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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

International Bar Association

Recent Publications

"OECD Publishes Pillar Two Global Minimum Tax Safe Harbor, Benefitting MNE Groups With Ultimate Parent Entities Located in the US," *Skadden Publication*, January 12, 2026

"Preparing for UK's New Tax Fraud Whistleblower Program," *Law360*, January 7, 2026

"UK To Create Whistleblower Incentives To Boost Tax Collection," *Skadden Publication*, December 4, 2025

James Anderson is head of Skadden's European tax practice. He is highly experienced in private capital arrangements, with a particular focus on the establishment and ongoing operations of asset management structures; investments in liquid markets, infrastructure, crypto, real estate and credit; and compensation for private capital principals.

Mr. Anderson regularly counsels on the full range of public capital markets transactions, including IPOs, SPACs and structured debt offerings. He has also advised various governments on new corporate and tax laws. Recently, his practice has focused on new intersections between private capital and technology, particularly in high-frequency, algorithmic and augmented intelligence trading sectors, as well as handling corporate groups' planning in response to Pillar 2.

Mr. Anderson has been ranked for over a decade 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*'s 2026 edition, clients remarked that he is "a very experienced advisor and demonstrates a lot of intellectual rigor" and that "he is very technical, but understands our business very well." In addition, *The Legal 500* ranks Mr. Anderson in its Hall of Fame, with clients noting he is "a class above" and "an industry icon, unsurpassed in his field." He is also lauded for his "encyclopedic knowledge of tax legislation and case law, freakish responsiveness" and "unambiguous and succinct advice that gets to the heart of the matter expeditiously." *The Legal 500* has also ranked Mr. Anderson as one of its leading 250 international tax advisers worldwide and a leading individual amongst its top 40 U.K. corporate tax advisers.

Additionally, *Lexology Index* (formerly *Who's Who Legal*) has called him an "internationally renowned star" with a "world class" practice, and repeatedly includes him within its annual Thought Leaders list for Corporate Tax. He has also been repeatedly ranked as Highly Regarded in the Tax Controversy category of *ITR World Tax*. In addition, Mr. Anderson is currently recognised by *Legal Experts*, *PLC Cross-Border Tax on Transactions Handbook*, *Tax Directors Handbook*, *Lawdragon Insights: Private Funds*, *Lawdragon*'s 500 Leading Global Tax Lawyers and *The Best Lawyers in the UK* in its Tax Law and Investment Funds Law categories. Mr. Anderson is also 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* and *Turnaround & Workouts* Bankruptcy Tax Specialists in the Nation's Major Law Firms list. In 2025, Mr. Anderson was appointed to *International Tax Review*'s inaugural editorial board.

Under his leadership, Skadden's European tax practice has been named Best International Tax Team of the Year by Tolley's Taxation Awards, as well as Transatlantic Tax Team of the Year by *The American Lawyer* and *Legal Week* at the Transatlantic Legal Awards. The firm has repeatedly been ranked as the Best Law Firm for Tax Law by *Vault*'s law firm rankings and named Tax Group of the Year by *Law360*. In addition, the European tax practice has also received multiple Impact Deals of the Year at the *ITR* European Awards.

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

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Mr. Anderson is a member of the International Bar Association and the International Fiscal Association (IFA) British Branch committee. 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. In addition, he serves as a member of the HMRC Transfer Pricing Forum and various other stakeholder committees.

In 2025, Mr. Anderson was named by the Lady Chief Justice to the Pro Bono Recognition List for England & Wales for his commitment to *pro bono* work, both at 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 has also advised Shivia, an organisation that aims to empower indigent families in India by creating livelihoods, Women@TheTable initiative sponsored by the United Nations, and ElectHer, an organization dedicated to promoting greater representation of women in the political class. Additionally, Mr. Anderson supervises Skadden London's JUST Programme, which provides an entry point for undergraduate students who want to pursue a legal career in social justice. He also assists the PRIME Programme with workshops for underprivileged local students.

His transaction highlights include representing:

- Corient in the structuring and implementation of its international platform, through parallel agreements to acquire Stonehage Fleming and Stanhope Capital Group to create a $430 billion independent ultra-high-net-worth wealth manager
- Kraken Technologies Limited in its spin-out from Octopus Energy at an $8.65 billion valuation
- Shionogi & Co., Ltd in its $2.1 billion acquisition of an additional 11.7% stake in ViiV Healthcare from Pfizer Inc.
- Cranemere in various cross-border planning and transactional matters
- A multinational hedge fund and financial services company in various cross-border tax matters
- Nasdaq in:
  - the sale of its subsidiary Simplitium Limited to Verisk Inc.
  - its £2.7 billion proposed acquisition of the London Stock Exchange plc
- B-Flexion Fund Management Limited and Kedge Capital Fund Management Limited in the $425 million sale of a portfolio of secondary interests to a prominent financial sponsor
- V Sports S.C.S., the holding company of the Aston Villa Football Club Limited, in the tax aspects of its investment in V Sports by Atairos Management, L.P.
- a quantitative trading firm with regard to tax structuring advice, which led to the establishment of a U.K. limited liability partnership as the primary operating entity for the firm in the U.K.
- SDC Capital Partners LLC in connection with various investments of SDC portfolio companies into data centre or data centre-related projects in Germany and other European countries
- Engelhart Commodities Trading Partners, an international commodity trading company, in the tax aspects related to its acquisition of Trailstone LLC from Riverstone Holdings LLC
- Neuberger Berman Group LLC in the business combination, reported at $12.5 billion, of Owl Rock Capital Group and the Dyal Capital Partners division of Neuberger Berman to form Blue Owl Capital
- Perella Weinberg Partners (PWP) in the tax aspects of its $975 million business combination with FinTech Acquisition Corp. IV, a special purpose acquisition company, pursuant to which PWP will become a Nasdaq-listed public company with an Up-C structure
- Jane Street Group LLC in connection with its U.K. and U.S. structure
- Citi in its platform fund formation and manager relationships
- Pret A Manger 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*
  - acquisition of Credit Suisse's ETF division
- BTG Pactual in its:
  - acquisition of Ariel Reinsurance, a Bermuda-based property and casualty reinsurance company
  - acquisition of BSI, the Swiss-based private banking group owned by Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A., for CHF1.5 billion
- 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
- Barclays Bank in a spin-out of an equity trading desk to a separate fund platform in Bermuda, New York and London
- Highbridge Principal Strategies in its European credit operations
- WeWork on its SEC IPO documentation and structure
- Dermalogica Inc in its sale to Unilever
- C12 Management in the spin-out by Barclays Bank of $12.3 billion in credit market assets into a separate fund platform (Protium)
- Och-Ziff (Sculptor) in its SEC-registered IPO on the New York Stock Exchange
- a U.S.-based algorithmic trading business in the establishment of a U.K. disaster recovery site

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