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His advice is always spot-on, clear and concise. He makes it all seem so easy.

- Chambers and Partners

Michael Bowmer is a commercial chancery practitioner specialising in commercial dispute resolution at its intersection with traditional chancery areas, such as, trusts, succession, property, company, insolvency and partnership law.

Michael's practice has at its core an expertise in claims against professionals, such as lawyers, accountants, financial advisors, insolvency practitioners, planning consultants, auctioneers, valuers and quantity surveyors, and those who owe fiduciary duties to others, such as directors, trustees, partners and agents.

Ranked as a Leading Professional Negligence Junior by the directories, Michael is described as "*very good on technical issues.*" "*He never fails to deliver and his advice is always spot on. Considered and commercial. He is amiable and respectful and very nice to work with*" (Chambers & Partners, 2019). "*Excellent attention to detail and technical expertise*" (Legal 500, 2019).

Before being called to the Bar, Michael worked for several years in fine art publishing, an experience which gave Michael an insight into the commercial concerns of clients and an ability to see things from their perspective. Michael later studied law at King's College London where he obtained the Strand Trust Prize for the highest first class degree in his year. Michael is hands-on and approachable and combines both a rigorous approach and commercial awareness in seeking to achieve the best possible results for his clients. Michael is also an accredited mediator with a growing mediation practice, and, given his background, has a strong interest in claims involving art law and cultural property. Outside work Michael is usually to be found in an art gallery or museum, in a cinema, on a road bike or with some form of six-stringed instrument in his hands.

Michael is married with two sons and lives in Cambridge. He is a member of the Chancery Bar Association, the Commercial Bar Association, the Professional Negligence Bar Association, the Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association and the Institute of Art and Law.

Privacy Policy

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Areas of Expertise

Arbitration

Arbitration clauses are found in all sorts of business agreements, whether commercial contracts, partnership or joint venture



agreements or commercial leases. Michael acted in a major long-running international arbitration between software manufacturers as to the correct interpretation of a licensing agreement, which required the assembly and deployment of a large volume of complex expert evidence concerning the development of internet technology. Michael has also acted in a number of arbitrations between professionals, such as solicitors, doctors and veterinary practitioners, arising out of partnership disputes, and regularly advises and acts in arbitrations concerning commercial landlord and tenant matters.

Qualifications & Memberships

King's College London (LLB Hons First Class).

Insights

Clerical Error across the Border: Application of the English Law of Rectification to Irish Will: Kelly v. Brennan [2020] EWHC 245 (Ch)

25 February 2020

In the context testamentary succession, it is well-established under the rules of private international law that the court can apply domestic law to a foreign will of a testator who was domiciled in this jurisdiction where the court is concerned with issues of capacity, formal validity, material validity or interpretation. However, no authority one way or the other has ever determined whether the law of rectification should be applied in the same way.

Unfair Prejudice Petitions: what makes prejudice “unfair”?

3 July 2019

Unfairness is an essential ingredient in minority shareholder petitions. Prejudice alone is not enough. This article explores just what it is that a petitioner needs to prove to make prejudice “unfair” in order for a petition to succeed.

Dealing with surplus assets in voluntary winding up (Qureshi v Association of Conservative Clubs Ltd) – Lexis PSL Restructuring & Insolvency article by Michael Bowmer of 4 New Square

24 May 2019

Following his appearance for the successful liquidator in Qureshi v. Association of Conservative Clubs Ltd [2019] EWHC 1165 (Ch), Michael Bowmer was asked by Lexis@PSL Restructuring & Insolvency to give an e-interview about the case. A copy of the interview, which was first published on 20 May 2019, can be found [here](#).

On a Handshake: the Gauguin and the Ten Million Dollar Commission

13 February 2018

Offering a glimpse into the world of high-end art deals, and the position of trustees and fiduciary agents, Michael Bowmer considers the recent decision of Morgan J in ACLBDD Holdings Limited v. Staechelin [2018] EWHC 44.