

Dr Janusz Fischer

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SPECIALISATION:

He specializes in international **tax law** and in tax aspects of **M&A** transactions.

EXPERIENCE:

Since the early 1990s, associated with the international law firm White & Case, from 1998 through 2011 as partner. In 2012-2013, partner in the tax and legal department of the international advisory firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and head of its international tax practice in Poland. Over the course of his legal practice, Dr Fischer has advised on a number of high-profile M&A transactions in Poland involving both publicly-listed as well as privately-held companies.

In 1990-1991, Dr Fischer acted as an independent expert to the Polish Parliamentary Commission for Economic Policy, Budget, and Finance, advising on the draft legislative Personal Income Tax Law and the draft VAT Law. In 1991-1993, Dr Fischer was an advisor to the Minister of Finance, acting as co-negotiator of numerous international double taxation treaties to be concluded by Poland. Dr Fischer was a co-author of the draft Law on National Investment Funds and their Privatization, a complex piece of legislation on the basis of which the Polish government privatized over 500 state-owned companies, and of the Law on Commodity Exchanges; he also served as a consultant in drafting the Polish laws on investment funds and on industrial funds.

Dr Fischer was a co-founder and president of the Management Board of the Polish branch of the International Fiscal Association (IFA). He is now a member of the Supervisory Board of the Polish branch of IFA. He has participated in numerous Polish and international conferences and seminars focusing on tax and international tax matters.

Dr Fischer is the author of over 1,100 publications on legal, tax, and financial matters published in Polish professional journals ("Finanse", "Państwo i Prawo", "Przegląd Podatkowy", "Monitor Podatkowy") and in international journals ("Tax Notes International", "Tax News Service", "East European Business Law", "European Taxation", "Intertax", "Wirtschaft und Recht in Osteuropa"). He is the co-author of the Commentary on the Law on National Investment Funds and their Privatization. Dr Fischer is a long-time correspondent of professional tax journals such as "Tax Notes International", "Tax News Service", or "East European Business Law". Dr Janusz Fischer is a

member of the editorial board of the monthly professional journal "Monitor Podatkowy" and regularly contributes commentary on tax issues to the "Dziennik Gazeta Prawna" daily.

EDUCATION:

Graduate of the University of Warsaw's Faculty of Law and Administration, holds a doctorate in law. Since 1980, lecturer at the University of Warsaw, currently an associate professor. In 1982-1983, Dr Fiszer was a scholar at the University of Kansas School of Business in Lawrence, Kansas; in 1988-1989, he was a research scholar of the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, and in 1990 – of the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung at the International and Foreign Financial and Tax Law Center at the University of Munich. Dr Fiszer is also a lecturer in international tax law in the postgraduate course on international tax strategies at the Warsaw School of Economics (SGH).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In the 2010 edition of the *Ranking of Tax Advisory Firms and Tax Advisors* announced by the daily newspaper *Dziennik Gazeta Prawna*, Dr. Fiszer was declared by competitors as the best tax advisor in the category "International Tax Law" and "Tax optimization". Additionally in the category "Mergers & Acquisitions" Dr. Fiszer took a 3rd place in Poland. Similarly, in the 2011 edition of the *Ranking of Tax Advisory Firms and Tax Advisors*, Dr. Fiszer was recognized as the best tax advisor in the category "International Tax Law". Chambers Europe 2019 stated: "Janusz Fiszer of GESSEL has a broad tax practice encompassing corporate income tax as well as VAT disputes. He is well versed with assisting companies and private individuals with tax planning and optimisation strategies. Sources are full of praise, with one interviewee remarking: "He always has a solution that satisfies our needs.".

The 2013 edition of the prestigious *Ranking of Law Firms* by the leading Polish newspaper *Rzeczpospolita*, published in April 2013, lists Dr. Janusz Fiszer as an "recommended lawyer" in the Tax category for the 9th consecutive year. Also, the prestigious *Rankings of Tax Advisory Firms* by the newspaper *Rzeczpospolita*, published in June 2012 and June 2013, respectively, list Dr. Fiszer as "the best expert (leader) in international taxation".

