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Michael Bussmann

Michael Bussmann is a tax partner and a former leader of the Tax Practice Group in Canada.

Michael specializes in all kinds of federal and provincial indirect tax matters, including:

- Value Added Taxes:

- Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)
- Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- Québec Sales Tax (QST)
- Provincial Sales Taxes
- Excise Taxes
- Land Transfer Taxes
- Environmental Charges
- Insurance Premium Taxes
- Customs Matters

For 19 years, Michael has advised domestic and international clients in a wide range of industries, including apparel, banking, energy, finance and leasing, insurance, manufacturing, payments, real estate, traditional and internet retail, telecommunications and transportation.

Michael has provided clients with practical and sound indirect tax planning advice on their acquisitions and greenfield operations. Michael has represented clients before the Tax Court of Canada, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, as well as the Canada Revenue Agency, the Canada Border Services Agency and provincial tax authorities. He will manage tax audits, appeals and voluntary disclosures.

Michael speaks German fluently, and French less well than he would like.

Expertise

Automotive

Financial Institutions & Services

Retail, Leisure & Hotels

Tax

Tax Dispute Resolution

Corporate Commercial

Career & Recognition

2019

November

International Tax Review: Tax Controversy Leaders & Indirect Tax Leaders 2019

2018

2018

October

International Tax Review: Tax Controversy Leaders 2018

August

International Tax Review: Indirect Tax Leaders 2018

2017

December

Legal 500 Canada 2018

October

International Tax Leaders Tax Controversy Leaders 2017

October

International Tax Review Indirect Tax Leaders 2017

2016

November

Legal 500 Canada 2017

October

International Tax Review Tax Controversy Leaders 2016

October

International Tax Review Indirect Tax Leaders 2016

2015

October

International Tax Review — Tax Controversy Leaders 2015 and Indirect Tax Leaders
2015

Awards & Recognition | ITR Indirect Tax Leaders: Guide to the World's Leading Indirect
Tax Advisers

2014

October

International Tax Review - Tax Controversy Leaders 2014

August

Gowling WLG top-ranked by International Tax Review for tax planning, indirect tax

Awards & Recognition | ITR Indirect Tax Leaders: Guide to the World's Leading Indirect
Tax Advisers

2013

September

International Tax Review 's Tax Controversy & Indirect Tax Leaders guides 2013

May

Starbucks International Excellence in Diversity Award

ITR Indirect Tax Leaders: Guide to the World's Leading Indirect Tax Advisers

2001

Year of Call, Ontario

1999

University of Toronto, LLB

1995

University of Ottawa, MA in Philosophy

1993

University of Western Ontario, BA in German Literature and Philosophy

Memberships

- Canadian Bar Association, Sales & Commodity Tax Section
- Canadian Finance & Leasing Association - Tax Committee
- Canadian Tax Foundation