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Michael has over 30 years' experience in financial services. Michael's primary area of focus and expertise is on the regulation of retail financial services, insurance, superannuation, platforms and products and, in particular, strategic regulatory advice and investigations. He is a recognised expert and thought leader in the area of financial services regulation, and is regularly nominated a leading practitioner in this space and quoted in the financial press.

Michael is widely recognised as a leader in his field and is regularly at the forefront of debating and developing new law. His advice is routinely sought in relation to strategic management of regulatory matters, including liaising with the lead Australian financial services regulators APRA and ASIC.

In the 2018 edition of Chambers Asia Pacific Guide, Michael was named as a Band 1 partner in Financial Services Regulation and Superannuation. Clients noted that he is 'very responsive and very good strategically.' He was most recently named as Best Superannuation Lawyer in 2018, as well as being awarded Industry Excellence Awards by the Financial Services Council in 2014 and 2016 for outstanding contributions to the financial services industry.

In addition, in 2018, Michael was awarded the Financial Services Partner of the Year award as well as the Partner of the Year Excellence Award by Lawyers Weekly.

In 2017 and 2018, Acritas Stars—an independent report commissioned by a global panel of General Counsels—listed Michael as one of 23 'stand-out' lawyers globally. Clients described Michael as 'a very creative legal thinker, who can be presented with a tractable problem and can present alternatives that often help us get to a result that we probably wouldn't have got if we'd gone to anyone else'. Michael is also described as having 'great commercial acumen'.