

## Michael Neill

### Partner



Educated at Queen's University of Belfast (LLB Honours Law and Accounting).

Qualified as a Solicitor in 1997. Michael became an Associate Solicitor in 2000, was seconded to CMS Cameron McKenna London in 2001, and became a Partner in 2004.

Michael specialises in receiverships, liquidations, bankruptcies and administrations, advising local and national insolvency practitioners, banks, directors and creditors in all areas of insolvency.

Michael also conducts a wide variety of financial services and insolvency-related litigation, acting on behalf of a number of major clients, including life, pension and investment companies.

### Key Transactions

Michael has recently advised the Administrators of Budget DIY Ltd, Norex Hire (Rail) Ltd and Reid Transport Limited.

Michael advised on the successful restructuring of the Rankin group of cafes/restaurants.

Michael also advised the major creditors of Coleraine Football Club (in Administration), Shop Electric Ltd (in Administration) and Thermomax Ltd (in Administration).

The Insolvency Unit is currently the lead advisor to Invest NI.

We are currently acting in a number of litigious matters on behalf of local trustees and liquidators.

We are increasingly being asked to advise and represent directors in respect of proceedings commence against them under the Company Director Disqualification (NI) Order 2002.

### Endorsements

Ranked as a "*leader in his field*" in both the current Chambers and Legal 500 Legal Directories.

Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession 2007 – "*Intellectually bright*" and is renowned for his "*commercial and pragmatic*" advice.

Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession 2008 – Michael Neill is "*not an individual who simply regurgitates the law*". One source praised him for "*generating a plethora of ideas*" and producing "*crystal clear advice*".

### Professional Associations and Qualifications

Michael has professional I and II qualifications from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

Michael sits on the committee of R3 for the Northern Ireland Region.