



## Tax Practice area

Ongoing tax changes and the aggressive stance of the South African Revenue Service have elevated tax law in South Africa to a highly specialised area of practice. At Werksmans, our tax lawyers rank among the world's best and regularly receive global recognition for their outstanding services. The team is able to respond swiftly and efficiently to South African and international tax matters. These highly-skilled individuals have many years' experience in consulting to the commercial sector and can provide integrated advice and assistance on a wide range of local or international tax issues.

### **Unrivalled expertise in providing comprehensive, up-to-date tax advice**

Our tax lawyers remain over responsive to the vast changes seen in tax law since 2001, which resulted in a sophisticated tax system, the complexity of which increases annually with comprehensive amendments. These cover multiple aspects such as evolving corporate restructuring rules; tax rules affecting financial instruments; rules affecting retirement and so on. The tax practice team's focus is on assisting corporates and high-net-worth individuals who seek comprehensive, up-to-date tax advice.

Services range from consulting on the tax aspects of clients' commercial dealings to interacting on their behalf with the tax authorities and, where necessary, dealing with objections and disputes. Our tax lawyers are also skilled in handling settlement negotiations, appeals in the Tax Court and High Court, and alternative dispute resolution processes.

Special areas of expertise include the tax aspects of commercial activities such as mergers and acquisitions (M&A); private equity and black economic empowerment transactions; and corporate reorganisations. The team has a well-established track record in terms of international tax services, handling matters related to inward and outward investment and offshore structuring, taking into account the exchange control implications thereof.

Our Tax team achieved the below rankings:

- Legal500: Tier 2
- Chambers Global: Band 2
- Chambers Global - Private Wealth Law: Band 1

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Operating in Gauteng and the Western Cape, the firm is connected to an extensive African legal alliance through LEX Africa. LEX Africa was established in 1993 as the first and largest African legal alliance and offers huge potential for Werksmans' clients seeking to do business on the continent by providing a gateway to Africa.

With a formidable track record in mergers and acquisitions, banking and finance, business rescue and restructuring, commercial litigation and dispute resolution, Werksmans is distinguished by the people, clients and work that it attracts and retains. Werksmans' more than 200 lawyers are a powerful team of independent-minded individuals who share

a common service ethos. The firm's success is built on a solid foundation of insightful and innovative deal structuring and legal advice, a keen ability to understand business and economic imperatives and a strong focus on achieving the best legal outcome for clients.



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