

Tax Disputes Team



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Nigel specialises in all aspects of Corporate Tax, is a member of the Law Society Tax Law Committee, chairs their Stamp Tax Sub-Committee, and is a member of the Powers Implementation Oversight Forum. Nigel regularly acts for taxpayers in tax appeals and has over 70 days advocacy experience before Tax Tribunals. He also deals with local office and more serious enquiries; inspections and searches of premises; and in other situations where there is a dispute between HMRC and a taxpayer. He is currently training to become a CEDR accredited mediator.



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John specialises in Private Equity Tax and Executive Remuneration; He is a former winner of the CIOT's Institute Medal. He is chairman of the CIOT Capital Gains Tax Investment Committee, and one of only two practising solicitors on the CIOT's Technical Committee. John regularly advises clients who have disagreements with HMRC and Tax Authorities in both UK and overseas jurisdictions. He is particularly skilled in status enquiries and claims related to misselling of structured tax products. John represented the client (conducting own advocacy) before the Special Commissioners in *Corbally Stourton*.



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Paul is head of the litigation department, having joined Burges Salmon from Freshfields. He specialises in all areas of commercial disputes and litigation, (including professional negligence, and insolvency litigation). He acts for large corporates and financial institutions and has substantial experience in advising in managed and test litigation. He is a solicitor advocate with higher rights of audience.



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As well as commercial litigation, a substantial part of Peter's work involves professional negligence claims against advisers, including accountants and other tax advisers. Peter has experience of a wide range of dispute resolution processes, including mediation. Peter represented *Orange* in the 3G VAT litigation which was referred to the ECJ. Peter is a solicitor advocate with higher rights of audience.



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Zoe's experience encompasses a wide range of contentious tax work at all levels. She acts for corporate clients in connection with enquiries and individuals making disclosures relating to offshore accounts and foundations, including those subject to civil fraud investigations. In litigation, Zoe has represented clients in Tribunal cases dealing with inheritance tax and partnership issues. She has acted for multinational groups of companies making claims in the High Court and preparing for hearings in the Court of Appeal in class actions concerned with the interaction of European and domestic law and cross-border corporate tax issues.



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Brian is in the Disputes and Litigation group. He has considerable trial and mediation experience and advises on all kinds of tax disputes, but particularly those in relation to contractual provisions in commercial documents (such as tax warranties and indemnities).



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Beth is in the Disputes and Litigation group and specialises in claims against professionals both in negligence and breach of contract claims relating to tax advice. She also has tribunal experience in relation to MTIC fraud and has assisted in a number of tax appeals and negotiated settlements.