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Practice Profile

Michael Lok's practice spans all areas of commercial litigation and arbitration as well as public and administrative proceedings.

On the commercial front, Michael particularly focuses on bankruptcy, company and insolvency, regularly acting for financial and banking institutions, listed companies and professional clients. In the public sphere, Michael has advised/appeared for a number of public bodies and government departments, in judicial review and related proceedings as well as death inquests before the Coroner's Court.

Michael also regularly advises on/participates in arbitration proceedings (including HKIAC and ICC). Michael has been appointed to HKIAC's List of Arbitrators.

In addition to the Hong Kong Bar, Michael is one of the first batches of Hong Kong barristers to have passed the Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination. Michael is also granted rights of audience in the Astana International Financial Centre Court as well as a Registered Foreign Lawyer of the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC).

Michael has also been appointed by the Chief Justice to sit as a Deputy Judicial Officer at the Labour Tribunal and the Small Claims Tribunal, for multiple periods between 2019 to 2023. Michael also sat as a Master of the District Court between February and March 2024.

Michael has been a Non-Clinical Lecturer as well as Examiner of the University of Hong Kong's Department of Law (LLB) and Department of Professional and Legal Education (PCLL).

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Qualifications

- Call (Hong Kong): 2014
- Astana International Financial Centre Court (rights of audience)
- Registered Foreign Lawyer, Singapore International Commercial Court
- BCL (Distinction), University of Oxford (St John's College)
- PCLL, University of Hong Kong
- LLB (First Class Honours, Top of Year), LSE

Prizes and Scholarships

- Bar Scholarship (HKBA)
- Charles Ching Memorial Scholarship (HKBA)
- Sir Royston Goode Prize for BCL, St John's College (Oxford)
- Slaughter and May Prize for Best Overall Degree (LSE)
- Slaughter and May Prize for Best Final Year Performance (LSE)
- Hogan Lovells Prize for Best Performance in Business Associations (LSE)

Appointments and Public Service

- Feb-March 2024: Master, District Court
- July-Aug 2023: Deputy Adjudicator, Small Claims Tribunal
- Jan 2022-Feb 2022: Deputy Presiding Officer, Labour Tribunal
- Dec 2019-Feb 2020: Deputy Presiding Officer, Labour Tribunal
- 2017-2022: Chairman, School Council, ESF Island School
- Co-Founder, Company and Insolvency Law Society
- Member, Standing Committee on Discipline, HKBA
- Member, Committee on Company Law, HKBA
- Member, Committee on Arbitration, HKBA
- Former Member, Standing Committee on Civic Education, HKBA
- Former Honorary Secretary and Member, Standing Committee on China Practice Development, HKBA

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- Former Member, Standing Committee on Young Barristers' Committee, HKBA
- Non-Clinical Lecturer, Faculty of Law, HKU
- Former Associate Editor, Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal
- Former Head Boy, Island School

Selected Cases

Banking/Company/Commercial

- *New Castle Investments Ltd v. WFC Holding Ltd and Others* [2021] HKCFA 5 (led by Edward Chan SC)
- *Sun Min and Others v. Chu Kong* (06/12/2022, FACV6/2022) (2022) 25 HKCFAR 318 (led by Johnny Mok SC)
- *Secretary for Justice v. Global Merchant Funding Ltd* (2016) 19 HKCFAR 192 (led by Simon Westbrook SC, and with Derek Chan, as he then was)
- *Re Ocean Sino Limited* [2020] 1 WLR 4656 (led by Richard Hacker KC, John Carrington KC and William Wong SC)
- *Re Dangdai International Investments Ltd* [2023] HKCFI 1347 (led by Eva Sit SC)
- *Frank Lee and Another v. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd* [2022] HKCFI 3680 (led by Eva Sit SC)
- *Re Wang Huimin* [2022] HKCFI 2271 (led by Benjamin Yu SC)
- *China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Ltd v. Zhang Kangyang* [2022] HKCFI 2135 (led by Audrey Eu SC, and with Alan Kwong)
- *Ng Yan Kit Alfred and Another v. Ever Honest Industries Ltd and Another* [2022] 3 HKLRD 174
- *Li Yiqing v. Lamtex Holdings Ltd* [2021] 2 HKLRD 177
- *Re Convoy Global Holdings Ltd* [2020] 3 HKC 403 (led by William Wong SC)
- *Chung Keng v. Pearl Oriental Oil Ltd* [2019] 3 HKLRD 715; [2018] 5 HKLRD 567 (led by William Wong, SC)

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- *Lau Yu also known as Jaffe Lau v. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd* [2019] 2 HKC 18 (led by Linda Chan, SC, as she then was)
- *Chu Kong v. Lau Wing Yan and Others* [2019] 1 HKLRD 589, [2018] HKCA 1010 (led by Jose-Antonio Maurellet, SC)
- *Re Enice Holding Co Ltd* [2018] 4 HKLRD 736 (led by William Wong SC)
- *Yu Hing Tong Ltd v. Fung Hing Chiu Cyril* [2016] 5 HKLRD 567
- *Yip Wai Kwok Gabriel v. Hong Kong Society of Congenital & Structural Heart Disease Ltd* [2016] 5 HKLRD 117
- *Crane World Asia Pte Ltd v. Hontrade Engineering Ltd* [2016] 3 HKLRD 640 (led by Gerard McCoy SC, and with Derek Chan, as he then was)
- *Cornhill Enterprises Ltd v. Leung Chun Sang and Others* [2016] 2 HKLRD 1525
- *Chan Sang v. Chan Kwok* [2015] 3 HKLRD 131 (with Jose-Antonio Maurellet, as he then was)

Others (Land & Property/Public & Administrative)

- *WFC Holding Ltd v. New Castle Investments Ltd* [2021] HKCFA 5 (led by Edward Chan SC)
- *Re Urban Renewal Authority Development Project at Queen's Road West/Kwai Heung Street* (Urban Renewal Authority Appeal Board) Appeal Case No. 2023-001; 2023-002
- *Polyline Development Ltd (in liq) v. Ching Lin Chuen and Others* [2023] HKCFI 3049
- *Oriental Moon Ltd v. Golden Sino Link Ltd and Others* [2023] HKCA 608 (led by Patrick Fung SC)
- *Re Mei Wah Building (Buildings Appeal Tribunal)* (Case No. 20/2019)
- *Charteryard Industrial Ltd v. Appeal Tribunal (Buildings)* [2021] HKCA 1164
- *New Castle Investments Ltd v. WFC Holding Ltd and Others* [2020] HKCA 755 (led by Edward Chan SC)

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- *Chan Sang v. Chan Kwok* [2015] 3 HKLRD 131 (led by Jose-Antonio Maurellet SC)
- *Kwok Cheuk Kin v. Chief Executive in Council* [2023] HKCFI 3074 (District Council elections) (led by Jenkin Suen SC)
- *Akram Muhammad v. Director of Immigration and Another* [2023] HKCFI 595
- *Lai Chee Ying v. Commissioner of Police* [2022] 5 HKLRD 205; [2022] 5 HKLRD 617; [2022] 4 HKLRD 582 (led by Jenkin Suen SC)
- *Competition Commission v. Kam Kwong Engineering Company Ltd and Others* [2022] 3 HKLRD 786; [2020] 4 HKLRD 61
- *803 Funds Ltd v. Secretary for Education* [2021] 4 HKLRD 735 (led by Douglas Lam SC)
- *Tong Ying Kit v. Secretary for Justice* [2021] 3 HKLRD 350; [2021] 2 HKLRD 1036 (led by Jenkin Suen SC)
- *Re Next Digital Ltd* [2021] 2 HKLRD 857 (with Jonathan Man and Leona Cheung)
- *Charteryard Industrial Ltd v. Appeal Tribunal (Buildings)* [2021] HKCA 1164
- *Death Inquest re: Leung Kin-fai* CCDI-555/2021
- *Death Inquest re: Li Man-tak* CCDI-932/2019
- *Death Inquest re: Alex Chow-Tsz Lok* CCDI-932/2019
- 彭道力 訴 行政上訴委員會 [2021] HKCFI 230
- *Death Inquest re: Alex Chow-Tsz Lok* CCDI-932/2019