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Sir Michael Burton GBE (until 2016 Mr Justice Burton) sits as an arbitrator and mediator and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and President of the Forum for International Conciliation and Arbitration (FICA). Since 2017 he has been Chairman of the Conduct and Disciplinary Tribunal of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Sir Michael was appointed, after 14 years as a commercial QC, latterly head of Littleton Chambers, as a High Court Judge in 1998. As a High Court Judge of the Queen's Bench Division for 18 years, he sat also in the Chancery Division, the Employment Appeal Tribunal and regularly in the Commercial Court, where he continues to sit since ceasing to be a full time High Court Judge in 2016. He was President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal from 2002 to 2005.

In 2010 to 2011 he was Chairman of the High Court Judges Association. He was Treasurer of Gray's Inn in 2012 and is a Bencher.

He was Chairman of the Central Arbitration Committee (CAC) from April 2000 to November 2017 and was President of the Investigatory Powers Tribunal until 2018 (Vice-President 2000 to 2013).

He has since 2016 been a judge of the Commercial Court of Abu Dhabi (ADGM Courts).

He is a member of the United Nations Panel for resolving disputes with its employees.

He was appointed in 2019 Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire for services to the rule of law.

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