



Tax Law

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Taylor Wessing provides legal advice to companies, entrepreneurs and institutions in the following areas:

- Corporate Structuring
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Inbound and Outbound Investment
- Private Equity
- Venture Capital
- Capital Markets
- Corporate Finance

With an international team of more than 40 experienced tax lawyers, **Taylor Wessing** advises its clients on the tax structuring of transactions and the optimisation of company structures, bridging the gap between corporate and tax law and offering combined advice on complex corporate- and tax-related issues. Our tax team is also specialised in advising private clients, representing clients in court and supporting them in audits.

Taylor Wessing offers guidance and support through the complex field of tax law. We devise tax-efficient structures and check critical cases beforehand with the fiscal authorities. We also support clients in disputes with the fiscal and customs administration. By informing our clients at an early stage about planned bills and the latest developments in case law and fiscal administration, we help them to make their economic and strategic decisions on a reliable basis.

Our Practice Areas

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Tax structuring of M&A transactions (including cross-border)
- Tax optimising of LBOs, MBOs and MBIs
- Tax Due Diligence
- Tax-focused reorganisation

Financing

- Tax-optimised structuring of acquisition financing
- Tax structuring of project financing
- Tax advice on debt finance
- Tax advice on securitisation
- Tax-optimised mezzanine structuring

Litigation and Audits

- Tax audits
- Fiscal court litigation including appeals against the denial of leave to appeal and appeals on points of law
- Advice relating to tax fraud and representation on proceedings involving tax fraud
- Customs law

Company Structuring

- Tax optimising of group structures
- Utilization of losses and consolidation to reduce the group tax rate
- Tax-optimised choice of legal form

Structuring of Funds

- Tax structuring of private equity and venture capital funds
- Structuring of real estate funds
- Off-shore structuring

Estate Planning

- Tax-optimised company succession
- Estate Planning for private individuals and enterprises
- Tax advice provided to family offices

International Tax Structuring

- Transfer Pricing
- Optimising of the taxation of permanent establishments
- Structuring of emigration and immigration taxation
- Advice on Inbound and Outbound Investments
- Intra-group transfer of function across the border

Leasing

- Cross-border leasing
- Real estate leasing
- Leasing of movables
- Aircraft leasing

Employee participation

- Employee participation schemes
- Stock option plans
- Company pension schemes

Our Partners



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Michael Schmidt practices at the Frankfurt office of Taylor Wessing. His main practice areas include domestic and cross-border mergers & acquisitions, acquisition and finance structuring for strategic and financial investors, reorganisation, international tax law, corporate succession and estate planning. These areas are characterised by a close interconnection between tax law and corporate/civil law issues.



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Michael Sommer's practice areas include corporate transactions and legal support in connection with corporate succession or estate planning. He also specialises in corporate restructuring (mergers, demergers, change of legal form), especially the tax aspects. With many years experience in corporate transactions, he is a recognised expert in national M&A deals.



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Dirk Lorenz advises companies on corporate and tax law issues. His main practice areas include the tax-optimised structuring of M&A transactions and private equity funds, international tax law and transfer pricing, company law and capital markets as well as takeovers and corporate finance, in particular mezzanine financing. He is a certified tax lawyer and a member of Deutsche Vereinigung für Internationales Steuerrecht (IFA – Germany's international tax law association) and Gesellschaftsrechtliche Vereinigung (VGR – corporate law association).



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