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Tim is a partner in the private client and tax team.

He has been a leading US tax and private client lawyer for over 10 years. He acts as a trusted advisor to a number of high net worth individuals, family offices and fund principals with a primary focus on US tax and cross-border issues that may arise. Timothy also assists clients on a broad range of issues including relinquishing US citizenship, pre-US immigration tax planning, family wealth structuring, structuring for inbound US investments, and addressing historic non-US tax compliance issues.

Timothy has been quoted in the media numerous times (including South China Morning Post, Financial Times and The Wall Street Journal) in relation to various US federal tax issues. In addition, Timothy is a regular speaker at many wealth planning conferences in Asia. He is named as a leading individual for private client/wealth management in Chambers HNW 2020-2021. His clients describe him as a lawyer who "gives all the options and researches all the work before [making] any decisions. He gives a lot of attention to detail and makes sure that any actions [his clients do] will have better long-term outcomes". Furthermore, he has won a number of industry awards (ie. Citywealth and WealthBriefingAsia).

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ADMISSIONS

- State of Connecticut, 2007
- State of New York, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

'Becoming a US Person amid Coronavirus' - Mondaq / Withers, Apr 2020, co-author

'FAQs For Founders Or Controlling Shareholders Of Companies Considering A HK IPO' - Mondaq, Oct 2018; Martindale, 3 Oct 2018, co-author

'The Countdown Has Begun - Long-Standing US Tax Amnesty Program Ends September 2018' - Mondaq, Apr 2018; Martindale, 8 May 2018, co-author

'US Tax Reforms - The Impact for Non-US Persons' - Martindale, Apr 2018, co-author

'Legal Eye: US expats need to research tax laws before relinquishing passport' - South China Morning Post, Nov 2013, author

TALKS

'Global Positioning Service (GPS) Webinar: Your guide to global mobility issues and considerations', Apr 2022

EDUCATION

LANGUAGES

DATES

JOINED: 2007
PARTNER: 2014

RECOGNITION

2021 Chambers HNW
Ranked Timothy Burns

2018 Chambers HNW Ranked

2016 Wealth Briefing Asia
Awards Hong Kong Tax and
Accountancy Team Winner
Timothy Burns

2016 Citywealth Future
Leaders Awards Lawyers
of the Year IFC Partner
Silver

2015 Wealth Briefing
Asia Awards Hong Kong
Legal Team Winner
Timothy Burns

2014 Wealth Briefing Asia
Awards Singapore Effective Legal
Team Highly Commended
Timothy Burns

2014 WBA Rising star

2014 Citywealth Hong
Kong Law Firm of the
Year

2014 Chambers Withers
HK

2013 Wealth Briefing Asia
Awards Shortlisted Timothy
Burns

2013 Top Ranked Asia

2012 Hong Kong Law
Awards