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Michael began his career working in a bank in the City of London. After just over a year, he escaped into academia where he subsequently completed a degree in Politics and Economics. After his graduation and a well-deserved rest, Michael enjoyed a brief flirtation with the Civil Service before joining the ICC-International Maritime Bureau (IMB) in May 1994.

Michael is the Deputy Director of the IMB and a Director of ICC Commercial Crime Services. Michael oversees the daily operations of the Bureau's London activities. In addition to advising member banks with suspect or irregular presentations, Michael closely coordinates with the IMB's trading, shipping and insurance company members with regards to loss prevention and advice and works closely with the Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Michael has been instrumental in identifying systematic international fraudsters, invited to provide evidence and appear as a witness in trade related criminal cases and assisted in the investigation of the largest fraud in trade finance history. As part of his duties Michael has also investigated a number of cases worldwide relating to cargo losses, the suspicious sinking of vessels and their cargoes and the phenomena known as phantom ships.

He has travelled on investigations to a number of countries, spoken at numerous conferences and seminars worldwide and written papers on areas connected with the subject of piracy, fraud and malpractice in international trade.