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Areas of practice

- Construction & Engineering
- Professional Negligence

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Practice overview

Michael deals with construction disputes of all kinds in the civil, mechanical, electrical engineering and building sectors, including Health and Safety matters and compensation for Compulsory Purchase Orders. Professional negligence claims involving architects, engineers and quantity surveyors also form part of his work, which is a broad mix of advising, drafting and having the carriage of cases at conciliation, adjudication, arbitration and in court. He has particular experience in unforeseen ground conditions and delay claims. Michael is a qualified Mediator and advises on the full spectrum of dispute resolution choice.

An English barrister since 1969, he was called to the Irish Bar in 1990 and has assisted in many claims arising out of the Irish construction boom. His cases in Ireland have included claims for contractors on major national road contracts, the refurbishment of Irish Waterways, large main drainage disputes (eg. Limerick main drainage) and variations, defects and delay claims in respect of major airports, city retail and residential developments and defective design and dilapidation claims in respect of housing estates and public buildings.

Recent Cases

- Cyprus - for the Government in defence of claims arising out of the construction of the Limmasol hospital.
- Uzbekistan - pursuing claims arising out of the refurbishment of an airport.
- Botswana - acting for the Government in defence of claims brought by a contractor for the design and construction of a water treatment plant.
- Western Australia - acting for a contractor in a mining dispute.
- Ireland
 - Acting against a mining company in respect of damage and subsidence to farm land.
 - Acting against a County Council for compulsory purchase compensation.
 - Acting for engineers for the recovery of fees.
 - Acting for the ex manager of the Pogues for defamation.
- England
 - Acting for a sub-contractor in respect of delay and disruption to a gas pipeline in Scotland.
 - Acting for an haute couture outlet for breach of a decorating contract.
 - Acting for a commercial client for breach of contract for the design and delivery of a web site.
 - Acting for a scaffolding contractor for the return of goods and materials.

Michael has lectured to the Construction Law Society in Ireland and was a part time lecturer on the Commercial Law and Arbitration Course at Trinity College, Dublin. Formerly in England he was an External Tutor to the Centre for Construction Law and Management at King's College, London and for many years an external lecturer in Construction Law to Water Training International. He advised Times Newspapers on libel matters for many years.

Selected Reported Cases

- *Uniform Construction Limited v Limerick City Council* (2007) 1 IR 30
- *Skanska Construction (Regions) Ltd v Anglo Amsterdam Corp Ltd* (2002) 84 Con LR 100
- *Burrells Wharf Freeholds Limited v Galliard Homes Limited* (2000) 2 TCLR 54; (1992) 2 EGLR 81; [1999] 22EG 82; [1999] NPC 79
- *Havant Borough Council v South Coast Shipping Limited (No. 2)* (1998) 14 Const LJ 430
- *The Mayor and Burgesses of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames v AMEC Civil Engineering Limited* (1993) 35 Con LR 39; (1994) 10 Const LJ 225
- *E Turner and Sons Ltd v Mathind Ltd* (1989) 5 Const LJ 273
- *Tara Engineering v Moorfield Developments* (1989) 46 BLR 72
- *Family Management v Gray* (1980) 1 EGLR 46
- *Bramall & Ogden Ltd v Sheffield City Council* [1985] 29 BLR 73

Education & Professional Career

Inns of Court School of Law	1966-1969
Called to the Bar (Lincolns Inn)	1969
Chambers of Geoffrey Crispin QC	1969-1972
Assistant Legal Director of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors	1972-1974
Chambers of Michael Beckman QC	1974-1992

Called to the Irish Bar	1990
Chambers of Ronald Walker QC	1992-1998
Chambers of Mark Littman QC	1998-2010
Consultant to Franklin & Andrews	2001-2002
Law Library Dublin	2003
Institute of Engineers Ireland	
Accredited Conciliator	2008
CIArb Irish Branch Accredited Arbitrator	2008
CIArb Accredited Mediator	2011
Public Access Training	2012/2014

Additional Information

Michael is a folk music enthusiast.