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Associate

Tax
Estates & Trusts Opinions and Appeals
Charities & Not-For-Profits Law
Aviation Law
Higher Learning
Indigenous Business & Economic Development

Profile

Tax is one of the so-called "certainties" in life. But the application and implication of various taxes for businesses and individuals can often seem anything but certain. With this in mind, St. John helps his clients understand their unique tax scenarios, plan for their future goals and defend their interests when necessary.

St. John holds a Master of Laws in Taxation and has experience in various aspects of tax and administrative law. His practice includes advising on indirect taxes including GST, PST, and various land taxes.

St. John enjoys the problem-solving aspect of tax law and relishes the opportunity to find the best strategic solution for his clients. He views a tax problem from multiple perspectives, collaborates with colleagues to find the most effective path forward and can think quickly on his feet in dealing with disputes.

Clients appreciate St. John's meticulous approach, patience, and the time he takes to fully understand their situation and goals. These attributes, coupled with diligent attention to ever-evolving tax laws, make him a dependable advocate for those he represents.

Services

- > Tax litigation and dispute management throughout audit, assessment, objection and appeal with federal, provincial and local Canadian tax authorities
- > Responding to, disputing, and minimizing GST "Builder" assessments, when the CRA alleges that a taxpayer built their home with the intention to sell it.
- > Goods and Services Tax
- > Provincial/Retail Sales Taxes
- > Land Transfer/Property Transfer Taxes
- > Underused Housing Tax, Empty Homes Tax, and Speculation and Vacancy Tax

Credentials

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- > Call to bar: British Columbia, 2021
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- > Master of Laws in Taxation, Peter A. Allard School of Laws at the University of British Columbia, 2019
- > Juris Doctor, University of Connecticut, 2016