

Alun James

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Memberships

- Scholar of St John's College, Oxford (BA, Hons 1st Class (Jurisprudence), BCL). Born 13 May 1964

Education

- Bablake School, Coventry
- St John's College, Oxford (1984 MA Hons Jurisprudence; 1985 BCL)

Commercial

Alun advises on all direct taxes in a business context, as well as SDLT and VAT. He aims to help businesses achieve their commercial objectives in the most tax efficient manner. The majority of his professional clients are accountants and the work business orientated. He deals with matters such as:

- Corporate reorganisations
- Share buy-backs and returning capital
- Debt restructuring
- Buy-outs
- S703 and clearance work
- Employment-related securities, EMI schemes
- EIS/VCT issues and so on

Much of his practice is advisory, whether planning, transaction-based or assisting in relation to disputes with HMRC.

Litigation is also undertaken, usually at Commissioner/VAT Tribunal level, but visits to the High Court are not unknown, most recently in a judicial review context. In the past, Alun has acted for HM Customs & Excise, being a member of the Attorney-General's Provincial Panel.

Alun seeks always to develop a good working relationship with his clients. Many are in contact on a regular basis, sometimes just to talk a matter through, as well as for specific advice.

He has been one of the editors of Bramwell's Taxation of Companies and Company Reconstructions since 1992. He lectures in his areas of particular interest across the UK, and often participates in clients' in-house discussion sessions on topical tax issues. He features in both Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500 as a leading junior. He has been in practice since 1988 and is also a member of Temple Tax Chambers.

Recommendations

“Pragmatic.” “Very good with clients. He has a good grasp of the issues and is an expert in tax matters.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“Alun is technically very good but is also aware of the commercial dynamics of transactions. He is user-friendly and often able to add real value when advising on technical issues.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“Alun is an impressive individual. He is considered a good choice for his work involving transactions in securities, corporate reorganisations and LLPs.”

Chambers and Partners 2016

“He has a track record of legally interesting cases.”

Legal 500 2016

Publications

Co-author of ‘Taxation of Companies and Company Reconstructions’ (Sweet & Maxwell)