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## ADMISSIONS

Admitted as a Lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (2009)

Entered in the High Court Register of Practitioners (2010)

Admitted to the New South Wales Bar (2016)

Signed the Victorian Bar Roll (2018)

Joined the Queensland Bar (2020)

## QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Philosophy), University of Queensland (2008)

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Queensland (2008)

Master of Laws, University of Sydney (2011)

Master of Taxation, University of Sydney (2015)

Master of International Tax, University of Melbourne (2021)

Doctor of Philosophy in Tax Law, University of Melbourne (2022 – present)

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Banking and Finance
- Bankruptcy Law and Insolvency Law
- Class Actions
- Commercial Law
- Competition Law and Consumer Law
- Contractual Disputes
- Corporations Law and Securities Law
- Insurance Law
- International Commercial Law
- Public Law and Administrative Law
- Superannuation
- Tax Law and Revenue Law
- Transport Law

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## PROFILE

Michael practises nationally in commercial law, public law and taxation.

He has particular experience in contractual disputes, insolvency and tax litigation.

He was admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 2016, signed the Victorian Bar Roll in 2018 and joined the Queensland Bar in 2020.

He has appeared led and unled in trials and appeals in a range of courts and tribunals including the High Court of Australia and regularly appears in the Federal Court of Australia.

Before coming to the Bar, he practised as a solicitor at leading national and international law firms and worked for the Hon J L B Allsop AC.

He is Chair of the Tax Institute National Dispute Resolution Technical Committee, and is a member of the Tax Bar Association Committee, Australian Bar Association Taxation Committee and Law Council of Australia Business Law Section Taxation Committee.

He currently teaches Taxation of Business Entities at The University of New South Wales.

He is also a reporter for the Commonwealth Law Reports, Australian Corporations and Securities Reports and Australian Tax Reports.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tipstaff to the Hon J L B Allsop AC (2008)

Researcher to the President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, the Hon J L B Allsop AC (2009)

Lawyer at Allens (2010 – 2012)

Solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills (2012 – 2015)

Senior Associate at Corrs Chambers Westgarth (2016)

Secondee Lawyer at Macquarie Group Tax (2014)

Secondee Lawyer at NAB Regulatory Affairs (2015)

Tutor in Contracts at The University of Sydney Law School (2012 – 2019)

Lecturer in Taxation of Business Entities at The University of New South Wales (2023 – present)



## PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Reporter for the Commonwealth Law Reports (259 CLR – present)  
New South Wales Law Reports (80 NSWLR – present)  
Australian Tax Reports (101 ATR – present)  
Administrative Law Decisions (127 ALD – present)  
Australian Corporations and Securities Reports (81 ACSR – present)  
Australian Law Reports (276 – present)  
Federal Court Reports (221 – 228 FCR)  
Federal Law Reports (282 – 292 FLR)

## MEMBERSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS

Chair, Tax Institute, Dispute Resolution Technical Committee  
Committee Member, Law Council of Australia, Business Law Section Taxation Committee  
Committee Member, Australian Bar Association, Taxation Committee  
Committee Member, Tax Bar Association Committee  
Member, Federal Court of Australia Taxation NPA User Group  
Member, International Fiscal Association  
Member, Australian Institute of Administrative Law  
Member, Australian Association of Constitutional Law  
Associate, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners