

## Expertise

Corporate practice; focuses in Corporate, M&A, and Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

## **Academic Qualifications**

MSt, University of Oxford, 2003 LLM, University College London,2002 LLB, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 2001

## Summary

Michael Kyriakides leads the Commercial & Corporate Litigation & Advisory at Harris Kyriakides.

Michael's practice covers the full range of company and commercial litigation, arbitration and advisory work. He specialises in complex corporate and commercial litigation and has extensive experience in pursuing and defending injunction litigation, including freezing orders, third party disclosure orders, search and seizure orders, tracing orders and other injunctions. He has acted in some of the largest claims and disputes brought before the Cyprus courts in recent years. His commercial, solutions-based approach is sought out by clients around the world to resolve their most composite and sensitive matters in

## **Professional Qualifications**

Member of the Cyprus Bar, 2004 Licensed Insolvency Practitioner domestic and international litigation. Michael has particular expertise in complex fraud and asset recovery litigation. He also accumulated extensive experience in cases involving international litigation or arbitration on corporate matters, investments, commercial issues arising in the banking and financial services, company and insolvency sectors and shareholders disputes.

Michael also leads the teams providing commercial and corporate advisory on cross border mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring and large asset finance transactions in Europe and has successfully negotiated and completed a range of domestic and cross-border transactions. He also advises on regulatory, compliance and sanctions matters.

Michael is consistently recommended by legal editorials, such as Legal 500, Who 's Who Legal and Chambers & Partners. In 2023, he has been ranked by Legal500 as a leading professional in Dispute resolution, Commercial, corporate and M&A, EU and competition, Intellectual property and Maritime and admiralty. Frequently, he is instructed by "magic circle" and other leading international firms. Michael is a regular speaker in international conferences and serves as outside counsel and non-executive director in a number of companies.

Michael holds a law degree from the National Kapodistrian University of Athens, has completed a Master of Laws programme at University College London and was awarded an MPhil at the University of Oxford, where he authored a thesis on summary adjudication in civil litigation. He also acted as the leader of the EU Commission legal research project in "Documentary disclosure in cross border litigation", conducted by Oxford University in collaboration with Vienna University and Ludwig Maximilians University Munich. In addition, he has lectured in

universities and international conferences and has published articles in legal journals and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and a licensed insolvency practitioner.