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Michael Pryles is a well-known international arbitrator with extensive experience in Asia, Europe and North America. He has heard over 400 arbitrations under the rules of all major international bodies as well as ad hoc cases. Michael has presided over many investor-state arbitrations and cases worth up to € 6.5 billion.

Who's Who Legal recognises Michael as a 'Leading Individual' and Chambers Global says he is a Star Individual 'in a class of his own'.

Michael has held many international appointments including chairman of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), and founder-president of its court of arbitration.

He has also served as president of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA), court member of the London Centre for International Arbitration (LCIA), board member of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), and chairman of ICC Australia.

For eight years, Michael was a commissioner with the United Nations Compensation Commission in Geneva, and for three years he served as a commissioner for the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC).

Before becoming a full time international arbitrator, he was a partner in the Australian law firm of Minter Ellison, and prior to that, he held the Henry Bournes Higgins Chair of Law at Monash University in Melbourne. Michael has also had wide commercial experience as a director of several companies in Australia.

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Officer, Order of Australia
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QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Laws
Master of Laws
Doctor of the Science of Law
Doctor of Philosophy
Doctor of Laws
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK)
Fellow, Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia
Fellow, Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand
Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
Chartered Arbitrator (UK)
Grade 1 Arbitrator, Australia

SELECT ICSID EXPERIENCE

Presiding arbitrator in an investor-state arbitration against Albania in relation to a renewable energy enterprise. ICSID Rules. Place of Arbitration: Paris. Amount in dispute: € 1.03 billion.

Presiding arbitrator in an investor-state arbitration against the Republic of Austria regarding investment in banking sector. ICSID Rules. Place of arbitration: Washington, DC. Amount in dispute: € 200 million.

Presiding arbitrator in an investor-state arbitration against the Republic of Croatia involving investment in Croatia's food products industry. ICSID Rules. Place of arbitration: Washington, DC. Amount in dispute: € 200 million.

Presiding arbitrator in an investor-state arbitration against the United Mexican States under NAFTA in relation to soft drink production. ICSID Rules. Place of arbitration: Toronto. Amount in dispute: USD 77 million.

Co-arbitrator in an investor-state arbitration against the Kingdom of Spain involving an Energy Charter Treaty dispute over investment in the photovoltaic energy sector. ICSID Rules. Place of arbitration: Paris. Amount in dispute: € 120 million.

Co-arbitrator in an investor-state arbitration against the Arab Republic of Egypt regarding the treatment of a Dutch company operating in the water and sewerage sector. ICSID Rules. Place of arbitration: Paris. Amount in dispute: USD 100 million.

Co-arbitrator in an investor-state arbitration against the Italian Republic involving a dispute under the Energy Charter Treaty regarding investment in the photovoltaic energy sector. ICSID Rules. Place of Arbitration: Paris. Amount in dispute: €16 million.

Co-arbitrator in an investor-state arbitration against Georgia regarding investment in telecommunications. ICSID Rules. Place of arbitration: The Hague. Amount in dispute: USD 113 million .

Co-arbitrator in an investor-state arbitration between a UK investor and the United Republic of Tanzania concerning financing in the power industry. ICSID Rules. Place of Arbitration: London. Amount in dispute: USD 119 million.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Pryles, Waincymer and Davies, *International Trade Law*, first edition 1996, second edition 2004 (Law Book Company)

Pryles, *Dispute Resolution in Asia*, first edition 1997, second edition 2002, third edition 2006 (Kluwer).

Pryles and Moser, *The Asian Leading Arbitrators' Guide to International Arbitration*, 2007 (JurisNet)

Sykes and Pryles, *International and Interstate Conflict of Law Cases and Materials*, 1st edition 1975, (Butterworths) 2nd edition 1981, 3rd edition 1988 (Law Book Company)

Over one hundred articles and chapters of books published in various journals and books in Australia, United States, United Kingdom, India, West Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Singapore, Switzerland.

SELECT RECOGNITION

Who's Who Legal – Arbitration 2019 lists Michael as a Leading Individual and says that Michael is '*the arbitrator extraordinaire*' with an approach that '*encourages and enables each side to clearly articulate its position on the core, and often most controversial, issues*' and that he is '*methodical and fair*'.

As a Most in Demand Arbitrator, Chambers Global 2019 says that Michael maintains his position among '*the most prominent names in the international arbitration circuit*' and among the pre-eminent arbitrators in Asia-Pacific. Sources cite his '*work throughout the region*', his appearance on '*really high-profile cases*' and his '*superb and well prepared*' handling of them. His no-nonsense approach – '*running a tight ship*', as one interviewee calls it – and the fact that '*he is usually acceptable to all parties*' are further considerations which make him '*definitely sought after*', in the opinion of many market sources.

Chambers Asia-Pacific 2018 lists Dr Pryles as a Star Individual and says '*Michael Pryles maintains his position among "the most prominent names in the international arbitration circuit" and among the pre-eminent arbitrators in Asia-Pacific. Sources cite his "work throughout the region," his appearance on "really high-profile cases" and his "superb and well prepared" handling of them*'.

Chambers Asia-Pacific 2017 lists Dr Pryles as a Star Individual and says his '*stellar reputation continues to be endorsed by commentators, who speak of him in such terms as "the biggest name out here" and testify to his high level of activity and consistent recommendation "for the highest-value, most complex cases."* His ability to focus on the essential elements of a case is emphasised by a number of commentators, one of whom reports how he "*dealt efficiently with the proceedings, cutting through the nonsense to deliver a very detailed award promptly*".

Chambers and Partners 2016 wrote about Michael: '*Melbourne-based Michael Pryles offers unrivalled experience in the international arbitration field*' and has recognised Michael as one of three most in demand arbitrators in Asia Pacific and lists him as a global wide Band 1 arbitrator.

Who's Who Legal, Commercial Arbitration 2012 describes Michael Pryles as a '*worldwide authority*' on investor-state and commercial disputes.