

## Michael Dougherty (Pupil)

Called in 2017 (GI) 020 7583 9241

Michael joined Farrar's Building as a pupil in October 2017, following a successful commercial career.

He accepts instructions in Small Claims and Fast Track personal injury claims, Employment Tribunals, infant settlement hearings, credit hire and contract claims. Michael is also happy to draft statements of case and to provide written advices on liability and quantum.

He is a tenacious and persuasive advocate, whilst being pragmatic and empathetic with clients from all backgrounds. These characteristics and other wide-ranging transferable skills derive from a commercial career which ended in PLC boardrooms but originated in a frozen chicken factory!

In the last 6 years prior to being called to the Bar, Michael combined full-time work as a Sales and Marketing Director with part-time study for his Law Degree (1st Class) and the Bar Professional Training Course.

## Experience at Farrar's Building

In his first six months of pupillage Michael was initially under the supervision of Matthew Kerruish-Jones and enjoyed exposure to a wide range of instructions. These included Fast Track and Multi-Track personal injury claims, Coroner's inquests and HSE investigations. During this time Michael also undertook work for other members of Chambers including written advices and drafting statements of case.

Michael is currently supervised by Guy Watkins. In addition to receiving his own instructions, Michael has been assisting Guy in high value Multi Track personal injury work, for both claimants and defendants, and has sat in on conferences with professional and lay clients, and expert witnesses.

## Further legal experience

Michael's commercial career involved instructing Counsel on a number of occasions. These experiences were instructive in his decision to forge a new career at the Bar. These included:

- Responding to a claim in the Employment Tribunal
- Claim for breach of contract in the High Court, seeking damages against a client whose assets were restrained under a pre-charge POCA Restraint Order
- Action against a third party in passing off, including a without notice Freezing Injunction to preserve assets which were latterly awarded as damages.

He was also an elected Member of the National Executive Committee of the UK Gift Card and Voucher Association, a trade body representing the interests of multi-national retailers comprising over £5.5bn in industry sales. He held the portfolio for Legal and Regulatory matters, and collated and administered the industry response to a Law Commission consultation.

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Michael also undertook general contract drafting and settlement negotiations in a broad range of commercial situations and disputes.

## Interests

Michael is married with three sons, and lives in Sevenoaks, Kent.

In his spare time he enjoys drinking good wine with his eldest son, and trying – largely unsuccessfully - to maintain parity with his 10 year old's science knowledge, and his 9 year old's football skills.

If you would like to instruct Michael Dougherty or would like help or advice in doing so, please call and talk to our excellent clerking team, led by senior clerk Alan Kilbey MBE. Our phone number is +44 (0)20 7583 9241. Alternatively, please email us at [chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk](mailto:chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk).

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