



Andrew Wellsted

Andrew is a highly regarded tax practitioner operating primarily in South Africa and Africa. He is a lawyer by training and specialises in tax and transactional structuring solutions.

He was head of tax at a large multinational law firm until 2018 and is currently an advisory specialist with the RM Partners Group.

His tax experience covers a broad range of transactions, with an emphasis on tax advisory relevant to the cross-border, banking and mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, upstream and downstream advisory for funds and black economic empowerment funds.

Tax compliance in South Africa as well as internationally is becoming an increasingly important aspect for taxpayers. Andrew has significant tax litigation experience, and he has excellent relationships with numerous South African regulators. He has also assisted many taxpayers in resolving tax issues by way of compromise, voluntary disclosure or litigation.

In the banking and financial service industries, Andrew has advised various financial institutions on financing transactions including project finance, structured finance and preference shares. He specialises in the tax considerations applicable to advising on the structuring of derivatives, financial instruments and other structured products.

Andrew obtained his Masters degree (Tax) in 2002 at the University of the Witwatersrand and in 2004 he attained specialised diplomas in Capital Gains tax and Mining Tax Law.

From an exchange control perspective, Andrew has many years of advisory experience and is familiar with the most novel structures and developments in this field, including the rise of blockchain and crypto currencies.

He has also written numerous articles and has been included in several international lawyer-ranking publications, most recently, in band 2 for tax practitioners in Chambers 2018 and as a Recognised Lawyer in Best Lawyers 2019.

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