



## *Speakers Profile*

### **Prof Philip Baker,**

Prof Philip Baker joined Chambers in 1987, having been a full-time lecturer in law at London University from 1979 until then. He has maintained some links with academia, and is now Visiting Professorial Fellow in International Taxation at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London.

He specialises primarily in international aspects of taxation, which covers both corporate and private client matters. He also has a particular interest in taxation and the European Convention on Human Rights, on which he has been involved in training the General and Special Commissioners and members of VAT Tribunals.

He is a member of the Council of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, of the Committee of the UK Branch of the International Fiscal Association, and the International Tax Sub-Committee of the Law Society.

He is married with twin sons and a younger daughter. One of his ambitions is to get home in time each day to tell bedtime stories.

In 1997 he was awarded an OBE for work with Chinese political refugees in the UK.

### **Prof Pasquale Pistone,**

Prof Pasquale Pistone graduated cum laude in law at the Federico II University of Naples in 1990 and obtained his doctoral degree in 2000 cum dignitate publications at the University of Genoa with a thesis on Community Law and Tax Treaties, the English version of which received an honourable mention at the 2000 IFA Mitchell B. Carroll Prize. He is Associate Professor of Tax Law at the University of Salerno and EURYI-ESF Professor at the WU Vienna. His current research engagements include a 5-years project on European law and the relations with third countries in the field of direct taxes, which was the first to be granted the EURYI-ESF award in the area of law. He is fluent in seven languages, frequent speaker at international tax conferences and the author of two monographic studies, as well as over sixty articles on various tax issues.



### **Dr.Christian Ellul**

Christian Ellul was conferred with a Doctorate of Laws (LL.D.) from the University of Malta in 2004. Following his post as Secretary General of the Institute of Financial Services Practitioners in Malta he furthered his studies in the Netherlands and in 2006 he graduated from the International Tax Center, University of Leiden and obtained an Advanced LL.M. in International Taxation. He was also a Teaching Assistant to Kees van Raad at the International Tax Center giving revision classes in Fundamentals of Taxation and Tax Treaties while also working in international taxation in Amsterdam. His main areas of practise are International Taxation and European Tax Law but he also has experience in Maltese company, corporate law and trust law. Christian joined Francis Vassallo & Associates Limited in January 2008.

Christian is the Malta reporter to IBFD and has also contributed to a number of tax publications and books. Christian is a member of the Institute of Financial Services Practitioners, the Malta Institute of Taxation, the International Tax Planning Association, the International Fiscal Association, and is the Malta representative for Young IFA Network. He is also a member of the International BAR Association and was appointed as the Malta Rapporteur to the Tax Committee at the Annual 2008 IBA conference in Buenos Aires and the Annual 2009 IBA conference in Madrid.

### **Prof.Yariv Brauner**

Prof Yariv Brauner joined the Florida University College of Law in 2006 after teaching at New York University, Northwestern and Arizona State University.

His primary area of teaching and scholarship is international taxation and he has been a Visiting Professor or guest lecturer at various universities in the United States, Australia, Israel, Austria, France, Argentina, China, Belgium and Switzerland.

He has written several articles and co-authored US International Taxation – Cases and Materials.



**Dr Juanita Brockdorff,**

As Associate Director, Tax, at KPMG Malta, Juanita leads a multi-disciplinary team of lawyers and accountants providing advice to multinationals seeking assistance in tax matters and related planning. Since 2002, when she joined the firm, Juanita has dealt with both domestic and international tax issues, with her advice covering both direct and indirect taxation. She is particularly interested in the EU's impact on taxation, and acts as advisor to the Government on various tax-related Community law issues. Juanita's work was published in international tax reviews such as European Taxation, EC Tax Review, Intertax, and Captive and Art Review. She regularly delivers presentations on taxation, locally and overseas, and for a number of years she lectured Advanced Taxation for ACCA, and in the course leading to the Advanced Diploma in International Taxation conferred by the UK Chartered Institute of Taxation. Juanita acts as examiner of tax dissertations submitted to the University of Malta in order to obtain the degree of Doctor of Laws

**Dr Robert Attard,**

Robert Attard Heads Legal Update (launched by Institute of Legal Studies) and holds the Post of Director Tax Services at EY. Chamber & Partners described Robert Attard as 'a prominent and highly respected tax expert who lectures at the University of Malta'. Besides lecturing and examining at the University of Malta (Tax Law - LL.D/M.A. Financial Services) Robert has also lectured on courses accredited by foreign educational organisations such as STEP, ADIT and BPP. Robert delivers various seminars in Malta and abroad (including seminars organised by MIM, MIT, IFSP, MIA and Society Education). As a lawyer in private practice Robert has argued cases at all levels (including, more recently, Turchett et. v. Kummissjoni Elettorali et a case which was part of a campaign which led to an amendment of the Constitution of Malta and the General Elections Act relating to voting by the visually impaired). Robert is the author of several articles and five books, including An Introduction to Income Tax Theory. He is also a member of one of the Editorial Boards of Lexis-Nexis Butterworths.



### **Dr Neville Gatt,**

Neville J Gatt LL.D. (Malta), LL.M. (Lond)

Neville Gatt is a Tax Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He graduated in law from the University of Malta in 1993 and joined the firm in 1994 after specialising in International and EC taxation at the University of London.

He was seconded to the International Tax Services Group within the London office in 1998. Neville was admitted to the partnership in January 2002 and for a long number of years he has been in charge of a variety of cross-border tax and legal assignments in different industries, ranging between banking and investment management to manufacturing and utilities. He has material experience of international tax, EC tax and related issues.

Neville also lectures and examines in International and EC Tax legislation at the University of Malta and in Tax law at the Malta Institute of Taxation. He has addressed various seminars and conferences on these subjects both locally and overseas.

### **Prof G Maisto**

Guglielmo Maisto founded Maisto e Associati in 1991. He is a Professor of Tax Law at the Catholic University of Piacenza; he has acted as a consultant to the Ministry for European Community Affairs and is the Chairman of the delegated Board of Trustees of the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD) in Amsterdam.

He is the Chairman of the legal and tax committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Italy and represents the Italian Association of Industries at the OECD Business Industry Advisory Committee in Paris. He is a member of several law societies internationally and of the editorial board of various Italian and foreign tax legal journals. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Fiscal Association and has acted as general and national reporter at several of its annual congresses.



**Dr. Ramona Piscopo**

Ramona Piscopo is an international tax lawyer having a Doctorate of Laws (LL.D.) from the University of Malta and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University of Leiden, the Netherlands.

After a number of years working as a tax-advisor in Malta and Amsterdam, she is currently a senior associate with Loyens & Loeff and is based in Geneva, Switzerland. Her focus is on group reorganisations and tax planning structures of multinational enterprises from all industry sectors.

Ramona is a regularly a speaker at international tax conferences and has published a number of articles and chapters on Maltese, European and International tax law

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