

Dave Michels

Legal and Policy Expert

A confident communicator with over seven years' experience in legal research and policy development, a results-oriented, can-do attitude and a passion for technology, communications, and innovation.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Legal Researcher

Queen Mary University of London

07/2017 – Present *London, The United Kingdom*

Cloud Legal Project, Centre for Commercial Law Studies

Tasks/Achievements

- Conducted legal research on the implications of cloud computing trends for data protection, privacy, and IP.

Strategy and Policy Associate

Ofcom

10/2014 – 07/2017 *London, The United Kingdom*

Independent regulator for the UK communications markets

Tasks/Achievements

- Led multi-disciplinary teams of lawyers and economists reporting on net neutrality and developing telecoms competition policy.
- Drafted strategic Board briefings on industry and tech trends, incl. social media, advertising, and copyright infringement.
- Promoted once; received performance and values awards.

Associate Legal Officer

United Nations

05/2009 – 07/2013 *The Hague, The Netherlands*

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Trial Chamber I

Tasks/Achievements

- Led teams drafting Judgments on the commission of war crimes. Delivered convincing draft findings, substantially shortening the trial.
- Conducted legal research and advised Judges on fair trial rights, incl. pre-trial detention and equality of arms.
- Managed the Chambers internship programme: recruiting, training, and supervising a team of seven interns.
- Promoted twice; received highest UN-performance ratings.

EDUCATION

Intellectual Property Law (LLM)

London School of Economics

10/2013 – 08/2014

With Distinction

International Criminal Law (LLM)

University of Amsterdam / Columbia Law School

09/2008 – 07/2009

Cum Laude

Law (LLB)

University of Amsterdam

09/2004 – 07/2007

Cum Laude

SKILLS & COMPETENCES

Legal research	●	●	●	●	●
Policy development	●	●	●	●	○
Communication	●	●	●	●	●
Line management	●	●	●	●	○
Teamwork	●	●	●	●	●

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Why Copyright Law Should Liberate the Transformative Author (2015)

Boston U. Journal of Science and Technology Law

Compensating Acquitted Defendants (2010)

Oxford U.P. Journal of International Criminal Justice

- OUP Award: best article by a young scholar

Keeping Dealers off the Docket (2009)

Florida Journal of International Law

INTERESTS & LANGUAGES

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu | Padi-certified Diver |

Fluent in Dutch and English

VOLUNTEERING

Pro Bono Strategy Adviser

UNICEF, Corporate Partnerships

Primary school reader

Ofcom Southbank school reading scheme

Volunteer

Christmas for homeless people

CREATIVE PROJECTS

Michels Brothers Publishing (2017)

- Founded an independent publishing company.
- Wrote an illustrated children's book to be published on Amazon in August 2017.
- Prepared social media and online marketing campaigns.