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Overview

Michael took silk in 2000 and since then has advised about and appeared in a wide range of complex commercial disputes in courts throughout Australia. He also appears in and sits as an arbitrator in both domestic and international arbitrations concerning those types of disputes.

He has chambers in Brisbane and in Singapore at Maxwell 42-International Arbitration Chambers.

Areas of practice

- Appellate
- Arbitration, Mediation & Evaluation
- Bankruptcy & Insolvency
- Building & Construction
- Commercial
- Contract
- Equity
- Insurance
- Mining, Energy and Resources
- Property
- Tort
- Trade Practices & Competition

Education

BA LLB, University of Queensland

Career summary

1982	Admitted to the Bar
1983-1984	Employed as a Law clerk assisting a partner of Chambers McNab Tully & Wilson in insolvency and mineral resource related litigation
1985	Commenced practice at the Bar in Brisbane
1995 to date	Accredited as a court appointed case appraiser and mediator with the Supreme Court of Queensland

Career summary (contd)

2000	Appointed Senior Counsel
2014	Appointed Queens Counsel
2000-2015	Ethics counsellor; Bar Association of Queensland
2008-2009	President of Bar Association of Queensland
2010-2015	Member of the board of the Advocacy Training Council of the Australian Bar Association
2011-2012	President Australian Bar Association
2012-2015	Chairman International Forum of Barristers and Advocates (I.B.A.)

Practice description

My practice encompasses all fields thrown up by commercial disputes especially as leading counsel in trials or arbitral hearings and for the provision of advice concerning:

- Competition issues;
- Infrastructure contract disputes¹;
- Mineral resource related disputes²;
- Corporations issues³.

Appointed as an arbitrator in 3 commercially confidential arbitrations; one concerning an infrastructure dispute (2011-2012) and the other a mineral resource related dispute (2013-2014), an ICC arbitration concerning a mineral resources dispute (2016-2017) and on numerous occasions as a case appraiser of contract related disputes.

¹ Successfully appeared as leading counsel in an arbitration concerning claims for extensive EOTs, variations and defects connected with a major piece of Australian port infrastructure which included hearings in Dubai. Currently briefed as leading counsel in an arbitration where the claims for delay, disruption and misleading and deceptive conduct arising out of the construction of a major piece of transport infrastructure exceed \$400 million and as leading counsel for the plaintiff in proceedings in the Supreme Court of Queensland where the claims for delay and disruption and damages for breach of contract arising out of a major piece of liquefied natural gas infrastructure exceed \$1.4 billion.

² In 2012-14 briefed as leading counsel in a contract dispute which required the valuation of a suite of mining interests spanning ATPs to joint venture interests in producing ferrous metal and coal mines.

³ Briefed as leading counsel in *Canehire Pty Ltd v Themis Holdings Pty Ltd* [2014] QCA 296.