



Tax and revenue

Tax affects almost all businesses and individuals. Our tax team provides specialist commercial advice on complex tax laws to private individuals, businesses, government authorities and overseas enterprises that have Australian tax considerations. We also help other advisers get the best tax results for their clients.

Our tax lawyers have the skills and experience needed to understand each client's circumstances and how these fit into the different tax laws, and then, most importantly, turn this into a commercial solution.

Several of our team members have worked in major chartered accounting practices before joining Cooper Grace Ward, which assists in understanding our clients' issues on a deeper level.

Many of our firm's team members also have previous experience working for revenue authorities, which gives us an advantage when dealing with those authorities.

Our key services

We have significant experience in:

- strategic and compliance advice on complex tax, CGT and GST issues
- advising clients on the most tax effective business and investment structures
- assisting clients to ensure their business structures and sale transactions do not restrict their ability to access the small business CGT concessions
- advising on international tax issues
- establishing trusts, companies and self-managed superannuation funds (SMSFs)
- SMSF compliance and structuring advice
- advising on stamp duty, land tax, payroll tax and customs duties
- obtaining private rulings from the ATO and state revenue authorities
- assisting advisers and their clients with audits and disputes involving the ATO and state revenue authorities
- representing clients in disputes with the ATO and other revenue authorities, including acting for them in appeals from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal through to the High Court.

A snapshot of our experience

Our team regularly receives feedback and testimonials about what sets Cooper Grace Ward apart from other service providers.

'Cooper Grace Ward's greatest strength is their team members. I've always found them to be excellent. We really appreciate the ability to use Cooper Grace Ward as a sounding board for general legal questions, and consult with them on major decisions for our business.'

'Cooper Grace Ward distils complex legal issues into commercial solutions.'

'We deal with lawyers every day in the normal course of business and it is rare that we make favourable comments on the profession. What has distinguished Cooper Grace Ward is the maintenance of time frames, the level of communication and the balance between commercial realities and the protection of clients' interests.'

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Our philosophy for working together

Our specialist tax team has developed a substantial referral network and a fundamental building block in developing this network is that we have an absolute commitment to working collaboratively with other advisers.

We recognise that tax requires solutions that fit with commercial or family imperatives, or compliance with other laws, either in Australia or overseas. We work together to identify and implement those solutions.

About Cooper Grace Ward

With more than 200 team members, Cooper Grace Ward is a leading Australian law firm based in Brisbane, servicing clients with a local, national and international presence. As a full-service firm, we are known for providing commercial and practical advice, outstanding service and excellence in all practice areas.

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