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John is a consultant in the private client and tax team.

He works with family offices on a cross-border basis and deals with structuring for UK residents and resident non-domiciled families. He creates structures for active entrepreneurs to hold business interests.

John received an award for his 'Outstanding Contribution to Wealth Management in 2007-8' at the 2008 Spear's Wealth Management Awards. John's award came about as a result of his successful effort in leading the industry's response to the proposals to change the tax rules for non-doms.

John's role as an adviser to international families was also recognised in 2011 when he was awarded the title of 'Trusted Adviser of the Year' at the STEP Private Client Awards.

Track record

Family trusts

Advising and acting as trustee in respect of a series of related family trusts holding a family property holding and development company of significant size. Issues of corporate governance, dividend policy and balancing the interests of those beneficiaries who have a continuing involvement with the company and those who do not, arise.

International family trust structure

Leading a team of UK, US and European advisers to conduct a comprehensive review of an international family trust structure with diverse commercial and investment interests. Following completion of the review, the team was appointed to replace the retiring international tax advisers.

Admissions

England and Wales, 1985

Education

Birmingham University

Languages

English

Memberships

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners - STEP

International Academy of Trust and Estate Lawyers - IAETL

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel - ACTEC

Key dates

Year joined: 2012

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