

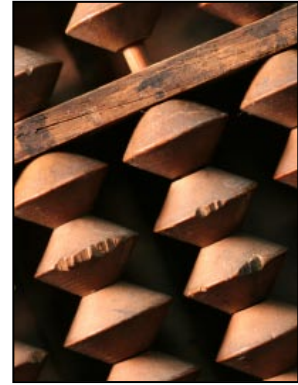
Monckton Chambers presents a VAT/EU Seminar Series

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Seminar 1: Thursday 25 February 2010

Seminar 2: Thursday 11 March 2010

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Seminar 1: Chaired by Paul Lasok QC

- 6.00pm: Retail schemes **Melanie Hall QC**
- 6.25pm: Place of Supply **Alan Bates**
- 6.50pm: Case Law Update **Peter Mantle**
- 7.15pm: Fiscal Neutrality **Christopher Vajda QC**
- 7.30pm: Q & A Session

Seminar 2: Chaired by Nicholas Paines QC

- 6.00pm: Input Tax **Andrew Macnab**
- 6.25pm: Remedies **Philip Woolfe**
- 6.50pm: New VAT Tribunal Procedures **Valentina Sloane**
- 7.15pm: Face Value Vouchers & Promotions **Melanie Hall QC**
- 7.30pm: Q & A Session

Who should attend?

Solicitors, Accountants, Tax Advisors, Independent Consultants

Why should you attend?

Most people know us from our VAT expertise but a select number of practitioners advise on and act in a range of other indirect tax cases, including customs matters (such as tariff classification, inward/outward processing, community transit); alcohol, tobacco, hydrocarbon oil and other excise duties; insurance premium tax; stamp duty; landfill tax; aggregates levy, climate change levy and betting levies. Members regularly appear in the ECJ, House of Lords, Court of Appeal, High Court and VAT and Duties Tribunals. We combine exceptional knowledge of European Community law, Human Rights and Public law with expertise in most indirect taxes. This combination has for many years formed the bedrock of our reputation for excellence. The latest editions of both Legal 500 and Chambers UK continue to recommend us as a leading set for tax.

Paul Lasok QC, Head of Chambers

Paul Lasok QC has an enviable VAT practice conducting an impressive choice of cases on behalf of the Commissioners of Customs & Excise as well as a substantial amount of private clients.

He has been involved in numerous landmark cases since the early eighties both in private practice and, before then, while working at the European Court. Paul's considerable expertise in the field of EU law allows him to deal with complex indirect tax matters where the emphasis is on EU directives. He is equally appreciated by both the tax payer and the government.

Nicholas Paines QC

Nicholas Paines has a long pedigree in important VAT and customs duty cases. His track record includes leading VAT cases in the Court of Appeal, House of Lords and ECJ such as Card Protection Plan (ECJ and House of Lords), Plantiflor (House of Lords), CR Smith Glaziers (House of Lords) and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (Court of Appeal).

He is also one of the few indirect tax specialists at the Bar who specialises in customs duty litigation as well as VAT.

Christopher Vajda QC

Christopher Vajda is an extremely experienced litigator in competition, European, public and tax law. Christopher's impressive expertise and experience in VAT places him in the top rank of VAT silks. He acts both for the Commissioners and the private sector and is a member of the Revenue Bar Association. He has appeared in some of the major VAT cases in recent years including Fleming, Halifax, Isle of Wight, and TNT/Royal Mail.

Melanie Hall QC

Melanie Hall has been an acknowledged leader in the field of VAT and Customs duties for many years, having appeared in some of the most high profile and landmark cases. She is highly regarded by the European Court of Justice, the House of Lords, Court of Appeal, High Court and VAT Tribunals, having acted in cases such as Wellcome, Midland Bank, Abbey National, Eastbourne, EDS, Beynon and Dollond & Aitchison.

Andrew Macnab

Since 1996 Andrew has acted regularly in VAT, customs duties, excise duties cases and indirect taxation cases before the VAT & Duties Tribunal and High Court and in the Court of Appeal. He was (from its creation until its abolition) a member of the Customs & Excise supplementary panel of counsel. Since then he has been nominated by the Attorney-General on a regular basis to appear for the Crown in VAT and duties matters.

Andrew is a member of the VAT Practitioner's Group (London Chapter) and the Revenue Bar Association.

Peter Mantle

Peter has a breadth and depth of experience and expertise in the field of VAT and indirect taxation unsurpassed at the junior bar. In terms of litigation, this is reflected in over 50 reported VAT cases in Simon's Tax Cases, as well as many appearances in the specialist Tribunals. Peter appeared in the first VAT case in the Upper Tribunal in June 2009. His practice also includes judicial reviews, human rights claims and direct tax. He brings skills acquired across a broad range of civil litigation and honed in the tax field. He brings insights gained from representing both private clients and HMRC.

Valentina Sloane

Valentina advises on all aspects of VAT, customs duties and excise duties and acts for a wide range of accountancy firms, tax consultancies and solicitors' firms. She has extensive advocacy appearance.

Valentina is named as a leading junior in the field of indirect taxes by Chambers & Partners & Legal 500. She is recommended as a "rising star, on the shortlist of top juniors for VAT", "excellent on paper" and a "tough, tenacious and brilliant advocate".

Alan Bates

Alan has a busy VAT practice which benefits from its synergies with his other practice areas. He regularly appears in the VAT and Duties Tribunal representing taxpayers and HMRC, and was instructed in many of the recent judicial review applications concerning HMRC's 'extended verifications' of input tax claims suspected of being linked to high value missing trader frauds.

His VAT work within the past year has included appeals raising issues as to the scope of the food, education and financial services exemptions, and he recently represented HMRC in the VAT Tribunal in the T-Mobile case which concerned the VAT liability of 'payment processing charges' made to customers who do not choose to settle their bills by Direct Debit (the case is now on appeal to the High Court, which has referred questions to the ECJ).

Philip Woolfe

Philip has appeared frequently in the VAT & Duties Tribunal, as well as in the Chancery Division and the Court of Appeal in relation to VAT matters. He advises frequently on a wide range of VAT issues and undertakes the full range of drafting tasks

Recent advocacy work in the VAT & Duties Tribunal has included the trial of an appeal for restoration of a confiscated vehicle and goods, contested hardship applications, and a wide range of other procedural hearings. Other advocacy experience in the VAT & Duties Tribunal has included South Herefordshire Golf Club v HMRC, an appeal involving VAT exemption for non-profit making golf clubs. Recent advocacy work in the High Court and Court of Appeal has included Ford Motor Co Ltd v Revenue and Customs Commissioners [2007] All ER (D) 280 (Mar) and University of the Arts, London v HMRC.

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