberra

Solicitor (Dispute Resolution) (2018)

King and Wood Mallesons, Brisbane

Associate to the Honourable Philip McMurdo (2017)

Queensland Court of Appeal, Brisbane

EDUCATION

Master of Law (First Class), Trinity College, Cambridge (2019-2020)

- First class mark in all courses (Restitution, Advanced Private Law, Legislation and Medical Law)
- Henry Arthur Hollond Scholar (Trinity College)
- Cambridge Australia Scholarship

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science/French) and Bachelor of Laws (Hons I), University of Queensland (2011-2016)

- University Medal in Law for 2016
 - Virgil Power Prize for highest overall marks in advanced legal subjects
 - UQ Excellence Scholar
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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Called to the Bar in 2023
- Admitted as a Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of Queensland and the High Court of Australia in 2017

