



Year of call 2017

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Areas of Practice

Criminal & Disciplinary, Damages & Reparation, Employment & Discrimination, Land & Property and Public Law & Equality

Profile

Michael called to the bar in July 2017 after training as a solicitor at a large commercial firm. There, he gained experience in a wide range of litigation in both the Court of Session and Sheriff Court, including commercial, insolvency, and construction litigation.

Since his admission as an advocate, Michael has established a busy civil practice. He is principally instructed in commercial, employment, and personal injury matters, and has a particular interest in property and construction law, as well as professional liability.

Michael is regularly instructed in the Court of Session, the Sheriff Court and the Employment Tribunal and has recently been involved in a long running international arbitration dispute.

Having a keen interest in legal education, Michael often judges moots and gives training sessions on advocacy to students with an interest in this area.

Qualifications

2013 – 2014 University of Strathclyde, Diploma in Professional Legal Practice

2011 – 2013 University of Strathclyde LLB Graduate Entry (Ordinary Degree)

2007 – 2011 University of Strathclyde BA Honours Politics (Upper Second Class Honours)

Representative Cases

Commercial

Represented for the debtor in defending an action relating to a purported penalty clause in a loan

Acted in several claims for compensation by commercial agents under the Commercial Agents (Council Directive) Regulations 1993

Acted for a company in relation to unauthorised payments made by a director of the company

Represented a customer seeking a refund from a bank under the Payment Services Regulations 2009

Defended unfair prejudice proceedings brought by a shareholder of a company

Represented a partner defending a payment action by the partnership based on the partner's capacity to contract

Representative Cases (continued)

Construction

Provided advice and representation in adjudications and enforcement of adjudication awards

Public Procurement

Acted for a local authority in relation to a significant and high value procurement dispute

Provided advice to a charity regarding a bid for a public contract

Professional/Medical Negligence

Represented a company in a claim against an architect

Provided representation for a homeowner in a claim against a surveyor

Acted in a claim against a firm of solicitors by a former client

Represented a patient against a health board in a claim alleging a lack of informed consent

Consumer

Represented pursuers in several cases where they were seeking to reject a recently purchased vehicle on the basis that it was not of satisfactory quality.

Reparation

Appeared in a high value personal injury action for an employee against a local authority

Acted for a health board defending a personal injury claim brought by an employee

Represented an individual in a personal injury claim against an occupier of premises. The client had complex needs prior to the accident, which added to the complexity of the proceedings.

Appeared in the Sheriff Appeal Court appealing the decision of the Sheriff in relation to the enforceability of a credit hire contract.

Represented pursuers and credit hire companies in claims for damages for the cost of credit hire of replacement vehicles following road traffic accidents. Enforceability of the credit hire contract would often be in issue.

Acted for an insurer defending a claim arising from a road traffic accident where one of the parties' injuries were complicated by a pre-existing condition.

Employment

Appeared in Employment Appeal Tribunal Proceedings regarding employer obligations upon redundancy of an employee

Represented an employee in Employment Appeal Tribunal proceedings in relation to the adequacy of reasons given by the Employment Tribunal

Defended a claim for unfair dismissal on behalf of a supermarket on the basis that the claim had been brought out of time

Acted for a claimant in a discrimination claim arising from his dismissal

Appointments

2019 – Present: Secretary of TrustBar

Memberships

2017 - Present: TrustBar