

## Episode 139: Guest bio

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**Guest(s):** Michael Gleeson

**MICHAEL GLEESON**

**Crown Prosecutor, NSW ODPP**

Called to the Bars of both England and Wales and New South Wales and having acquired a wealth of experience as a barrister in both jurisdictions, Michael's principal areas of practice included criminal law, sports law, regulatory and compliance, as well as inquests and commissions of inquiry. He possesses widespread experience across a broad range of jurisdictions including the District Court of New South Wales, Supreme Court of New South Wales, New South Wales Court of Appeal, New South Wales Crime Commission, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and ACC.

Following ten successful years in continuous practice as a barrister in well-regarded chambers in the United Kingdom ([www.cobden.co.uk](http://www.cobden.co.uk)), Michael transferred his highly-developed advocacy and advisory skills to Australia. Initially maintaining a mixed practice in common law, Michael later moved into specialising in complex and often high-profile criminal matters. Since that time, he developed a well-balanced practice prosecuting for the State and Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions, as well as engaging in private defence work.



Michael's extensive criminal practice covers the full spectrum of indictable criminal offences, including murder, armed robbery, sexual offences (encompassing historic child sexual abuse matters), fraud and large-scale public disorder. He has been regularly instructed to appear in multi-defendant cases for the Crown and defence as a junior counsel or led by King's Counsel/Senior Counsel. In addition to gaining substantial experience as a jury trial advocate, Michael has also appeared before the New South Wales Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) in conviction and sentence appeals. He was a member of the Serious Indictable Crime Panel and Complex Criminal Law Panel of Legal Aid NSW before being appointed a Crown Prosecutor.

Michael has a passion for sport, with such interest extending to his professional work as Counsel. An avid triathlete and runner, he was also appointed the legal director of Triathlon NSW for 8 years.

Since 2020 Michael has been employed by the Office Director of Public Prosecutions as a Crown Prosecutor and regularly appears in the NSW District Court, Supreme Court, and Court of Criminal Appeal.

DAVID TURNER

Host



David Turner has a gift for teasing out people's stories, so it's no wonder he is Hearsay's host. With a double Bachelor of Arts and Laws from Macquarie University, he is also an MBA candidate at UNSW's Australian Graduate School of Management.

When he isn't interviewing people on Hearsay, David is a lawyer at Assured Legal Solutions, a boutique financial services law firm located in Sydney's CBD. Prior to joining Assured, he was called to the NSW Bar, and is a former President of NSW Young Lawyers and a former Councillor of the Law Society of NSW.

David spends the little downtime that he has left reading historical fiction and tinkering on home improvement projects.

You can access David's bio on the Assured Legal Solutions website [here](#).