

MICHAEL TODD QC

Called: 1977 Silk: 1997

Profile:

Michael Todd QC specialises in the field of company law, corporate finance, capital markets and corporate insolvency. Work involves all advisory and litigation aspects and covers areas such as takeovers, mergers and acquisitions, shareholder disputes, directors' duties and banking securities.



Described as “one of the first people to call for legal advice on complex restructurings and contested takeovers”, Michael Todd has been listed in the Times newspaper Power 100.

He has been admitted to the Bars of the following, common law, jurisdictions, for the limited purposes of appearing in the Courts of those jurisdictions in particular cases: Hong Kong, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Isle of Man, Turks & Caicos Islands, British Virgin Islands, and Northern Ireland.

In addition to his appearances as an advocate in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Court of Final Appeal of Hong Kong, he has often appeared as an advocate in the Courts of First Instance in the British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, and the Cayman Islands, has appeared in the Courts of First Instance in the Isle of Man, and has appeared in the Courts of Appeal in the British Virgin Islands, Bermuda and Turks & Caicos Islands, and the High Court in Northern Ireland.

What the Journals say:

Ranked in: Chambers and Partners

Company and Restructuring/Insolvency

Michael Todd QC “*Carries great respect in the courtroom and is brilliant at arguing a case.*” His ability to speak plainly and get straight to the point proves highly popular, as does his “*manifest experience and wealth of knowledge.*” (Chambers and Partners)

Michael Todd QC “*has a lovely manner that makes clients feel instantly at ease.*” He has a practice that is international in scope as illustrated by his appearance in *Validus Holdings Ltd v IPC Holdings Ltd* and *Max Capital Group Ltd*, a matter heard before the Supreme Court in Bermuda. (Chambers and Partners)

Michael Todd QC also impresses sources with his specialist experience in corporate insolvency and the corporate law aspects of restructuring. (Chambers and Partners)

Ranked in: The Legal 500

Company, Insolvency & Chancery Commercial Litigation

Chancery Bar Association head Michael Todd QC is praised as a 'powerful advocate' (The Legal 500)

Michael Todd QC remains a 'pre-eminent figure' (The Legal 500)

Michael Todd QC combines offshore commercial litigation experience with his respected tenure as chairman of a revitalised Chancery Bar Association (The Legal 500)

Professional Organisations:

Michael Todd is presently Chairman of the Chancery Bar Association, having been elected to that office in July 2007 and July 2008, and is a member of Combar.

Case List:

Re Prudential Enterprise Limited [2001] 2 HKC 686, Chu J.; [2002] 2 HKC 375, Court of Appeal, [2002] 3 HKLRD 388, Court of Final Appeal (shareholder dispute)

Ivensys plc v. Automotive Sealing Systems Ltd. [2002], All ER (Comm) Thomas J. (Expert determination, Manifest error; admissible material)

Chaston v. SWP Group plc [2003] 1 BCLC 675 Court of Appeal (leading authority on financial assistance)

Secretary of State for Trade & Industry v. Bairstow [2003] 1 BCLC 675 Court of Appeal (directors disqualification; issue estoppel)

Re Isis Factors plc [2003] 2 BCLC 411 Blackburne J. (disputed contract of allotment)

Re Queen's Moat Houses plc (No 2); Secretary of State v. Bairstow [2005] 1 BCLC 136 Rattee J. (disqualification of Chairman and Executive Director under Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986)

Re Hunting plc [2005] 2 BCLC 211 Patten J. (opposed cancellation of Preference Shares at less than market value)

Re Genosys Technology Management Ltd [2007] 1 BCLC 208 Lindsay J. (disqualification of US Directors of an English Company)

Irvine v. Irvine (No.1) [2007] 1 BCLC 349 Blackburne J. (shareholder dispute)

Hague v. Nam Tai Electronics Inc. [2007] 2 BCLC 194 Privy Council
(disputed share redemption in a liquidation)

Citco Banking Corp NV v. Pusser's Ltd [2007] 2 BCLC 483 (test to be applied in relation to alteration of Articles of Association)

Hans Brochier Holdings Ltd v Exner [2007] BCC 127 (Centre of Main Interests)

Anglo Petroleum Ltd v. TFB (Mortgages) Ltd [2008] 1 BCLC 185 Court of Appeal
(financial assistance)

Re PCCW Ltd [2009] HKCA 178 (Scheme of Arrangement; alleged "share-splitting")

Ford v. Polymer Vision Ltd. [2009] 2 BCLC 160 (Centre of Main Interests)

Validus Holdings Ltd v. IPC Holdings Ltd and Max Capital Group Ltd [2009] Supreme Court of Bermuda (Commercial Court) Ground CJ. (Viability of hostile scheme)

Iesini v. Westrip Holdings Ltd. [2009] EWHC 2526(CH) Lewis J (Scope of Statutory Derivative Action and Conspiracy Claim)

Pillar Securitisation S.a.r.l v. Spicer [2010] EWHC 836 HC - Proudman J.
(Administration of Foreign limited partnership; COMI, Authority to appoint, Prescribed Form, Removal)