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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.

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); *JZQQ v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* (B15/2024) and *Tapiki v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* (P10/2024) (led by Craig Lenehan SC and Zelig Heger)
- *CZA19 v Minister for Immigration & Anor* and *DBD24 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* (M66/2024 and P29/2024) (led by Patrick Knowles SC)
- *CRS20 v Secretary, Department of Home Affairs* [\[2024\] FCA 619](#) (led by Patrick Knowles SC) (and in pending appeal VID 602/2024)
- *BOE21 v Commonwealth of Australia* [\[2024\] FCA 709](#) (interlocutory, unled)

Administrative law:

- *Child Support Registrar v CMU23* [\[2024\] FCA 109](#) (led by Scott McLeod KC)
- *Burns & Anor v Chief of the Defence Force* [\[2024\] FCA 781](#) (led by Scott McLeod KC)
- *Brooks v Operator, National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse* (led by Scott McLeod KC) [\[2024\] FCA 725](#)
- *Rewami v Australian Information Commissioner* (QUD 446/2023) (unled)
- *Sabatino v Minister for Resources* (BS 9739/23) (led by Stephen Lee)
- *Lie In Tjeng v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* (BRG 99/2023) (unled)
- *Li v Minister for Immigration* (BRG 15/2021) (unled)

Commercial contract:

- *Lan Keperra Pty Ltd v Fraser's Property Keperra* (BS 2118/23) (led by Gareth Beacham KC and Stewart Webster)
- *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)

Equity and Trusts:

- *Cook v Alderson & Anor* (BS 4494/24) (unled)
- *Graham v MacNamara Group Pty Ltd* (BS 1190/24) (unled)

Insolvency:

- *Inspector-General in Bankruptcy v Harnett & Anor* (QUD 507/2024) (led by Julianne Jacques KC)
- Additional confidential advice work in several insolvency matters

Retail shop lease:

- *Angus v Polites & Firgaira Property Pty Ltd* (RSL164-19) (unled)

Michael has also been briefed in several 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

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

