

# MICHAEL WRIGHT

Barrister

## FREDERICK JORDAN CHAMBERS

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Recognised in *Doyle's Guide* as a "leading" and "recommended" planning and environment barrister, Michael is also highly regarded for his expertise in Aboriginal land rights, cultural heritage protection and native title law.

A long-standing member of Frederick Jordan Chambers, Michael regularly appears in complex matters relating to judicial review and enforcement proceedings, development appeals, environmental prosecutions and commercial leasing disputes in the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, Federal Court of Australia, NSW Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of New South Wales. He also seeks the best outcomes for clients, which include Aboriginal land councils, native title bodies, local government authorities and property developers, through his skilful representation in mediation and conciliation forums.

Michael's international experience as a barrister and previously as a solicitor, extends to both Australia and Papua New Guinea. While practising at top-tier law firm Blake Dawson Waldron (now, Ashurst) in Port Moresby, Michael regularly conducted complex litigation including for major resource clients in the Supreme and National Courts of Papua New Guinea with respect to environmental litigation. He also carried out environmental audits, negotiated with landowners and advised on new environmental legislation. With a fused legal profession in Papua New Guinea, Michael gained significant advocacy experience from a very early stage in his career, and continues to advise in matters related to that jurisdiction in his practice at the Bar today.

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### ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 2000 Admitted to the Bar of New South Wales
- 1984 Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1983 Bachelor of Laws: University of Sydney
- 1980 Bachelor of Arts: University of Sydney

### PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Administrative Law
  - Environmental Crime
  - Environmental, Local Government and Planning
  - Native Title Law
  - Aboriginal Land Rights
  - Real Property Law
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011 – present      Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers
- 2005 – 2011      Barrister, University Chambers
- 2000 – 2005      Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers
- 1994 – 1998 and    Solicitor, Blake Dawson Waldron (now, Ashurst) Sydney and Port Moresby  
1984 – 1992
- 1992 – 1994      Solicitor, Horowitz and Bilinsky Sydney
- 1998 – 2000      Solicitor, Michell Sillar Sydney

## ACCOLADES

- *Doyle's Guide*: "Recommended" Leading Planning & Environment Barristers – Sydney 2015
- *Doyle's Guide*: "Leading" Leading Planning & Environment Barristers – NSW 2014
- *Doyle's Guide*: "Recommended" Leading Planning & Environment Barristers – NSW 2013

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association