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Chris co-heads the private client and tax team in Europe.

He is a tax and trusts lawyer. His practice includes advising individuals, families and trustees on UK tax issues, succession planning, business and investment structuring and governance issues.

He started work at Withers in 1999 as a trainee, was made a partner in 2007 and head of department in 2019.

Track record

Dynastic trust structure

Advising a family with members based in a number of different countries in Europe and also in the USA with regard to their dynastic trust structure.

New charitable foundation

Advising a UK family with regard to the endowment of a new charitable foundation and the subsequent funding of projects in the UK and overseas.

Tax efficient funding

Advising a UK resident non-domiciliary with regard to the tax efficient funding of UK charitable projects from non-UK funds.

Private investment fund

Advising a European family with regard to the establishment of private investment fund and property investment structure together with a trust holding structure.

Setting up a UK investment fund

Advising UK resident domiciled investment managers on the establishment of an investment fund and appropriate personal tax planning.

Family business activities structuring

Advising a family with regard to the structure of the family's business activities in the US and the UK as well as the family charitable foundation.

Drafting of estate plan

Drafting of a comprehensive estate plan for a UK resident Japanese family.

Tax efficient investment

Advising the family office of a UK resident non-domiciled family with regard to tax efficient investment options.

External publications

'The Practice of International Philanthropy', International Charitable Giving, Oxford University Press

Barnsley on Land Options, co-author

McCutcheon on Inheritance Tax, co-author

Admissions

England and Wales, 2001

Education

University of Edinburgh, M.A.

Languages

English

Key dates

Year joined: 1999

Year became partner: 2007

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