

MICHAEL MAY

YEAR OF CALL: 2014

Michael has a broad commercial and administrative law practice, with a particular focus on competition, corporations, tax litigation, equity and trusts, insolvency, class actions, professional negligence, estates and real property.

Chambers & Partners' Asia Pacific guide lists Michael as a leading junior in Dispute Resolution 2020-2022 and Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession 2017-2019 list Michael as a recommended junior barrister in a number of areas, including commercial litigation & disputes, insolvency & reconstruction, and tax. In addition, he is listed by the Australian Financial Review's *Best Lawyers*® as a recommended junior counsel for commercial litigation and The Legal 500 Asia Pacific guide recommends him as a Rising Star in Commercial Disputes.

He advises and appears (led and alone) for public and private corporations, insolvency practitioners, insurance companies and individuals in all State and Federal courts and specialist tribunals. He is also experienced in mediations and large-scale commercial arbitration.

He was admitted as a solicitor in 2007, and was a Senior Associate in Cooper Grace Ward's litigation and dispute resolution team prior to being called to the bar.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate, Arbitration, Banking, Class Actions, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property, Media & Defamation, Planning & Environment, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy, Succession, Tax.

CASES

Golden Vision Gold Coast Pty Ltd v Orchid Avenue Pty Ltd & Anor[2022] QSC 49

April 2022, Contract, Land Law & Property

Canavan v ICRA Rolleston Pty Ltd (Receivers and Managers Appointed) (in liquidation)[2022] FCA 117

February 2022, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Hutson v Nerang Subdivision Pty Ltd & ors[2021] QSC 323

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December 2021, Arbitration, Land Law & Property

***Braun v Hatzifotis* [2021] QDC 263**

November 2021, Media & Defamation

***DA Staal Property Pty Ltd v Commonwealth of Australia*[2021] QSC 216**

August 2021, Land Law & Property, Arbitration

***Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited v Murphy Operator Pty Ltd & Ors*[2021] HCATrans 114**

June 2021, Class Actions

***Le v Commissioner of Taxation* [2021] FCA 303**

March 2021, Tax, Appellate

***Murphy Operator & Ors v Gladstone Ports Corporation (No 8)*[2021] QSC 57 15**

March 2021, Class Actions

***Murphy Operator & Ors v Gladstone Ports Corporation (No 7)*[2021] QSC 18**

February 2021, Class Actions

***CFMG Land Limited v MacLaren* [2020] QDC 335**

December 2020, Corporations, Commercial Equity

***Re Octaviar Ltd* [2021] QSC 353**

November 2020, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

***Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited v Murphy Operator Pty Ltd & Ors*[2020] QCA 250**

November 2020, Class Actions

***Nerang Subdivision Pty Ltd v Hutson*[2020] QSC 225**

July 2020, Tax, Land Law & Property

***Murphy Operator & Ors v Gladstone Ports Corporation (No 6)*[2020] QSC 192**

June 2020, Class Actions

***Murphy Operator & Ors v Gladstone Ports Corporation & Anor (No 5)*[2020] QSC 36**

March 2020, Class Actions

***Connelly and Harris & Anor v McGrath & Anor*[2019] QSC 304**

December 2019, Commercial Equity, Corporations

***NGFZ and Commissioner of Taxation (Taxation)*[2019] AATA 5410**

October 2019, Tax

***Re Octaviar Limited (in liq)*[2019] QSC 235**

September 2019, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Murphy Operator v Gladstone Ports Corporation (No 4)[2019] QSC 228

September 2019, Class Actions

Harding v Commissioner of Taxation[2019] FCAFC 29

February 2019, Tax, Appellate

Murphy & Ors v Gladstone Ports Corporation Ltd[2019] QSC 12

February 2019, Insurance, Class Actions

Universal Supermodels Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State Revenue[2018] QCS 257

November 2018, Tax, Contract, Employment & Industrial

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd v Queensland Competition Authority & Ors[2018] QSC 246

October 2018, Judicial Review & Administrative, Competition & Consumer

WB Rural Pty Limited v Commissioner of State Revenue & Anor [2018] QCA 225

October 2018, Appellate, Land Law & Property, Tax

Trenfield v HAG Import Corporation (Australia) Pty Ltd (No.2)[2018] QDC 129

July 2018, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations

Trenfield v HAG Import Corporation (Australia) Pty Ltd[2018] QDC 107

June 2018, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations

Commissioner of Taxation v Hacon Pty Ltd[2017] FCAFC 181

November 2017, Tax, Appellate

WB Rural Pty Limited v Valuer-General for the State of Queensland[2017] QSC 192

September 2017, Tax

WB Rural Pty Limited v Valuer-General for the State of Queensland[2017] QSC 192

September 2017, Land Law & Property

WB Rural Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State Revenue[2017] QSC 141

June 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative, Tax

Credit Suisse AG, Sydney Branch v Springsure Property Holdings Pty Ltd (in liquidation)[2017] QSC 142

June 2017, Contract, Land Law & Property

Hacon v Commissioner of Taxation[2017] FCA 659

June 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative, Tax

Aklia Holdings Pty Ltd v The Carter Group Pty Ltd (in liq)[2017] QSC 75

May 2017, Commercial Equity, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations

Body Corporate for 'Medici' CTS no 34361 and the Unit Owners Listed in Schedule A v Whybird & Partners Pty Ltd [2016] QSC 296

December 2016, Building & Construction

Wyatt v Cutbush [2016] QSC 253

November 2016, Media & Defamation

Westpac Life Insurance Services Limited v Mahony [2016] FCA 1071

September 2016, Insurance

Bauer Equipment Australia Pty Ltd v ACN 153 866 114 Pty Ltd [2016] QSC 76

April 2016, Corporations, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Coles Group Ltd v Costin [2016] HCATrans 58

March 2016, Professional Negligence, Appellate

Hii v Commissioner of Taxation (No 3) [2016] FCA 58

February 2016, Tax

Flegg v Hallett [2015] QSC 315

November 2015, Media & Defamation

Flegg v Hallett [2015] QSC 167

June 2015, Media & Defamation

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Spreets [2015] FCA 382

April 2015, Competition & Consumer

Lean Field Developments Pty Ltd v E & I Global Solutions (Aust) Pty Ltd [2014] QSC 293

December 2014, Building & Construction

Flegg v Hallett [2014] QSC 278

November 2014, Media & Defamation

Flegg v Hallett [2014] QCA 220

September 2014, Media & Defamation

RECOMMENDATIONS

Australian Financial Review's Best Lawyers

- 2021-23 – Listed for Commercial Law and Competition Law
- 2017-2020 – Listed for Commercial Law

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific (Dispute Resolution)

- 2022 – “*always commercial, thorough, easy to work with*”.

- 2021 – “*exceptional junior counsel*” and “*offer[s] insights from a different perspective*”.
- 2020 – “*extremely bright and responsive*” and “*also very commercial and astute in his understanding of client objectives*”.

Chambers & Partners Global (Dispute Resolution) 2020-22

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (Commercial Disputes)

- 2022
- 2021 – “*An exceptional junior counsel*”.

Doyle’s Guide to the Australian Legal Profession

- 2022 – Leading Insolvency & Restructuring Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
- 2022 – Leading Commercial Litigation & Disputes Barristers Queensland (Leading)
- 2021 – Leading Tax Barristers Queensland (Leading)
- 2021 – Leading Insolvency & Restructuring Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
- 2021 – Leading Commercial Litigation & Disputes Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
- 2020 – Leading Tax Barristers Queensland (Leading)
- 2020 – Leading Commercial Litigation & Disputes Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
- 2020 – Leading Construction & Infrastructure Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
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- 2017 – Leading Insolvency & Restructuring Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
- 2017 – Leading Construction & Infrastructure Junior Counsel Queensland (Emerging)
- 2016 – Leading Commercial Litigation & Disputes Barristers Queensland (Recommended)

MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

Tax Committee of the Law Council of Australia, Business Law Section

CAREER

2014 Barrister (Brisbane)

2007 Solicitor, Cooper Grace Ward (Brisbane)

EDUCATION

2007 LLB (Hons) - QUT

PUBLICATIONS

Cryptocurrency and the law

June 2022, Commercial Equity, Contract

Update on Defamation Law in Queensland

September 2021, Media & Defamation

Commercial Mediations - Strategies and Tips to Achieve the Best Outcome for Your Client

October 2020

Trenfield v Hag Import: Trading Agreements, ROT, PPSA Vesting and Valuing Security Interests

August 2018, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Onus of Proof

November 2017, Tax

Trends in Litigation Damages

January 2015

Essential Negotiation Strategies

August 2014

Oppression in the Context of Corporate Trustees

March 2013, Corporations

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation