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Rachel is a partner in the corporate tax team

She advises on the tax aspects of restructurings, share and asset sales and purchases, corporate finance transactions, investment fund formations and downstream investments, and establishing and unwinding joint ventures for private equity firms, corporates and investors, working on family office transactions and the structuring of management investment arrangements, including carried interest arrangements.

Rachel has significant experience working on cross-border transactions, having regularly acted for global clients on complex transactions spanning across multiple jurisdictions.

Track record

Global property solutions provider

Represented a global property information, analytics and data-enabled solutions provider in its acquisition of a UK company, a provider of innovative mobile surveying and workflow management software in connection with the UK property market;

Sale of specialist fund manager

Advised on the sale of a London based specialist fund manager as part of a management buy-out;

Mauritian joint venture company

Provided tax advice with regard to the establishment of a Mauritian joint venture company for the purpose of investing in Indian portfolio assets;

Acquisition of pharmaceutical assets

Acted for a Chinese client in respect of its acquisition of pharmaceutical assets in the UK, China, Germany and Australia;

Tax aspects of \$300m acquisition

Advised on the tax aspects of a \$300m acquisition of equity and debt assets from an international bank, including the spin out of the management team;

Acquisition of US biotech business

Advising a premier R&D service provider for the life sciences industry with the acquisition of US biotech business;

Tax and structuring advice

Provided tax and structuring advice in respect of a family office's internal private equity investment fund structure;

Private investment firm

Advising a private investment firm focuses on investing in opportunities in the lower middle market, on the maiden investment from its new \$500m fund, which involved the management buyout of a multi-channel marketing business and assets located in the UK, US and Australia;

Sovereign wealth fund

Advising a sovereign wealth fund on numerous co-investments, primary investments into a range of investment funds (private equity, infrastructure, real estate and debt), including a number of managed accounts;

Social Impact fund

Restructuring an Africa-focused social impact fund resident in Mauritius;

Tax and structuring advice

Providing tax and structuring advice to private equity funds on their maiden and/or subsequent fund raises, including carried interest structuring.

Talks

- '[Income Tax Treaty Practice for Tax Counsel: Planning and Structuring Transactions to Maximize Treaty-Based Benefits](#),' Strafford webinar - May 7, 2020, speaker

Admissions

March 2009 - England and Wales

Education

Durham University, BA (Hons) History

Languages

English

Memberships

Chartered Institute of Taxation

Key dates

Year joined: 2019

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