

Overview

Banking and Financial Services
Commercial Disputes
Insolvency
Property
Professional Liability
Tax
Trusts

Profile: Overview

Douglas was called to the Bar in 1997, having previously been a tax partner with Price Waterhouse specialising in international tax planning for income and capital and now has over 40 years' experience both in tax planning and dispute resolution.

Experience and Expertise

His practice encompasses the whole range of UK direct and indirect taxation for companies and individuals as well as the interaction with overseas jurisdictions. He is used to working with other counsel on matters where a multidisciplinary approach is necessary and appropriate, and is regularly instructed by solicitors, accountants and other professionals as well as accepting Public Access instructions.

Among areas in which he has expertise are:

- Minimising tax liabilities by the use of appropriate corporate and trust arrangements
- Rationalising complex arrangements
- Simplifying decision-making
- The construction and interpretation of double taxation conventions
- Tax effective document drafting
- Transfer pricing and Diverted Profits tax
- Effective handling of Disputes with and between Revenue authorities
- Management and control of offshore vehicles (tax residence)
- Investment in overseas property and the funding thereof - advice on structuring UK property investment
- Setting up offshore companies in low tax jurisdictions in the light of anti-avoidance legislation
- International asset protection
- Exploitation of intellectual property rights
- Residence and domicile issues
- Accelerated payments and Follower Notices
- The impact of the OECD working parties and the BEPS initiative

Qualifications

MA (Oxon)
FCA

Memberships

He is a member of the Chancery Bar Association, the Revenue Bar Association and the International Fiscal Association