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Claire is a partner in the private client and tax team.

Claire advises on tax, trust and estate planning for individuals and families, both those based in the UK and those who are non-UK domiciled or resident. Claire's non-UK clients are often based in or hail from the US or India and she has extensive experience advising on US/UK and India/UK cross-border matters.

Claire's work includes:

- Estate and lifetime tax and succession planning, including the preparation of Wills, lifetime trusts and Lasting Powers of Attorney and advising on the tax and practical implications of passing personal and business assets down to the next generation.
- Advising on residence and domicile, preparing non-resident individuals for arrival in the UK and providing guidance on the remittance basis of taxation for 'non-doms' and managing non-UK clean capital.
- The creation and maintenance of trust and corporate structures to assist in succession and tax planning, and advising the trustees of onshore and offshore trusts which hold wealth for both UK-based and international families.
- Providing guidance on philanthropy, governance and succession and the introduction of the next generation to the family's wealth or the family business, which is often in conjunction with single or multi-family offices.
- Advising on the creation and maintenance of family offices, both in the UK and abroad, covering jurisdiction and structure choice and risk management. This involves coordinating advice from across the firm to meet the diverse needs of family offices.

Claire believes that the key to her role as advisor is forming strong relationships to understand her clients' main drivers and objectives to enable her to provide advice that is bespoke and timely.

Claire is head of the European family office team and co-heads the Global India team.

Talks

- Investment of Trust Assets, IBC Conference, April 2016
- International Trusts & Private Client Forum, ITPC Conference, Guernsey, April 2016
- Wealth Preservation & Tax Planning for Landed Estates, IBC Conference, February 2016
- Changes to Owner Managed Business Taxation, IBC Seminar, October 2015
- The Future of Offshore Centres, Lexis Nexis panel forum, September 2015

External publications

Speaker, IBC Seminar on Changes to Owner Managed Business Taxation (October 2015)

Speaker, Lexis Nexis panel forum on the Future of Offshore Centres (September 2015)

Admissions

England and Wales, 2008

Education

Oxford University, B.A. (Hons) Physics and Philosophy

Languages

English

Key dates

Year joined: 2006
Year became partner: 2017

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