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## Education

M.A., (Hons.) Cantab., Law, Cambridge University, 1990

Diploma in Legal Practice, with Distinction, College of Law, London, 1994

## Bar Admissions

Solicitor, England and Wales

## Associations

Law Society of England & Wales

Law Society of Ireland

IFA (British Branch) Committee

International Tax Planning Association

## Publications

"Best Practices For Election of Members to International & Regional Treaty Bodies," *Women@TheTable*, October 2018

James Anderson is deeply experienced in private capital arrangements, with a particular focus on the establishment and ongoing operations of asset management structures; portfolio investments in infrastructure, real estate and technology; and compensation for fund principals.

Mr. Anderson also counsels on public capital markets transactions, including IPOs; issuances of equity-linked, hybrid and warrant instruments; securitisations; structured investment vehicles; and other structured debt offerings. He has advised the governments of various international finance centres on new corporate and tax laws. Recently, his practice has focused on new intersections between private capital, impact capital and technology, particularly in the energy sector and the high-frequency, algorithmic and augmented intelligence trading sectors.

Mr. Anderson also presents seminars on the taxation of space and has been quoted in several publications on this growing area of law. In 2020, Mr. Anderson was one of 10 legal practitioners featured in "Innovative Lawyers: Europe," a report published by the *Financial Times*, which highlighted his work in this area. In 2019, he chaired the Space Taxation seminar at the IFA Global Congress in London.

He leads Skadden's European tax practice, which was named Best International Tax Team of the Year at the 2019 Tolley's Taxation Awards, as well as Transatlantic Tax Team of the Year by *The American Lawyer* and *Legal Week* at the 2018 Transatlantic Legal Awards. The firm has repeatedly been ranked as the Best Law Firm for Tax Law by Vault's law firm rankings and the firm's global tax practice also was named Tax Group of the Year for 2018 and 2019 by *Law360*. The European tax practice also received three *ITR* European Awards for 2019 Impact Deals of the Year.

Mr. Anderson is ranked in the first tier for tax by *Chambers UK*, *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers Global*, which also lists Skadden's Tax Group in Band 1 of its Global Tax rankings. In *Chambers UK*, a client noted that he "is very experienced, knowledgeable, technical, and is the most client-centric professional adviser I have worked with." He has repeatedly been recognised by *The Legal 500* in its U.K. Hall of Fame, in addition to being one of the publication's leading 250 international tax advisers worldwide and one of its "leading individuals" amongst the top 40 U.K. corporate tax advisers, who say he is "extremely smart and solutions-oriented" with "expert knowledge of tax law which he applies with wit and charm." *Who's Who Legal* has called him an "internationally renowned star" with a "world class" practice, and in 2020, the publication included him in its annual Thought Leaders list for Corporate Tax. He has repeatedly been named a Highly Regarded Tax Leader by *World Tax*. In addition, Mr. Anderson is recognised in *Legal Experts*, *PLC Cross-Border Tax on Transactions Handbook*, *Tax Directors Handbook*, *Lawdragon Insights: Private Funds* and *The Best Lawyers in the UK* under Tax Law and Investment Funds Law. Mr. Anderson also is listed as a leader in *International Tax Review's* Tax Controversy Leaders Guide and named in Euromoney/Legal Media Group's *Expert Guides' Guide to the World's Leading Tax Lawyers*.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the International Fiscal Association (IFA) British Branch committee. He also previously served as U.K. branch reporter for the IFA Global Congress 2013, and he co-authored the IFA Branch Report's analysis of the U.K.'s response to base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS), titled "Assessing BEPS: Origins, Standards, and Responses," for the IFA 2017 Congress in Rio de Janeiro.

He also is a member of the HMRC/HMT Consultation Group for the U.K. fund management industry and vice chair of the Tax Committee for the Alternative Investment Management Association, lobbying for good practice in the taxation of U.K. and cross-border asset management activities. Mr.

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Anderson also sits on various HMRC stakeholder committees, helping to frame relevant legislation in the spheres of derivatives, personal taxation, property taxation and funds.

Mr. Anderson supports numerous *pro bono* initiatives of the firm and in the community. He assisted in the establishment of a bridge fund for Shell Foundation in relation to mobility and access to renewable energy in Africa and Asia, worked with the Global Fund to End Slavery for the Walk Free organization and helped structure Create Streets, a charity dedicated to neighbourhood planning and alleviating housing shortages in the U.K. He also advises Shivia, an organisation that aims to empower indigent families in India by creating livelihoods, and the Women@TheTable initiative sponsored by the United Nations. Additionally, Mr. Anderson assists the PRIME Programme with workshops for underprivileged local students.

Mr. Anderson has lectured at Columbia University in New York and presented an International Tax Masterclass at Utrecht in the Netherlands. He regularly presents seminars to HMRC on technical and policy matters.

His transaction highlights include advising:

- Citi in its platform fund formation and manager relationships;
- Pret A Manger (Europe) Ltd, a portfolio company of JAB Holding Company LLC, in its acquisition of EAT Limited;
- BlackRock, Inc. in connection with its acquisition of MGPA, an independently managed private equity real estate investment advisory company in Asia-Pacific and Europe. This transaction was named Global Deal of the Year by *PERE Magazine*;
- BTG Pactual in its acquisition of Ariel Reinsurance, a Bermuda-based property and casualty reinsurance company;
- Legg Mason, Inc. in its acquisition of Fauchier Partners LLP, a manager of funds of hedge funds, from BNP Paribas Investment Partners;
- GSA Capital in its spin-out of XTX Markets;
- BlackRock in connection with its acquisition of Credit Suisse's ETF division;
- Trailstone LLC in its formation out of Deutsche Bank AG to establish a global energy and commodities investment and trading platform;
- Perella Weinberg Partners in connection with its U.K. operations and IPO;
- an SFOC manager on the establishment of a "narrow bank";
- Barclays Bank in a spin-out of an equity trading desks to a separate fund platform in Bermuda, New York and London;

- Highbridge Principal Strategies in its European credit operations;
- various U.S. banks in U.S. tax examination and litigation relating to structured finance transactions;
- a global insurance/reinsurance group regarding its tax guidelines and managing global tax risk;
- WeWork on its SEC IPO documentation and structure;
- Nasdaq in its £2.7 billion proposed acquisition of the London Stock Exchange plc;
- establishing several European loan origination platforms for private equity and hedge funds;
- establishing carbon credit trading platforms in Luxembourg for a U.S. hedge fund;
- BTG Pactual in its acquisition of BSI, the Swiss-based private banking group owned by Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A., for CHF1.5 billion;
- a global payments business headquartered in the Middle East regarding the tax and regulatory implications of a European platform;
- several commodities houses on cross-border structuring of tax-optimised finance and trade flows;
- Dermalogica Inc in its sale to Unilever;
- C12 Management in the spin-out by Barclays Bank of US\$12.3 billion in credit market assets into a separate fund platform (Protium);
- Wes Edens in his acquisition of Aston Villa Football Club;
- Och-Ziff on its SEC-registered IPO on the New York Stock Exchange;
- the establishment of a U.K. disaster recovery site for a U.S.-based algorithmic trading business;
- an Asian sovereign wealth entity in relation to its investment in various real estate managed accounts and funds;
- establishing a life settlement fund for a U.S. hedge fund manager;
- U.S. lending banks on a proposed £3 billion U.K. tax-based tanker leasing for a Middle Eastern state-owned natural resources business;
- a U.S. hedge fund on the financing and on-sale of a U.K.-based oil drilling platform; and
- Fortress Investment Group in connection with the IPO of Aircastle, its aircraft leasing business.

Mr. Anderson also handles tax controversy matters and has worked on enquiries by the U.K. revenue authorities, tax court cases, disclosure programmes, transfer pricing and settlement negotiations. He also has experience in complex cross-border *inter partes* tax disputes.