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Michael leads PwC's Forensic team based in Singapore. He acts as an arbitrator and expert on accounting and quantum issues in a wide range of disputes and industries with over 20 years' experience and in excess of 100 dispute related assignments.

Michael specialises in cross border disputes. Michael has been involved in disputes arising from breaches of contract, share purchase agreements and claims arising out of investment treaties in mining, oil & gas, power generation, transport, construction, financial services, telecoms and manufacturing.

### Relevant Experience

- Provided expert testimony in respect of allegations that a company's financial records reflected bribes paid to government officials, demonstrating that the expenses were legitimate;
- Appointed as expert in respect of whether a breach had occurred following allegations of damages caused to foreign investors by legislative changes, demonstrating no breach had occurred;
- Prepared an expert opinion upon the interpretation and application of legislation to the accounting practices in a client's business operations in the financial leasing industry;
- Participated in a tribunal charged with reviewing the tariffs set by the regulator when the regulated entity appealed against the proposed tariffs, including a review of RAB claimed;
- Provided expert testimony on behalf of the seller in a dispute with the purchaser of a company in the high tech services industry regarding the valuation of the business following changes in the accounting practices of the company under new management;
- Assisted a client in establishing that the theft of funds from his bank account was facilitated by bank employees, resulting in a full refund of the stolen funds;
- Advised on the post acquisition accounting adjustments allegedly impacting the purchase price, including the related quantum impacts, after demonstrating fraud had been committed;
- Assisted a client in establishing the damages caused to him when he invested in a bank after it was mandated to rectify certain breaches of the local regulatory regime but failed to do so despite his best efforts, including reputational and regulatory implications;
- Assisted a client in the food production industry defend its pricing structure in light of an investigation by the competition regulator into allegations of market abuse, thereby enabling the client to satisfy the regulatory requirements and deferring the investigation;
- Acted as the expert in the determination of a dispute between an automotive manufacturer and a supplier of labour as a result of differing views as to the interpretation of contractual terms regarding the application of cost increases;
- Provided expert testimony on behalf of a government agency as to the profits generated by an alleged criminal enterprise involving smuggling and other criminal activity, including tracing the funds through to assets held by the accused; and
- Provided expert testimony as to the tracing of funds alleged to have been obtained illegally over an extended period of time.

### Education/Qualifications

- BBA, Simon Fraser University (Canada)
- LLM (Distinction) Construction and Arbitration law, Robert Gordon University (UK)
- Certified Fraud Examiner (US)
- Chartered Professional Accountant (Chartered Accountant) (Canada)
- Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Financial Forensic Professional (FFP)

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