

MICHAEL CHESTERMAN

Experience

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- ✔ Presented numerous papers and conducted presentations quoted by parliament and utilised to educate industry on compliance, insolvency and SOP issues.
- ✔ Travelled extensively throughout Queensland including regional areas to conduct educational workshops for Contractors on a range of topics relevant to their business from technical training to the administration of their contracts, licensing obligations and the operations of *Building and Construction Industry Payment Act (Qld)* (BCIPA).
- ✔ Development and delivery of targeted education and training programs through the regulator to assist in business management skills over a period of 3 years.
- ✔ Development and delivery of education program following the introduction of BCIPA from 2004 to 2016.
- ✔ Conducted presentations to various industry bodies representing accountants, insolvency practitioners, lawyers, building and contractor industry associations.
- ✔ During his time at Helix Michael has:
 - Author of a regular opinion piece for Helix Legal aimed to educate the construction industry on developments in legislation, policy and challenges.
 - Presented to the Building Industry credit Bureau on SOP issues.
 - Co-presented a Helix Legal presentation on 'Bracing for a High Tech Future' for Brisbane City Council, City Planning and Sustainability division.
 - Presenting a Helix Legal update to AIBS on challenges in the construction industry and future of innovation.
 - Presented at the Helix Legal Innovation Series 2018.
 - Presented to Civil Contractors Federation on SOP issues.

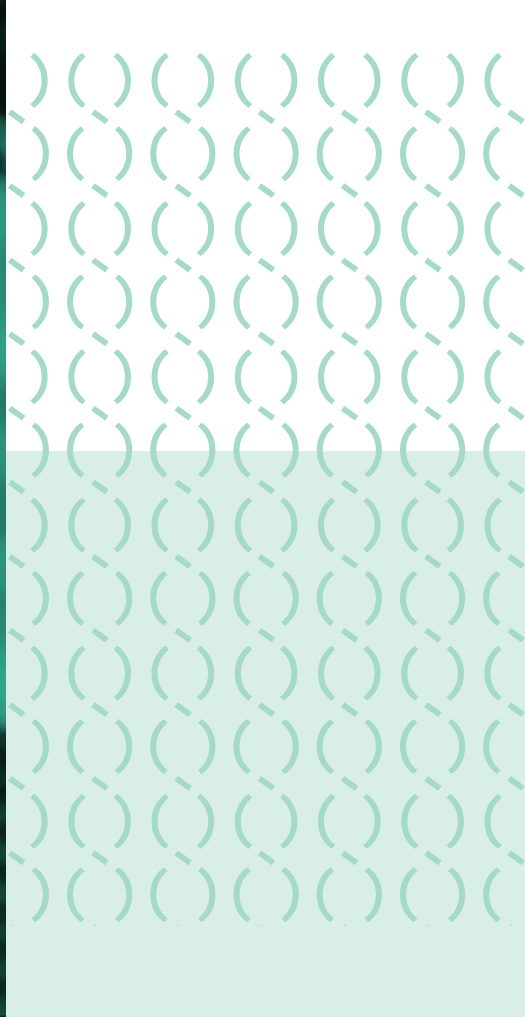
EXPERTISE

Michael has extensive real life experience in the building and construction industry, having worked for the building industry regulator in Queensland for 22 years. Working in senior roles within the regulator has given Michael an insight that is unique and which he now uses to the benefit of clients.

Michael has a passion for helping construction businesses through practical education providing easy to implement business management strategies and support. He is committed to raising significant current and future industry issues with contractors before they directly affect them. Michael is of the view that the earlier businesses become aware of issue that affect them, the more likely they will be able to successfully address them.

Michael's team at Helix brings life to the multidisciplinary approach which is what sets Helix apart from others. Michael looks at problems through a different prism to the lawyers who make up Helix which brings a great amount of value for clients and the future health of their business. Michael believes strongly in sensible collaborations that solve problems. Michael is not a solicitor and does not provide legal advice to clients. He brings a depth of industry knowledge to Helix Legal which compliments the legal skills of the lawyers. With Michael, Helix can deliver the right solutions for clients, not just the legal answer.





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LICENSING & REGULATION

- ✓ The inaugural BSA Compliance Manager, responsible for ensuring contractors comply with licensing criteria, including satisfying the financial requirements.
- ✓ Instructing on the development of a range of free subcontracts accessible on the Regulators website, to assist subcontractors with the proper administration of their Projects.
- ✓ Development of improved financial requirements for licensing and implementation in 2000.
- ✓ Management of several thousand investigations into financially distressed contractors.
- ✓ Assisted in Senate Inquiry and a Royal Commission into the construction industry in role as Compliance Manager.
- ✓ Managing the examination and the financial and experience capabilities of hundreds of contractors to ascertain their ability to meet the financial requirements for undertaking government projects.
- ✓ Assisting the regulator in respect of insolvent companies and recovery of funds and instructing on necessary prosecutions.
- ✓ During his time to date at Helix Michael has:
 - Assisted contractors to navigate their compliance obligations and interactions with the regulator.
 - Provided policy guidance and support to clients, particularly around the minimum financial requirements for licensing.
 - Provided practical support in the preparation of strategy for resolution of compliance issues with the support of Helix lawyers.

ADJUDICATION | SECURITY OF PAYMENT

- ✓ Extensive research and consultation with industry stakeholders regarding the need to introduce Security of Payment (SOP) legislation that provided all contractors with an alternative to the courts to rapidly recover outstanding payments for work done.
- ✓ Author of two SOP discussion papers seeking industry consultation around SOP reform.
- ✓ Completed consultation Australia wide around the introduction of SOP in Queensland.
- ✓ Undertook necessary policy work for the development and implementation of the *Building and Construction Industry Payments Act 2004 (Qld)*.
- ✓ Gave drafting instructions for the SOP Bill, which ultimately saw it unanimously passed by members of Parliament in 2004.
- ✓ The inaugural Adjudication Registrar under BCIPA, a position held for 13 years (2004-2017). During Michael's time as registrar, 7367 adjudication decisions were handed down, equating to some \$1.3 Billion in awarded payments.
- ✓ Assisting contractor to understand the security of payment process from a practical perspective.
- ✓ Regular contact with range of industry participants to assess SOP challenges to assist them to shape the future of SOP for their benefit.

