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Erich Bell is a Director in the Tax practice area. He specialises in international corporate tax; domestic corporate tax advisory; and South African exchange control. Erich advises on international tax planning for corporates – including foreign-controlled companies; double tax agreements; offshore acquisition financing structures; foreign structures; foreign trusts; and transfer pricing and thin capitalisation. He is also experienced in mergers & acquisitions; reorganisations of corporate entities; and share scheme formation and tax advice.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Tax

EXPERTISE

- International corporate tax advisory
- Domestic corporate tax advisory
- South African exchange control
- Offshore trust and offshore pension fund tax advisory
- High net worth individual tax advisory

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Advises on:

- Controlled foreign companies
- Double tax agreements
- Offshore acquisition financing structuring
- Foreign trusts
- Transfer pricing and thin capitalisation
- Offshore pension funds
- Mergers, acquisitions and reorganisations of corporate entities
- Share scheme formation and tax advice
- Private equity deal structuring
- Tax litigation, alternative dispute resolution and settlements

CAREER

- B Com Taxation (University of Pretoria)
- B Com (Honours) Taxation (cum laude) (University of Pretoria)
- M Com Taxation (cum laude) (University of Pretoria)
- 2016: Associate, Werksmans
- 2018: Senior Associate, Werksmans
- 2019: Director, Werksmans Tax (Pty) Ltd

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked by *ITR* as a Rising Star | General Corporate Tax | 2023, 2025
- Erich received numerous academic awards and accolades for his academic achievements in the field of taxation, including qualifying as the top student in the following taxation modules at the University of Pretoria: BEL213, BEL770, BEL790, BEL875, BEL876, BEL877 and BEL878.
- He also qualified as the overall top student for M Com Taxation at the University of Pretoria and received the Dean's Merit List Award in 2017 for outstanding academic achievement.