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William is an associate in the private client and tax team, based in the firm's London office.

William advises on a broad range of private client matters, including tax, asset structuring, asset protection, estate and succession planning, wills and trusts.

William acts for a wide range of clients including high-net-worth individuals, entrepreneurs, family offices, family-owned businesses, protectors and trustees. The majority of William's work has an international element to it and involves complex cross-border issues.

William is dual-qualified (England & Wales and Bermuda) and has particular experience with the establishment, administration and restructuring of offshore trust vehicles. A large part of William's practice involves assisting clients with complex and high value trust restructuring applications in the offshore courts, with a special focus on Bermuda.

Prior to joining Withers, William completed his training contract at an international commercial law firm in London before spending time in the private client departments of a silver circle law firm in London and a leading offshore law firm in Bermuda.

William is an affiliate member of STEP and is currently working towards full STEP accreditation.

Track record

Advised Bermuda Trustee in complex Bermuda-court restructuring

Advised the professional trustee of a high-net-worth European family on a complex trust rectification application in the Bermuda courts.

Advised European family on re-domiciliation of a multi-billion-dollar Bermuda trust

Advised a high-net-worth European family on the re-domiciliation of a multi-billion-dollar Bermuda trust.

Advised high-profile US investor on worldwide estate planning

Advised a high-profile American investor and philanthropist on their worldwide succession planning.

Advised non-domiciled Middle Eastern family on their UK tax and gift planning

Advised a high-net-worth Middle Eastern family on the UK tax aspects of their worldwide gift and succession planning.

Advising protector on Cayman family trust restructuring

Advised the protector of a dynastic family trust on a complex Cayman trust restructuring project.

Advised UAE entrepreneur on domicile advice

Advised a UAE-resident entrepreneur on domicile advice regarding his domicile of origin and domicile of choice for UK tax purposes.

Advised UK-domiciled family on their UK wills, trust and estate planning

Advised a high-net-worth UK-domiciled family on their UK Wills, trust and estate planning.

Admissions

Bermuda, 2020

England & Wales, 2021

Education

University of Exeter, LLB (Hons) Law

City Law School, LPC

Languages

English

Key dates

Joined 2023

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