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Ernest Mazansky is a Director of Werksmans Tax Proprietary Limited in the Tax practice area. He specialises in corporate tax planning; restructuring of corporate entities; share incentive schemes; dispute resolution/tax controversy; offshore structures & financing; exchange control; VAT; estate planning; and wills & trusts (local and international). Ernest is past chairman of the Taxation Committee of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants; and also of the Institute's Exchange Control Committee. He is a former South African correspondent for the Bulletin for International Taxation, published by the IBFD and an editor of The Taxpayer published by Juta's.

Years of Experience: 48 years

PRACTICE AREAS

- Tax

EXPERTISE

Commercial

- Tax & Exchange Control

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Advised Transaction Capital Limited on its recent unbundling of We Buy Cars Limited
- Advised Ntsimbintle Holdings Pty Ltd in its sale of its manganese interests to Exxaro Ltd

CAREER

- **Higher Diploma in Tax Law**, University of the Witwatersrand, 1985
- **Admitted as a Chartered Accountant**, 1977
- **BAcc**, University of the Witwatersrand, 1977
- **BCom**, University of the Witwatersrand, 1973

HIGHLIGHTS

- Listed in Hall of Fame by the Legal 500 | 2026 | Tax
- Listed in Hall of Fame by the Legal 500 | 2024 | Tax
- Ranked by ITR World Tax as a Notable Practitioner | 2023, 2025
- Recognised as a Tax Expert | Tax Expert Guide 2022

- Ranked lawyer (Band 1) by Chambers Global | 2019 – 2022, 2024 – 2026 | Tax
- Ranked as a leading practitioner by Legal 500 | 2019 | Tax
- Ranked as a leading lawyer by IFLR 1000 | 2014, 2017 | Petroleum Economist Energy & Infrastructure Guide
- Past Chairman of the Taxation Committee of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and also of the Institute's Exchange Control Committee
- Former South African correspondent of the Bulletin for International Taxation published by *the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (I*BFD)
- Listed in the Tax Directors Handbook (2008)
- Nominated by *in-house counsel and peers* as a pre-eminent practitioner in Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Tax Advisers (2008)

Authorships

- Ernest is the former South African correspondent of the Bulletin for International Taxation and is the author of the South African chapter of *The Delicate Balance – Tax Discretion and the Rule of Law*, both published by the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD).
- He is also co-author of the chapter on trusts in *Silke on International Tax*.
- Ernest is an editor of *The Taxpay*er journal.