

Michael White

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Michael is an employment, commercial and media lawyer. Directories describe him as *"super bright"*, *"phenomenally hardworking"* and *"a very talented advocate"*, but also *"commercial"*, *"strategic"* and *"a pleasure to work with"*.

Michael has appeared in matters before a wide range of courts and tribunals both in the UK and abroad, from the Employment Tribunal to the Court of Appeal to arbitral tribunals. He acts in High Court commercial and business protection proceedings; high-value discrimination and whistleblowing cases in the Employment Tribunal; and data and media cases, including mass-action 'data breach' claims.

Michael's clients have ranged from hedge funds to sports stars to tech companies to government agencies. He has particular experience representing employers and senior executives in the financial services, tech and legal industries, and defendants in mass data claims following hacking incidents. He often handles cases with significant reputational and/or regulatory angles.



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Expertise

Commercial and Business Protection

Michael has substantial experience in commercial law – particularly, but not exclusively, in the context of employment and business protection, including disputes over restrictive covenants, ‘team moves’ and breaches of confidence and fiduciary duties. This experience spans both civil litigation and arbitral proceedings, and has involved many cases in which interim injunctive relief is sought.

Michael has been instructed alongside many of the leading silks in this area on very high-value court and arbitral disputes involving international financial institutions, Formula 1 racing teams, global reinsurers, and many other clients based both in the UK and abroad. He also has experience acting unled for a wide range of clients on business protection matters.

Achievements

Education

2018: Bar Professional Training Course, BPP University (Outstanding)

2015: BA Jurisprudence, Oxford University (First Class)

Awards

Lord Justice Holker Scholarship (Gray’s Inn)

Sally Ball European Law Prize (Trinity College, Oxford)



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excellent technically

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very responsive

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very bright

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very personable

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commercial

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practical

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a safe pair of hands in tribunal

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