

Michael Mills

Disputes lawyer and mediator, Solve Resolve Pty Ltd

Michael Mills is considered “one of Australia’s leading lawyers and mediators”, with extensive experience in complex commercial litigation, dispute resolution and mediation. He is recognised for his expertise in high-stakes disputes, including significant class actions, liability cases, insurance, regulatory investigations and inquiries.

Following leadership roles as founding and managing partner of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan (Australia) and Disputes partner and national and international practice group leader at Freehills/Herbert Smith Freehills, Michael established Solve|Resolve, providing independent representation and strategic advice on commercial disputes. A nationally accredited mediator (NMAS and Resolution Institute), he holds appointments to various local and national mediation panels, including NSW Government Office of Small Business Commission, Australian Disputes Centre Mediation Panel, NSW Personal Injury Commission.

Michael has held leadership positions within industry bodies such as the Resolution Institute (formerly LEADR) and RAND Institute of Civil Justice Advisory Board. His publications include *Dispute Resolution: a practitioner’s guide to successful ADR* (Thomson Reuters, Sydney, 2018) and his memberships include the NSW Law Society ADR & Litigation Committees and the Federal Court Class Action committee.

Michael holds degrees in B.Juris and LLB (UWA) and JSM (Stanford) and is a Teaching Fellow at LLM Law and Justice UNSW, teaching “Resolving Civil Disputes” and “Mediation in Practice”. He is a regular guest speaker at national and international conferences and courses on Negotiation, Mediation, Dispute Resolution and complex commercial litigation. In addition to his part-time teaching, Michael is also a member of the Yalari NSW Council and board of Australian



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