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## Background and experience

Michael advises on a broad range of corporate and corporate finance transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, equity and debt capital markets, financings and complex corporate restructuring. Michael is widely recognised as one of the BVI's leading public company experts and its pre-eminent special purpose acquisition company expert. Michael's expertise in this area has been recognised internationally with him being invited to take prominent speaker roles in the SPAC industry's premier international convention, as well as being frequently published in leading capital markets journals.

While Michael has been a leading adviser on BVI financial services regulation and investment business for some time, more recently he has led in building Ogier's Tech practice in the BVI to become the pre-eminent one in the BVI. Michael and his team have now advised on newer innovative Tech, Web3 and other virtual asset businesses than any other firm in the BVI. He is the co-chair of Ogier's Technology and Web3 practice group.

Michael is seen as a thought leader and key figure in the BVI's embrace of the digital world. He has also been a member of the BVI FSC's Financial Services FinTech Advisory Board.

Michael's expertise also makes him a key member of Ogier's multi-disciplinary Private Equity team for both the acquisition and exit phases of downstream PE advisory. Complimenting his general acquisitions skills, Michael is a leading BVI practitioner in structuring, investment and shareholder agreements and management and employee incentive arrangements, while his IPO and general capital markets expertise makes him a unique asset on exit strategies. Michael's accomplishments in this area are well illustrated by his role in advising US private equity firm Baupost on its investment in UK prepared foods supplier Bakkavor and its subsequent exit by way of Bakkavor's successful GBP 1 Billion plus IPO on the London Stock Exchange.

Michael is also a market leading adviser on complex corporate and finance reorganisations and reconstructions. He led the BVI corporate teams on Constellation Overseas' 2019 ground breaking "soft touch" provisional liquidation and subsequent 2020 BVI scheme of arrangement, as well as the

mammoth financial reorganisation of UK-Nigerian oil and gas group Severn Energy's note programmes.

With a client list including Coca-Cola, Hyatt Hotels, United Airlines, Western Union and Texas Pacific Group, Michael is highly regarded and respected by both clients and peers in the BVI's legal community. A standing which has led him to be sought out for industry and government advisory appointments in the Territory. Michael is a former member of the board of directors of BVI Finance and the long standing chairman of BVI Finance's Corporate Business Advisory Group. He is a leading adviser to both industry and government bodies in the BVI on the interpretation and application of the BVI's Economic Substance Law. As a thought leader and key figure in the BVI's embrace of FinTech and other new innovative financial services products Michael also sits on the BVI Financial Services Commission's Financial Services FinTech.

Michael studied at BPP Law School in London for his Post-Graduate Diploma in Law (with Distinction) and then for the Legal Practice Course (with Commendation). He was awarded the Blackstone Award for the most outstanding student of the year in 1999. Michael also holds both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Oxford (where he read history at St Peter's College) and a Master of Arts degree from Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

#### Admitted in:

2012 - British Virgin Islands

2002 - England and Wales (non practising)

## Examples of work

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3 November 2022

## Ogier advises Bull Horn Holdings SPAC on US\$175 million merger with Coeptis Therapeutics

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Team: David Mathews

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30 August 2022

## Ogier advises Founder SPAC on US\$1.7 billion merger with Rubicon Technologies

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## Ogier advises on US\$1.9 billion Kismet – Nexters merger

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## Ogier advises WOO Network on creation of native WOO tokens

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## Ogier advises Kismet Acquisition One Corp on its US\$ 250 Million IPO

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## Recognition

"Michael has provided great assistance to us"

Chambers Global, 2024

"Michael is top-class"

Chambers Global, 2024



"Michael is quick and accurate in responses, he has strong industry knowledge across multiple jurisdiction and gives great insights"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

"Able to handle communications well; he always hits it out of the park and manages expectations really well."

Chambers FinTech Guide 2024

"Michael Killourhy is a standout adviser. He is highly capable and always delivers."

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

"Michael Killourhy is an exceptional partner and legal professional. His expertise in the offshore world, particularly in regulatory and compliance law, is truly commendable. His vast knowledge and years of experience have made him a standout in the field, consistently delivering solutions to complex legal matters. His proactive and insightful approach to navigating regulatory challenges has proven invaluable time and again."

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

"Michael Killourhy is very good to deal with. He has an encyclopaedic knowledge and manages transactions very well"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

"Have worked with Michael Killourhy and his team. All are very personable and at the same time super responsive and knowledgeable. All advice is timely and very practical."

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

"Michael Killourhy has an encyclopaedic knowledge and is a very good transactional lawyer"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

"The partner in charge for our account is Michael Killourhy. He provides us with several support services, including opinions on a variety of topics. We find him and his team outstanding and always very attentive to our needs"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

"Responsive and a great member of the team to collaborate with. Works seamlessly with our team and has great knowledge of the law and industry. Very client-focused"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2022

"Michael Killourhy has been extremely responsive and involved from day one"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023

**"Practical approach with deep knowledge of BVI corporate law"**

Chambers Global, 2021

**"Highly regarded"**

IFLR1000, 2023

**"Encyclopaedic knowledge of the BVI"**

Chambers Global, 2023

**"Leading Individual"**

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023

**"Very pleased with the service he provides"**

Chambers Global, 2021

**"The best, most conscientious lawyer you could ask for"**

Chambers Global, 2020

**"Responsive, timely, knowledgeable and proactive"**

Client feedback, 2020

**"Highly regarded"**

IFLR 1000 2020

**"Very knowledgeable on corporate law and governance, with a practical way of dealing with complex issues"**

Chambers Global, 2019