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Ones to watch in tax



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Key achievements

- Anson v HMRC (Supreme Court – awaiting decision): junior counsel - the treatment of Delaware limited liability companies for the purpose of double tax relief for US income tax.
- Reed Employment v HMRC [2014] STC 1026 (Court of Appeal): junior counsel - recovery of overpaid VAT and the application of the EU law principles of equal treatment, fiscal neutrality and effectiveness.
- Bupa Insurance v HMRC [2014] UKUT 262 (TCC) (Upper Tribunal): junior counsel – meaning of “beneficial entitlement” for the purposes of the UK consortium relief.

John undertakes a wide variety of both advisory and litigation work in all areas of tax law. He has advised on matters ranging from IHT and SDLT planning to major income tax, corporation tax and VAT disputes between multi-national companies and HMRC.

As an advocate he has acted as junior counsel in several major pieces of litigation, and has appeared unled on numerous occasions. As well as acting for taxpayers he is also a member of the Attorney General’s Panel of Counsel (C Panel) and so acts as an advocate on behalf of HMRC and the UK Government.

“ He is one of the most consistently impressive juniors out there at present. ”

“ He is both extremely client friendly and presents very well on his feet - factors which, combined with his technical excellence, really mark him out as a future star. ”

“ John is incredibly thorough and meticulous. He immerses himself in the detail of a matter and will ensure that he is on top of every issue. ”