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## Michael Dougherty

Called in 2017

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Michael joined Farrar's Building as a Tenant in October 2018 upon successful completion of pupillage under the supervision of Matthew Kerruish-Jones, Guy Watkins and Changez Khan.

Michael is happy to consider instructions in all Chambers' areas of expertise. He comes to the Bar following a successful commercial career, and has a busy court and paperwork practice. He appears in Court on most days in Fast Track trials and small claims, and is developing a complementary practice in Employment and Chancery / Commercial matters.

Michael is also qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public under the Direct Access scheme.

## Personal Injury

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Michael is instructed regularly in Fast Track trials, stage 3 hearings and RTA claims. He also advises in Conference and drafts Opinions on liability and / or quantum, statements of case, and schedules and counter-schedules.

During pupillage in Chambers, Michael observed and worked closely with Guy Watkins on a number of high value personal injury claims, both claimant and defendant, including drafting, hearings and joint settlement negotiations.

Michael is happy to consider instructions on a CFA basis, and is able to turn round urgent paperwork requests quickly.

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## Employment

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Michael has experience of being both an employee and an employer and of working with Trade Unions, and brings a consequent practical and pragmatic approach. He accepts instructions to advise or represent Claimants or Respondents in the Employment Tribunal.

During pupillage Michael undertook work on cases involving wrongful / unfair dismissal and various forms of discrimination in the Employment Tribunal and Employment Appeal Tribunal with Changez Khan.

## Commercial

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Michael has a natural insight and empathy for challenges facing commercial clients, derived from a commercial career spanning two decades. He was responsible for contract drafting and settlement negotiations in a broad range of commercial situations, and worked with Counsel in litigation on a number of occasions.

During pupillage, Michael undertook work with Andrew Peebles on an application for a Freezing Injunction in the High Court, and accompanied his supervisor Changez Khan on commercial cases in the High Court and Court of Appeal.

Michael is keen to develop this area of his practice. Outside of his court practice, Michael utilises his blend of commercial acumen and legal experience to advise Companies and Directors on contractual matters, strategy and tactics.

## Credit Hire

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Michael is regularly instructed in proceedings involving claims for Credit Hire. He acts equally for Claimant and Defendant, and as a result is familiar with the arguments advanced by both in litigation.

## Education

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As a former School Governor, Michael retains a keen interest in Education Law. He has experience of dealing with challenging situations in respect of Special Education Needs provision.

## Inquests

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During pupillage, Michael experienced Inquests during his seats with Matthew Kerruish-Jones and Guy Watkins. He was able to

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observe and consider papers in proceedings for families of the deceased and other interested parties.

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)

For more information about our clerking team, please [click here](#) for the clerks page.

## Appointments & Memberships

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- Bar Pro Bono Unit Volunteer Panel
- Employment Law Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Gray's Inn
- Attorney General's Civil Panel Counsel (Junior Juniors Scheme)

## Education & Qualifications

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- Bar Professional Training Course (2017)
- LLB (Hons), First Class, University of Central Lancashire (2015)

### Awards

- Routledge Prize for Outstanding Performance, Graduate Prize for Meritorious Performance

## Previous Employment

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Prior to being called to the Bar, Michael enjoyed a successful commercial career. With particular skill and experience in the fields of sales and marketing, he progressed from junior sales roles to senior management and Board positions, with responsibilities including negotiating and managing contractual relationships on many high-profile consumer promotions involving mobile networks including o2, EE and 3.

Michael's operational experience included an elected role on the Executive Committee of a UK Trade Body where he supported the response of the retail industry to a Law Commission consultation on prepayments made by consumers. He also gained inspiration for his future career by working alongside Counsel in pursuit of remedy to contractual breaches by clients, including a successful application for a Freezing Injunction and consequent award of damages.

For the final 7 years of Michael's commercial career he read law and undertook the BPTC while simultaneously fulfilling a senior board role in a stock market listed technology company, and managing his own consultancy business.

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## Personal Interests

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

In his spare time he enjoys drinking good wine with his wife and 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.

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