

### **Michael Driscoll QC**

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After graduating from Cambridge University with a first class honours degree in law, Michael became a member of chambers at 9 Old Square which later merged to become part of Maitland.

Michael has a varied practice, ranging from company and partnership, commercial and trust, traditional chancery and professional negligence disputes and issues, to leasehold and freehold property and minerals disputes and issues of every kind. Over recent years he has travelled extensively for clients, and in particular to the Caribbean, the Far East, and South Africa.

#### **Publications**

Consultant Editor of Halsbury's Laws of England (4<sup>th</sup> edition) Volume 31 (Mines Minerals and Quarries)

#### **Notable Cases**

*Millgate Developments v Smith* [2016] UKUT 515 (modification of covenants)

*Vizcaya Partners v Picard* [2016] 3 All ER 181, PC (enforcement of foreign insolvency judgment)

*Rubin v Eurofinance SA* [2013] 1 AC 236, SC (enforcement of foreign insolvency judgment)

*Crossco No 4 Ltd v Jolan* [2012] 1 EGLR 137 (constructive trust)

*Bocardo v Star Energy* [2011] 1 AC 380 (oil drilling rights in UK)

#### **Memberships**

Chancery Bar Association

Property Bar Association

#### **Qualifications**

BA, LLB (Cantab). Called to the English, Anguillian, Nevisian, BVI, and (ad hoc) Hong Kong bars. Bencher of Lincoln's Inn.



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### Recommendations

#### Chambers UK

##### Chancery: Traditional

"Highly respected senior silk who enjoys a strong reputation at the Chancery Bar." "He is very good on tricky property cases and really knows his stuff." (2019)

"He has a fearsome reputation in this area of law". "He dispenses excellent advice; it is always well thought-out and considered" (2018)

"He's got a real knack of creating great pressure on the other side by being reasonable at all times." "He's exceptionally thorough and clear in his opinions." (2017)

"Comes at things from a practical perspective and cuts through to the heart of the issue." (2016)

"A barrister noted for the quality of his advocacy who is well respected for his work in contentious trusts, real property and professional negligence cases."

"A stalwart of the Bar."

"An excellent advocate who is able to provide clear and focused advice." (2015)

"An excellent advocate, who continues to impress with his prowess in property and trust disputes."

"He has a understated style, but he's got a real punch and is a fantastic cross examiner."

"He is never afraid to give a clear and commercial view, and he has great gravitas." (2014)

"Pre-eminent" "fights long and hard for his client." (2013)

"Formidable." (2012)

"Stands out for having a comprehensive practice." (2010)

#### Chambers UK

##### Real Estate Litigation

"Incredibly intelligent, pragmatic and dependable." "Very, very hard-working and bright." (2019)

"He's a heavyweight and absolutely brilliant." (2018)

"Exceptionally thorough and clear in his opinion." (2017)

"He is great, clear and uncompromising. He never sits on the fence. He is brilliantly fast in turnaround and produces great paperwork." (2016)

"An experienced and talented practitioner, who has a broad chancery practice heavy on property law."

"An advocate of the highest quality, and a man with a huge intellect."

"He has a lovely, understated style, and is very knowledgeable." (2015)

"A top-drawer advocate, highly lauded by clients and peers."

"An outstanding lawyer with great commercial nous."

"An advocate of the highest quality, who has a huge intellect." (2014)

"Formidable opponent with great gravitas."

"The most experienced QC at the Bar for property litigation."

"Ability to deal with very complex issues."

"Never afraid to give a clear and commercial view." (2013)

"Has one of the best brains I have ever encountered," "very clear, client-focused advice." (2012)

"Has a lovely laid-back manner and is an incredibly good cross-examiner," "Incredible on his feet and brilliant on paper," "he is admired for his "dry wit"" "someone very senior who is driven by client needs." (2011)

"Excellent attention to detail" "he is not afraid to ask probing or uncomfortable questions to get to the bottom of the matter." (2010)

### **Chambers UK**

#### **Chancery: Commercial**

"Pitch-perfect advocacy" and "a talent for instilling confidence in clients" "No word is ever wasted." (2011)

### **Chambers UK**

#### **Professional Negligence**

"He doesn't just dip his toe in the water like some others." (2010)

### **Legal 500 UK**

#### **Professional Negligence**

"Experienced in a range of professional negligence cases." (2018/19)

"A wealth of experience" (2017)

"Well prepared." (2016)

"He is extremely intelligent and has a vast depth of expertise." (2015)

"A superb intellect. Always well prepared and organised." (2014)

"Brilliant." (2013)

"Recommended." (2012)

### **Legal 500 UK**

#### **Property Litigation**

"A highly rated barrister." (2018/19)

"Runs good arguments" (2017)

"Recommended for rent review and development issues." (2016)

"An experienced real estate litigator." (2015)

"He always provides excellent advice in a really understandable way." (2014)