

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, construction and infrastructure, class actions, professional negligence, estates and real property.

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.

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, Building & Construction, 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

***Harding v Commissioner of Taxation* [2019] FCAFC 29**

February 2019, Tax

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

February 2019, Judicial Review & Administrative, Insurance

LEVEL

TWENTY
SEVEN

CHAMBERS



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Universal Supermodels Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State Revenue[2019] 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

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

Coles Group Ltd v Costin[2016] HCATrans 58

March 2016, Professional Negligence

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] QSC 220

September 2014, Media & Defamation

RECOMMENDATIONS

Australian Financial Review's Best Lawyers

- 2020 – Listed for Commercial Law
- 2019 – Listed for Commercial Law
- 2018 – Listed for Commercial Law
- 2017 – Listed for Commercial Law

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession

- 2019 – Leading Commercial Litigation & Disputes Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
- 2018 – Leading Insolvency & Restructuring Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
- 2018 – Leading Commercial Litigation & Disputes Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
- 2018 – Leading Tax Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
- 2017 – Leading Tax Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
- 2017 – Leading Commercial Litigation & Disputes Barristers Queensland (Recommended)
- 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

Trenfield v Hag Import: Trading Agreements, ROT, PPSA Vesting and Valuing Security Interests
August 2018, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Trenfield v HAG Import: Trade Agreements, ROT, PPSA Vesting and Valuing Security Interests
August 2018, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations

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