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Year of call Call:

Barrister • 1990

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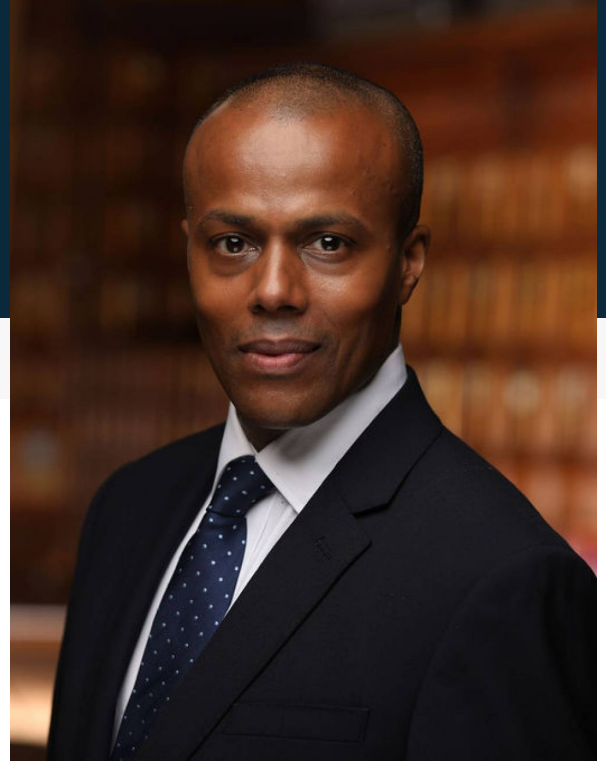
Practice profile:

Michael is a highly respected and experienced advocate whose practice encompasses all areas of serious crime. He is also instructed in regulatory proceedings.

Michael is a committed barrister with a strong sense of social justice. His “down to earth” approach appeals to both clients and juries. He relates well to people from a variety of backgrounds. A substantial portion of Michael’s clients are members of different ethnic minority groups. He is often chosen to represent young and vulnerable defendants from inner-city areas.

Michael has a reputation for building a strong rapport with both lay and professional clients, based on meticulous preparation. He is known for being tenacious, industrious, and tactically astute. He is highly skilled at identifying arguable points of law and has a good success rate in excluding evidence and securing acquittals based on terminating rulings.

Over the years Michael has developed a keen interest in appellate work. He has appeared in the Court of Appeal on numerous occasions, where he has been successful in overturning many first instance verdicts and sentences. Michael has been instructed to provide advice and conduct appeals in cases where he was not trial counsel. He has



Qualifications

- BA (Honours) History
- Diploma in Law
- BVC at the Inns of Court School of Law

Professional memberships

- Criminal Bar Association

represented Applicants pro-bono and also on a private basis. His dedicated work in this field is a testament to his desire to pursue and achieve just outcomes for his clients.

Serious crime:

Michael has defended in a wide variety of serious criminal cases – including homicide, armed robbery, kidnap, firearms offences, drug trafficking and fraud. His experience, gained over 30 years, has equipped him with the necessary skills to deal with complex and difficult cases. He is regularly instructed in multi-handed trials, both as leading and as led junior counsel.

Professional discipline & regulatory law:

Although Michael's principal practice is in crime, he has also been instructed in regulatory proceedings before the NMC and the HCPC, where clients have benefitted from his advocacy skills honed in the criminal courts.

