



CURRICULUM VITAE

Gary Ashford

Gary Ashford is a Partner in the law firm, Harbottle & Lewis LLP, a prestigious London firm well respected in the private client, media, tech and entertainment industry. He advises high-net-worth individuals, trusts and corporate clients on a range of complex and contentious tax matters.

Gary entered the tax profession in 1984 spending 17 years with HM Revenue and Customs where he was a Corporate Tax Inspector running a team of corporate and employment tax investigators. In 1999 he was recruited by Ernst & Young, within their London tax risk and investigations team and later within their Financial Services Banking team. Gary joined Grant Thornton in 2002 and became the Head of Tax Investigation for Central England. Gary joined RSM Tenon in 2009 where he was a Partner, National Head of Tax Investigations for four years before joining Kinetic Partners as a Tax Partner, a boutique firm working in the alternative investment management industry assisting hedge funds and private equity clients. Gary joined Harbottle & Lewis in 2014.

Gary is past Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Taxation's (CIOT) Management of Taxes Technical Sub Committee and sits on CIOT's Council (the CIOT's governing body). He leads CIOT's relationship with HMRC on matters such as offshore tax and transparency matters. Gary is author of Bloomsbury's Serious Tax Investigations and is a professional tax speaker for MBL seminars. Gary is Vice President of CFE Tax Advisers Europe. Gary leads on the development in taxation in the digital economy for his firm, particularly relevant given the significance of Harbottle & Lewis in the media and tech space.

Gary is an expert in contentious tax matters including international transparency, serious tax fraud and international tax avoidance matters. Over the years he has handled many high profile investigations and disputes in various locations involving criminal investigations, Codes of Practice 9 and 8 and various Tax scheme assignments involving Special Investigations and the Anti Avoidance Group (AAG).

Today he works closely with high profile clients coming to, living in the UK, or leaving the UK and assisting international clients investing in the UK.



Areas of specialism:

- UK and Offshore tax matters
- Non-domicile tax planning
- Corporate tax structuring and re-structuring
- Transfer pricing
- HMRC enquiries and tax disclosures
- Developments in global transparency
- Various FATCA, inter-governmental agreements
- Code of Practice 8 and 9 (COP8 and COP9) and criminal investigations
- Employment taxes.