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Michael is widely recognized as an expert on International illicit trade, including IP theft and trade mark infringement.

He has written and presented extensively on the subject and now acts as an International Advisor on Illicit Trade, where he helps initiatives to raise awareness to the influences brought by the involvement of organized crime.

With a focus on training and capacity building he is the Chairman of the International IP Crime Investigators College, a learning platform that provides blended learning to over 12,000 students globally.

With over 40 years' experience in enforcement in both the public and private sector, coming from an operational police background, he was formally a Detective with Scotland Yard in London. He served with the Metropolitan Police fighting against serious International and Organized crime for 20 years.

Since 1996 he has been engaged in Global illicit trade enforcement, investigations, capacity building and training efforts. He also has wide experience in providing private sector companies with risk assessments, intellectual property reviews and advising on potential solutions and remedies.

He is the former Assistant Director of Police Services at INTERPOL, and was the Head of the INTERPOL Traffic in Illicit Goods and Counterfeit program. During this time his core responsibilities were to manage and coordinate INTERPOL's global strategy to fight against illicit trade and counterfeiting infringement, and was leading the police organizations' international efforts in this area.

He is a Fellow of Michigan State University A-CAPP Centre, which is a Global center of excellence, where he provides support in providing a comprehensive portfolio of research projects and outreach activities aimed at providing industry and governmental partners evidence-based lessons for preventing and responding to product counterfeiting, IP protection and brand protection issues.

He is Senior Advisor to the Swiss based 'Cross-border Research Association', CBRA, which is an independent research institute which advises the EU Commission, on advanced supply chain security, crime prevention, risk management, coordinated border management, and public-private co-operation research, training and consulting in the context of global supply chains and logistics systems.

Michael has a Master's degree in Social Science, where he specifically researched the extensive links between organized crime illicit trade and counterfeiting.



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