



Michael Cochrane SC* has over 25 years' experience, is dual qualified and specialises in construction and infrastructure project dispute resolution; litigation; domestic and international arbitration.

Prior to commencing practice as an Australian lawyer, Michael practised as Senior Counsel (SC) at the Johannesburg Bar, where he practised for more than 25 years, before which he worked in a leading South African law firm.

Michael acts for large entities including international and internationally affiliated contractors, sub-contractors, insurers, and principals, in high value disputes on major infrastructure, energy and resources, commercial, industrial, and residential projects and has acted as Arbitrator in construction and commercial disputes.

Michael's advisory work includes advice during tender and construction phases. His extensive experience includes appearing as Counsel in litigation; contractual dispute adjudications; domestic and international arbitration on projects including power stations (coal fired; hydro-electric; and solar); petrochemical plants; mining; tailings and water dams; piling; fibre optic lines; electrical transmission lines; international sports stadia; national roads; process plants; runway extensions; bridges; national roads; and storm water services.

Michael's commercial experience includes insurance (including professional indemnity and construction/payment guarantees); banking; insolvency; contract; company; corporate; tort; property and administrative law.

Michael's experience includes:

Lead counsel for an engineering company in multiparty litigation involving specification and engineering issues concerning specialised equipment in a coal fired power station.

One of two senior counsel in a team of four counsel representing the contractor in a petrochemical project in a 60-day online arbitration with multiple claims and involving experts from the UK, Australia and South Africa.

Lead counsel for the contractor in arbitration concerning the construction and refurbishment of tailings and water dams at a gold mine.

Advising a contractor in an East African mining project concerning early termination clauses under the law of Western Australia.

Lead counsel for the contractor successfully enforcing the contractor's entitlement to terminate a contract for the installation of electrical transmission lines.

Part of an international team of barristers representing an international contractor in arbitration proceedings in the IDRC in London involving multiple interrelated claims on a coal fired power station and involving experts from Singapore, Australia, the UK, and South Africa.

Co-counsel representing an international contractor on a pumped storage scheme in two arbitrations concerning multiple claims.

Co-counsel advising the employer on disputes concerning geotechnical; land surveying; design; professional negligence and causation issues arising during runway extensions.

Lead counsel representing a contractor in an International Chamber of Commerce ("ICC") arbitration arising from a power station corrosion protection sub-contract subject to Swiss Law.

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