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## Michael Ripley



Michael advises a variety of corporate and private clients on contentious and non-contentious matters across a broad range of revenue law areas including direct and indirect tax. He also frequently appears in courts and tribunals in the UK on tax matters either with a leader or on his own.

### **Background**

Michael qualified as a chartered accountant and was a manager in the tax department of a "Big 4" accountancy firm until 2006; he has also been a Visiting Tutor in European law at City University.

Michael now has more than 10 years of experience in litigating significant and high-value tax disputes in the UK. Recent notable areas of litigation include:

- Computation of business profits, including cases involving disputed accounting matters.
- Capital allowances for large infrastructure projects.
- Motive tests, where tax is alleged to have been one of the main objects of a transaction.
- San Giorgio rights to unlawfully levied tax, VAT grouping and general principles of EU law.
- The scope of HMRC's powers of enquiry, including carry-back loss relief claims.
- Penalties for deliberate inaccuracies.

In addition, Michael advises on a broad spectrum of matters relating to the taxation of corporates and private individuals. For example, in relation to corporates he has extensive experience in relation to loan relationships, the intangible assets regime and international tax issues such as diverted profits tax and double tax relief.

And in relation to private individuals Michael is familiar with many of the tax issues facing high-net worth individuals including the remittance basis, reliefs from CGT, the taxation of trusts and income tax/NICs on employment income (including disguised remuneration).

## **Recommendations**

?Incredibly talented.? ?Very bright.? Chambers and Partners 2018 (Tax Junior)

?Extremely bright and technically able.? Legal 500 2018 (VAT Junior)

?He is technically excellent and has great experience. Great to work with. He brings valuable insight in a practical, user-friendly way.? ?Remains calm under pressure. A first-rate junior.? Chambers and Partners 2017 (Tax Junior)

?His written work is well presented, while his advocacy is fluid and tenacious?. Legal 500 2017 (VAT Junior)

?He is technically brilliant and exceptionally good in advisory matters.? Chambers and Partners 2016 (Tax Junior)

?Fantastic knowledge in the area combined with an easy manner.? Legal 500 2016 (VAT Junior)

?Incredibly responsive, very user-friendly, and everything you would want in a counsel. He knows his stuff and is very pleasant to deal with? ?noted for the soundness of his advice and the superior quality of his advocacy.? Chambers and Partners 2015 (Tax Junior)

?A future star of the Tax Bar. He has a first-class intellect and excellent client skills. He is particularly strong in cases with complex accountancy principles.? Chambers and Partners 2014 (Up and Coming Tax Junior)

## **Education**

- BVC at BPP London (Lord Denning Scholar, Lincoln's Inn)
- Law conversion course at City University *CPE (distinction) City*

- Associate Chartered Accountant with the ICAEW (2003-2007); ACA
- History at Durham University *BA (Hons) Dunelm*

### - Legal Information

- Michael Ripley has professional liability insurance provided by the Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund Limited (of 90 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 4ST) on a world-wide basis and subject to the terms of cover: see <http://www.barmutual.co.uk/>.  
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## Notable Cases

### Supreme Court

[Derry, R \(on the application of\) v Revenue and Customs \[2019\] UKSC 19](#)

### Court of Appeal

[Lloyds Banking Group Plc & Ors v Revenue And Customs & Anor \[2019\] EWCA Civ 485](#)

[Greene King Plc & Anor v HMRC \[2016\] EWCA Civ 782](#)

[HMRC v Lloyds TSB Equipment Leasing \(No 1\) Ltd \[2014\] EWCA Civ 1062](#)

[Vocalspruce Ltd v HMRC \[2014\] EWCA Civ 1302](#)

[ITV Services Ltd v HMRC \[2013\] EWCA Civ 1926](#)

### High Court

[Orbital Shopping Park Swindon Ltd, R \(on the application of\) v Swindon Borough Council & Anor \[2016\] EWHC 448 \(Admin\)](#)

### Upper Tribunal

[Daniel Peters \(also known as Inkey Jones\) v HMRC \[2019\] UKUT 0058 \(TCC\)](#)

[Barry Edwards v HMRC \[2019\] UKUT 0131 \(TCC\)](#)

[HMRC v Investec Asset Finance Plc and Investec Bank Plc \[2018\] UKUT 0069 \(TCC\)](#)

[HMRC v Investec Asset Finance PLC and another \[2018\] UKUT 0413 \(TCC\)](#)

### First-tier Tribunal

[SSE Generation Ltd v HMRC \[2018\] UKFTT 416 \(TC\)](#)

[Hutchison 3G UK Ltd v HMRC \[2018\] UKFTT 289 \(TC\)](#)

[GH Preston Partnership v HMRC \[2016\] UKFTT 296 \(TC\)](#)

[Greenbank Holidays Ltd v HMRC \[2010\] UKFTT 109 \(TC\)](#)

[Urenco Chemplants Ltd & Anor v Revenue and Customs \(Corporation tax - capital allowances\) \[2019\] UKFTT 522 \(TC\)](#)