



## MICHAEL J LUCKMAN

### Partner

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Qualified: 1985 - Solicitor of  
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## Michael J Luckman

Michael Luckman is practice leader in the commercial, employment, pensions and projects group and he sits on the Gowling WLG UK Board.

His day job is running his group and delivering on his executive Board roles. This is a real

privilege that constantly brings him into contact with talented, bright people and interesting and challenging issues. His aim is always to provide sound and fair judgment to the issues the business faces by applying the emotional intelligence that's needed to find answers that really work. He also values the opportunity to deepen his understanding of modern legal practice in an increasingly complex and international market. He genuinely loves working with the fantastic team of partners, lawyers and support staff in the firm. He believes that the lessons learnt in managing his own group and working on the Board have given him insights into his clients' outlooks and problems, helping him manage expectations and find solutions that work.

His other job is in IP law, where he advise on commercial transactions with an IP element, mainly in the life sciences, technology and brands sectors. He is frequently involved in large scale projects. He advised the UK government on the IP aspects of electricity privatisation, including setting and creating the IP policy that became the benchmark for the overall approach on IP. For the MoD, he advised on all IP aspects of the CVF carrier force project, creating a dynamic contractual structure that encouraged effective team work and balanced the interests of government and key industry participants. He has also recently advised a consortium bidder for decommissioning nuclear sites in the UK where he challenged an established structure to create a more balanced arrangement that drove innovation.

## **Experience**

Leading negotiations over a major collaborative drug programme on behalf of a significant pharmaceutical client, involving complex issues of intellectual property, supply chain control, regulatory approval and terms of exit. The transaction was global, involving parties in Japan, Europe and the United States.

Providing strategic IP advice relating to contracts for the decommissioning of nuclear plants in the UK.

Providing strategic advice (IP and commercial) on the construction of two aircraft carriers for the MoD.

Establishing and negotiating the terms for the manufacture and supply of a new range of vehicles for a major luxury sports car brand.

Winding down a major financial services franchise network.

## **Expertise**

Food & Beverage

Nuclear

Commercial

Intellectual Property

Trademarks, Brands & Designs

Protectionism

ThinkHouse

## Career & Recognition

**2020**

June

Best Lawyers® in the United Kingdom 2021 Guide, Intellectual Property Law

**2019**

Best Lawyers 2020, Lawyer of the Year (Intellectual Property).

**2016**

Gowling WLG (UK) LLP, Head of Commercial, Employment, Pensions and Projects

**2014**

Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co, practice leader

**2010**

Wragge & Co, group leader

**2009**

Harvard Business School - Professional Services Course

**2000**

Wragge & Co, partner

**1996**

Edge Ellison, partner

**1989**

Slaughter and May

**1985**

Qualified, Solicitor of England & Wales

**1983**

Simmons & Simmons

UWE - College of Law Finals

**1979**

University of Exeter LLB (Hons)

**1970**

St Brendan's College, Bristol