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About Michael

Michael Brady is a highly regarded and experienced commercial and corporate lawyer who advises on equity capital markets and corporate funding transactions, including schemes of arrangement, initial public offerings (IPOs), public and private M&A, Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) approvals, commercial and operational contracts, corporate governance and energy and resources law.

Michael's practice focuses primarily on hard rock mining assets as well as onshore and offshore gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects. Michael acts for clients across their entire involvement in domestic and international resources projects from identification or acquisition, structuring, financing and implementation to ongoing development, operation and through to divestment.

As well as negotiating and documenting transactions, Michael advises on tenure, access to regulated infrastructure, regulatory compliance and approvals together with commercial, corporate, governance, strategy and technical legal matters that arise for energy and resources project stakeholders. Michael also advises on sales, marketing and offtake agreements; state agreements; farm-in and -out and joint venture and joint operating arrangements; royalty and streaming arrangements; sublease, tribute and license arrangements; split commodity and mineral rights arrangements; and other operational commercial contracts.

Michael brings a wealth of top-tier and in-house experience together with a pragmatic, client-focused approach to the issues that arise in the areas of energy, mining and corporate law. Prior to joining our firm, Michael served as the national energy and resources sector lead at a national Australian law firm and also served as general counsel of an Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)-listed mining exploration company.

Michael serves as the national president and a Western Australia state committee member of the Energy and Resources Law Association (ER Law) and has been recommended as a leading Western Australian Business and Commercial Lawyer by *Doyle's Guide*.

Experience

Mining

- Acting for Impact Minerals Limited (ASX: IPT) in relation to:
    - Its acquisition of the Broken Hill East project in New South Wales from New Frontier Minerals (AASX: NFM)
    - Its farm-in and joint venture (incorporated) transaction to acquire a majority interest in the Playa One high purity alumina project
    - Its earn-out and joint venture with Burrendong Minerals Limited relating to IPT's Commonwealth project in New South Wales
    - A farm-in and joint venture transaction at IPT's Broken Hill project
- Acting for Australian Gold and Copper Limited (ASX: AGC) in relation to:
    - Its acquisition of the South Cobar project in New South Wales from Strategic Energy Resources Limited (ASX: SER)
    - Its acquisition of the Browns Reef project in New South Wales from Eastern Metals Limited (ASX: EMS)
- Acting for Rocktivity Mining Pty Limited on its acquisition of the Nepean nickel mine from Future Battery Minerals Ltd (ASX:FBM).
- Advising on the joint venture documentation and FIRB application for the consolidation, restructure and acquisition of a minority joint venture interest by Baosteel Resources International Company Limited in the Iron Bridge magnetite project from FMG Limited (ASX:FMG).
- Acted for Allied Gold Corp in relation to:
    - The negotiation of a development agreement and joint venture with the government of Ethiopia relating to the development of the Dish Mountain and Dul and Ashashire gold projects
    - The acquisition of the Agbaou gold mine in Côte d'Ivoire
    - The acquisition and subsequent equity and debt financing by Orion Mine Finance of the Bonikro and Hire gold mines in Côte d'Ivoire

Energy

- Advising an international energy company on its due diligence investigations relating to the potential acquisition from Eni of all its petroleum assets in Australia.
- Advising Tokyo Gas in relation to its world first cobuyer agreement with Centrica, which back-to-backs LNG sales from the Mozambique LNG project with Woodside.
- Advising the minority joint venture participants on numerous upstream and downstream matters pertaining to Ichthys LNG project and associated joint ventures.
- Assisting a bidder with its bid for a gas importer (LNG) licence granted by the Energy Market Authority to import LNG into Singapore, and its LNG aggregator role for an LNG import terminal in Singapore, including negotiating numerous upstream LNG sale and purchase agreements (SPAs) and back-to-back downstream natural gas sales agreements.
- Advising Equinor in developing and subsequently negotiating a long-term LPG offtake agreement.
- Advising ConocoPhillips Australia on farm-outs of its Browse Basin and Canning Basin interests to PetroChina.

- Advising CPC Corporation on:
    - The transaction implementation, regulatory matters and legal due diligence investigations of its acquisition of a minority interest in the world first floating LNG (FLNG) project at the Prelude and Concerto gas fields from Royal Dutch Shell
    - The transaction implementation and legal due diligence investigations of its acquisition of a minority interest in the Ichthys LNG Project from INPEX Corporation
- Advising a Japanese trading house in relation to:
    - Its joint development agreement and joint venture to establish a green hydrogen and ammonia project in north-west Western Australia
    - The prospects of obtaining National Energy Resources Australia (NERA) funding for a green hydrogen project

Corporate (Capital Markets, M&A and Corporate Governance)

- Advising a subsidiary of Beijing-based Gage Capital Management Co Ltd in relation to its subscription into Larvotto Resources Limited (ASX:LRV) by way of fully underwritten placement to acquire a substantial shareholding in LRV and to allow LRV to acquire the Hillgrove gold and antimony project.
- Advising Daimler AG on the spin-out of its Australian truck and bus finance business from its passenger vehicles finance business, via scheme of arrangement [2021] FCA 1410.
- Advising Delin Mining Group Cooperation Limited on its approximately AU$10 million subscription into Australian Gold and Copper Limited (ASX:AGC) to acquire a majority of the shares in of AGC via an Item 7 Section 611 shareholder-approved takeover.
- Advising on aspects of Macmahon Holdings Limited's acquisition of Decmil Group Limited by simultaneous schemes of arrangement [2024] WASC 293.
- Advising Ardea Resources Limited (ASX: ARL) in relation to its spin-off listing from Herron Resources Limited (ASX: HRR).
- Assisting numerous ASX-listed entities on equity raisings through rights issues, placements and share purchase plans.
- Assisting numerous clients with pre-IPO structuring, capital raising and asset acquisition advice and support.
- Assisting clients with obtaining Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) and ASX submissions and waivers, preparing extraordinary general meeting (EGM) and annual general meeting (AGM) notices, providing corporate governance and corporate compliance advice to numerous entities and boards, and advising on the development of short- and long-term incentives plans and salary sacrifice plans.

Credentials

Education

- University of Melbourne, Master of Laws (Corporate, Energy and Resources), 2016
- Kaplan Professional, Graduate Certificate of Applied Finance, 2011
- Murdoch University, Bachelor of Laws, 2007
- Murdoch University, Bachelor of Psychology, 2007

Admissions

- High Court of Australia, 2009
- Supreme Court of Western Australia, 2008

Memberships & Affiliations

- President and Western Australia state committee member, ER Law (formerly AMPLA)
- Member, Association of International Energy Negotiators (AIEN)
- Graduate, Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)

Recognitions

- Recommended as a Leading Business & Commercial Lawyer in Western Australia – *Doyle's Guide* 2025 and 2026

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- Capital Markets

Industries

- Commodities & Shipping
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Mining

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