

# Michael Helm

## Partner



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## Overview

Michael Helm is a partner in Dentons' Berlin office. He is mainly active in the fields of taxation and accounting of corporations and partnerships, mergers and acquisitions (tax), taxation of banks and insurance companies, and tax audits (by tax authorities). He has special knowledge in advising public entities (resulting from his time acting as public servant). Within these areas of practice he advises numerous German and some international clients on international taxation and with compliance tax matters.

Michael also advises high net worth individuals and their family offices, banks and trust companies in tax planning, structuring and accounting matters. He also advised on several matters related to property located in foreign jurisdictions in Europe.

## Experience

- **Family office:** Advising private clients of a Swiss family office in Zurich on tax planning, structuring and accounting matters.
- **Private clients:** Advising private clients of a German family office in Berlin on tax planning, structuring and accounting matters.
- **Canadian investor:** Advising on a joint venture agreement with local investors. The project comprises the construction of a multifunctional sports and cultural arena including a hotel and car park in Frankfurt am Main.
- **Several banks and their subsidiaries and public entities:** Advising on tax matters.
- **Large water utility company:** Advising on tax matters.
- **Structured company:** Advising regarding international taxation and implementation of a transfer pricing system.
- **Insurance company:** Advising in relation to tax matters to a large pension fund.
- **Various clients:** Advising regarding several tax inspections (by tax authorities or in due diligences).

# Insights

## Interviews

- “Steuerprüfer in die Schranken gewiesen,“ *Handelsblatt*, published 2009

# Activities and Affiliations

## Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons (formerly Salans), Berlin, 2006 to date
- Partner, Haarmann, Hemmelrath & Partner, Berlin, 2001-2006
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- BDO Deutsche Warentreuhand, 1996-1999
- Tax Office for Corporations, Berlin, 1990-1996
- Tax Authorities of Berlin, 1987-1990

# Areas of focus

## Practices

- Tax
- Trusts, Estates and Wealth Preservation
- Tax in Germany
- Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- Restructuring in Germany

## Industry sectors

- Commercial Banks
- Financial Institutions
- Government
- Infrastructure and PPP
- Insurance
- Marinas
- Nonprofit Entities
- Wastewater Treatment, Water Management, Desalination
- Family Office and High Net Worth
- Hotels and Leisure

# Education

- University of Applied Sciences, 1990, Diploma in Finance

# Admissions and qualifications

- Certified Public Auditor (Wirtschaftsprüfer), Germany, 2005
- Tax Advisor, Germany, 1995

# Languages

- English
- German