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**Education:**

1966, Ampleforth, Christ Church, Oxford (BA history MA); 1968, Edinburgh University (LLB); Advocate, 1970, Scottish Bar; 1996, QC (Scot)

**Professional Experience:**

He has been a Company Director to several companies including industrial (paper), Corporate Communications (Chairman) and Parliamentary Consultants. He is a partner in a tenant farm.

Michael won Berwickshire & East Lothian in February 1974 – the only Conservative gain from Labour at that election; 1879-87, Member of Parliament for Edinburgh South; since April 1992, Member of Parliament for Devizes.

1980-1983, Chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party; 1983-87 became Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office; 1992-May 1993, member of the Public Accounts Committee and Chairman of the Backbench Constitutional Affairs Committee.

May 1993, was appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office; January 1994, was promoted to be Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office responsible for the peace process; January 1996, made a Privy Counsellor.

June 1997, appointed to the Shadow Cabinet with responsibility for Constitutional Affairs; October 1998, became Chairman of the Conservative Party; 2001, stood unsuccessfully in the Party leadership contest; September 2001, appointed Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs.

Following the 2005 General Election Michael remained as Deputy Leader of the Party and became Shadow Secretary of State for Defence. On December 6th 2005, in accordance with his speech earlier made at the Party Conference in October, he stepped down from the Front Bench.

He has since been appointed, by the Prime Minister, to the Intelligence and Security Committee.