

## Michael O'Donoghue

Senior Associate  
London

### Biography

As part of the Financial Services Litigation Team, Michael O'Donoghue has particular knowledge of contentious regulatory matters including internal investigations, representing financial institutions and their employees who are under investigation by regulators, and representing them in enforcement and disciplinary proceedings brought by the FCA, other regulatory, disciplinary and criminal authorities both in the UK and overseas.

He has acted for a range of financial institutions in relation to complex litigation and regulatory investigations, including corporate crime. He has also advised major commercial institutions and ultra-high net-worth individuals in proceedings in the UK and abroad, both as claimant and defendant.

Michael was previously seconded to the FCA Enforcement & Market Oversight Division; the Royal Bank of Scotland legal department where he worked within the Global Restructuring Group and Litigation department; the Litigation department at Barclays Bank dealing with high value and complex Litigation and Special Investigations, including corporate crime; and to the Hogan Lovells office in Johannesburg where he worked on a number of investigations in the region.

Technology is influencing all areas of law, including litigation, arbitration and investigations. Michael works with clients to help them understand their shifting risk landscape, as technology disrupts their industries, and helps them to ensure they're maximising the use of

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### Languages

English  
French

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### Practices

Banking and Finance Litigation  
Financial Services  
Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud  
Litigation Services  
Technology Litigation

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### Industries

Financial Institutions

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### Areas of focus

Agency Investigations  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Anti-money Laundering  
Bribery and Corruption  
Dealing with Financial Services Regulators  
IERP Dispute Resolution  
E-discovery and Information

technology to mitigate those risks, eg. whether in compliance programmes or through the use of AI in litigation.

## Representative experience

Representing a Russian energy group in relation to a complex shareholder dispute involving assets in Ukraine and Russia.

Acting for a major international bank in relation to a complex multijurisdictional regulatory investigation (FCA, SEC, and BaFin).

Acting for a major international bank in relation to a regulatory investigation into concerns of market abuse allegations (FCA).

Advising an investment bank on a number of investigations in relation to the activities of London based trading desks (FCA, SEC).

Acting for an investment bank in relation to a dispute as to the management of a notional portfolio of assets on liquidation.

Advising a wealth management firm in relation to allegations of negligence in connection with advisory mandates.

Acting for a defendant in connection with a multi-billion dollar fraud covering five jurisdictions and involving worldwide freezing orders.

Advising a major hedge fund in relation to a complaint made by investors against the investment manager following large scale losses owing to fraud.

Advising a large international bank in relation to its strategic and global approach to a large volume of mis-selling and misrepresentation claims.

Advising a large international corporation on 'failure to prevent facilitation of tax evasion' procedures.

Acting for a major mining company in two significant disputes against a previous advisor and regulatory authority.

Management

Financial Services Regulatory  
Investigations and Enforcement

Hedge Funds

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## Education and admissions

### Education

B.A., University College London,  
2004

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### Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

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Acting for a major Russian bank in relation to a complex international fraud.

Advising an insurer in relation to a regulatory breach and remediation programme (FCA).

Advising a number of financial institutions in relation to prevention against fraud during the pandemic.

Acting for a prime brokerage firm in relation to two international disputes and allegations of regulatory breaches (FCA, Bank of Italy).

## Latest thinking and events

### ■ Press Releases

- Hogan Lovells secures resounding victory for ENRC in landmark case against Dechert and SFO

### ■ Announcements

- Domestic Abuse Bill gains Royal Assent

### ■ Insights

- Fighting online lockdown scams

### ■ Press Releases

- Hogan Lovells promotes 31 to senior associates in UK