

Brief CV - Michael Mendelowitz

Michael Mendelowitz is a partner and head of the contentious insurance and reinsurance practice at Norton Rose LLP, having joined the firm in March 2007 from Barlow Lyde & Gilbert where he had been a partner since 1990.

Michael's insurance and reinsurance experience covers a wide spectrum of classes of business, including international casualty and property catastrophe, marine, aerospace, professional indemnity and products liability. He specialises in disputes over contract interpretation (particularly aggregation and allocation of loss issues – he led the legal team successfully representing the reinsurers in the leading case of *Caudle v. Sharp*), materiality of underwriting information, environmental and other long tail liability issues, and insurer insolvency. He is also regularly involved in non-contentious work, such as alternative risk transfer transactions and contract negotiation and drafting. He advised and represented the underwriting agency which, following the catastrophic attacks in the USA on 11 September 2001, was appointed to underwrite and manage the UK government-backed scheme for the insurance and reinsurance of aviation war and terrorism liability risks.

Michael is an experienced arbitrator, having been appointed on some dozen occasions to arbitral panels hearing international reinsurance disputes.

He was for 13 years the principal co-author and editor of a major loose-leaf textbook on reinsurance practice and the law and he has written numerous articles for legal and trade journals. Michael is a frequent speaker at conferences in the UK and overseas on topics ranging from arbitration and alternative dispute resolution, through insurance and reinsurance coverage issues, to liability for toxic torts.

From 1990 to 2007, he was the Assistant Secretary-General (Administration) of the Association Internationale de Droit des Assurances and is now an honorary life member of the Association.

Michael is recommended as a leading individual in insurance and reinsurance by the major legal directories, including current or recent editions of *The Legal 500* and *Chambers' Guide to the Legal Profession*. He has also consistently been named as one of the 25 most respected practitioners in his field internationally in the Legal Media Group's *Guide to the World's Leading Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers*, and every edition of *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* since 2005 has put him in the top ten insurance and reinsurance lawyers in the world.