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PROFILE

Iain was called to the Bar in 2006 and his practice focuses on contentious tax, fraud and investigations. He has litigated several of the leading cases on HMRC investigative powers, VAT fraud, and the Knowledge/Meaning of Knowledge tests.

Iain manages a wide variety of work for an international client base, ranging from UHNWIs to PLCs and owner-managed businesses to trusts and funds. He is often sought out by other legal and professional advisors for a second opinion and to help 'unlock' long-running or complex disputes.

Before pupillage, Iain worked for HMRC Solicitor's Office in both Excise litigation and VAT litigation. He has acted as counsel both for and against HMRC in a variety of disputes in the Tax Tribunal, Upper Tax Tribunal, High Court (Admin, ChD and Comm), Court of Appeal (Civil), House of Lords and UK Supreme Court. He became a partner at JHA in 2021 and prior to that had been a tenant at a leading set of Chambers and a Dispute Resolution Partner at a City law firm.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Called to the Bar of England & Wales, March 2006

RECOMMENDATIONS

'Iain MacWhannell – charming and forensically bright. He has fantastic judgment and instinctively knows the right decisions to make in complex, high value commercial litigation. As a former barrister, Iain's tactics are at the heart of what he does and why he is so very much in demand. Revered for his knowledge and experience of FS, tax, civil fraud and injunctions work, he has a proven track record in heavy weight litigation.' (Legal 500, 2020)

'Iain MacWhannell is excellent. He has a keen eye for detail and is an excellent negotiator and litigator. Clients are in the safest of hands with Iain.' (Legal 500, 2020)

Practice Areas

- Tax Disputes

