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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Kate leads the Tax Disputes practice at BCLP. She is both highly experienced and respected for advising on complex, sensitive and high value tax disputes for her clients, which include advising at board and corporate senior management level.

Kate's practice covers the full life cycle of a tax matter, and she advises on both direct and indirect taxes and excise duties. She assists clients with corporate tax risk and compliance issues, internal corporate investigations, managing civil enquiries and criminal investigations by HM Revenue and Customs, responding to information requests, and resolving disputes either through negotiation or litigation.

She has significant experience in conducting tax appeals at all levels of the court including the First-Tier Tribunal, the Upper Tribunal, the High Court and the Court of Appeal. She also advises on non-

tax focused enquiries where HMRC is the investigative or supervisory agency, including export control and AML issues.

Kate gives bespoke and tailored advice, ensuring that she make the process from beginning to end as seamless as possible, in what is often 'high stakes' for her corporate clients.

Kate continues to be ranked as a Leading Partner for Tax Litigation and Investigations by Legal 500 UK 2025, and in Tax: Contentious in Chambers UK 2025.

Clients have previously commented:

## **ADMISSIONS**

- England and Wales

## **RELATED CAPABILITIES**

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- Real Estate Tax
- VAT & Indirect Taxes
- Corporate
- Finance
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory

## **EXPERIENCE**

Recent examples of Kate's work include advising:

- A number of multi-national groups on diverted profits tax and transfer pricing enquiries opened by HMRC under COP8.
- **Hannover Leasing** in an SDLT appeal to the First-tier Tribunal concerning the application of s75A FA 2003.
- Various corporates on VAT repayment claims in the pension fund context.
- A multi-national logistics group on a customs investigation and relevant compliance issues.
- Hedge funds and corporates on enquiries by HMRC into the PAYE and NICs treatment of amounts paid to employees and directors.
- A number of financial institutions and real estate firms on compliance with the corporate criminal offences of failure to prevent the facilitation of tax evasion under the Criminal Finances Act 2017.
- A multi-national chemicals group on a criminal investigation by HMRC Fraud Investigation Services and prosecution by the CPS into alleged breaches of the export control regime.

## RESOURCES

### PUBLICATIONS

[Privilege considerations in tax investigations - Tax Journal \(February 2024\)](#)

## RELATED INSIGHTS

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### **Spring Budget 2024**

It has been a busy Budget for the real estate sector today, particularly for the residential sector. The big announcement was the proposal to abolish SDLT's multiple dwellings relief ("MDR"). This came as a surprise and for those seeking to rely on the relief for a completion on or after 1 June 2024, they may have been racing to exchange today to lock in MDR on the acquisition. However, there was some good news for those trying to access the housing market. The government is proposing to withdraw the furnished holiday letting regime and reduce the higher rate of CGT for those who pay CGT on selling residential properties as these are intended to improve access to housing. But elsewhere reform for SDLT was relatively light. The government did not respond to lobbying in a few targeted areas. A downsizer's relief and keeping the current lower thresholds beyond March 2025 were not mentioned. In further good n...

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### **Spring Budget 2024 – will we see material reform?**

Budgets are normally stories of two halves. The first half contains the headline-grabbing tax policy reforms that can be encapsulated in a snappy soundbite in the Budget speech, such as "Chancellor scraps the non-dom regime". The second half typically contains more detailed reform packages, which may involve a significant overhaul of a regime past its sell by date, a complex new initiative or a tightening of a measure that doesn't work as well as it could. The latter could be viewed as the "business as usual" reform of the tax system, including to make it simpler and to make the UK more competitive. If the Autumn Statement is anything to go by, and particularly bearing in mind the timing of the next General Election, we can expect the Budget on 6 March to be disproportionately focused towards the first half in the hope that carefully considered announcements will shift the dial on voting sentiment. We expect th...

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