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Qualifications and Appointments

- First Class degree in Law at Oxford University
- Deputy High Court Judge
- Former recorder
- Bencher of the Middle Temple
- Honorary research fellow at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
- A former visiting fellow of the Law School of the University of Auckland in New Zealand

“Highly intellectual and is excellent on the strategy..”

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Practice Overview

Michael practices mainly in property law and administrative law. Over recent years he has been in cases in the House of Lords and the Privy Council concerning landlord and tenant law, the rules of natural justice, estoppel and compensation and compulsory acquisition. In recent years he has been on cases in Hong Kong and the Cayman Islands.

Michael has been the chairman of a public inquiry into a nuclear power station which lasted over a year and has conducted long arbitrations and inquiries lasting over 80 days. He also has a large advisory practice in all the main areas of property law. Michael is a former editor of *Hill and Redman's law of landlord and tenant*, as well as the author of other books on aspects of landlord and tenant law, and of numerous articles in legal journals.

Michael is listed in the **Who's Who Legal: UK Bar 2015** for Real Estate.

The recent edition of Chambers & Partners, 2016 state *"he's a very aggressive and talented cross-examiner." "He deals with everything in a very crisp way and you're out before the coffee is cold. He is so efficient and decisive in what he says that you don't feel the need to chat things over with him."*

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Planning and Environment Bar Association
- Property Bar Association
- Administrative Law Bar Association

Publications

- [Rights of Light](#) (2016) *Wilberforce Property Update* (Issue 2) April 2016
- [The Law of Rights of Light](#) (2016) Hart Publishing
- [The law of Compulsory purchase and Compensation](#) (2014) Hart Publishing
- [Problems in land valuation](#) (2008) *Development Disputes: Current issues for property litigators.*
- Former editor of *Hill and Redman's Law on Landlord and Tenant*
- *Hill and Redman's Law of Rent Review*
- Former contributor to *Halsbury's Laws on Landlord and Tenant*
- Numerous articles in legal journals



Property

Cases in the House of Lords have included *Hazell v Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council* on the powers of local authorities to contract, and in the *Privy Council Shun Fung v Director of Buildings and Works*, which is the leading modern authority on the law of compensation for the acquisition of business assets.