

Michael Cahill

Michael prides himself on being a common law lawyer and accepting work across multiple disciplines. Michael believes that his knowledge across practice areas is often invaluable in providing informed advice for his clients.



Civil

Michael undertakes civil work across all of Chambers' practice areas. He advises Claimants and Defendants on both liability and quantum in areas including Personal Injury, Credit Hire, Breach of Contract, Sale of Goods and Boundary Disputes.

Michael has significant experience in respect of claims involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty. He has also represented clients who have faced applications for committal, notably securing an acquittal in a case concerning allegations of a staged accident and falsified injury.

He has advised upon a notice to disclaim land under the Insolvency Act 1986 and was subsequently successful in an application to have the disclaimed land vested in the Petitioner.

Michael has successfully appeared on behalf of a Claimant in the High Court in defamation proceedings.

Michael accepts instructions in respect of quasi-criminal matters and has successfully defended Respondents faced with Gang Injunctions and Serious Crime Act Injunctions.

He advises and appears for both Claimants and Defendants in applications under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996.

Michael is well adept at dealing with costs matters in particular Costs and Case Management Conferences.

YEAR OF CALL

2012

GRADE OF PROSECUTOR

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APPOINTMENTS

Deputy District Judge (Civil, Financial Remedy, Private and Public Children) 2019

First Tier Tribunal (Social Entitlement Chamber)

AREAS OF PRACTICE

CIVIL

Company & Commercial Costs Credit Hire Employment Motor Insurance Fraud Personal Injury

CRIME

FAMILY

Divorce & Domestic Violence Family Finance Public & Private Law – Children



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Criminal

Michael accepts instructions from both Prosecution and Defence in a wide range of criminal matters.

Michael regularly appears for the Crown involving cases of serious violence, dishonesty, drugs and public order.

Michael also prosecutes for Local Authorities and has successfully prosecuted environmental and regulatory offences on their behalf.

He has a busy Defence practice and prides himself in giving sensible and readily understandable advice to his clients.

Michael has experience in dealing with confiscation proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and understands the importance of early advice and thorough preparation of these cases to ensure that Defendants do not find themselves with additional default sentences.

Michael has an interest in road traffic offences and regularly succeeds in both exceptional hardship and special reasons arguments.

Employment

Michael acts for both Claimants and Respondents in employment matters. He has successfully appeared for a Claimant in an unfair dismissal claim involving allegations of automatic unfair dismissal alongside ordinary unfair dismissal.

Michael also deals with the more unusual jurisdictions of the Employment Tribunal having recently appeared on behalf of a company appealing a prohibition notice issued by an inspector of Her Majesty's Health & Safety Executive.

Family

Michael has acted across a wide range of family hearings in the Family Court and High Court.

Michael regularly appears in public law proceedings and is regularly instructed in cases with a wide and varying array of concerns from chronic neglect to non-accidental injury of the upmost severity.

Michael has successfully secured the return of children in the face of opposition from both the Local Authority and Children's Guardian.



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Michael acts for both Applicants and Respondents in private law proceedings. He has experience of dealing with cases of 'implacable hostility' and has represented Children's Guardians pursuant to FPR 16.4.

In financial remedy proceedings Michael regularly appears in FDR's and Final Hearings. He has experience in dealing with cases involving family businesses and how they ought to be dealt with in the context of ancillary relief proceedings.

He has notably represented a Wife who was successful in securing the totality of the assets of the marriage following the court finding that the Husband had engaged in sustained conduct involving sexual and physical violence.