

Sladen Legal drives results



Principal

Daniel Smedley



Accredited Specialist in Taxation Law
Chartered Tax Advisor

Daniel enjoys solving complex taxation and trust law issues for private enterprises who share his entrepreneurial spirit. He is a trusted confidant in designing and implementing robust personal and business succession plans. Daniel's commitment to protecting and enhancing the commercial and personal interests of his clients consistently delivers great outcomes.

He is a regular presenter at state and national industry conventions, conferences and workshops.



Daniel is a Chartered Tax Advisor with The Tax Institute, accredited as a specialist in Taxation Law with the Law Institute of Victoria, and the principal author of the Trust Structures Guide, recognised by The Tax Institute as "the leading resource for anyone advising on trusts, structuring and planning issues".



In 2023, Daniel was recognised as "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers® in Melbourne, Australia for Trusts and Estates (2024) and wealth management/succession planning practice. Lawyer of the Year is awarded to the lawyer with the highest overall peer feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region. This is the sixth consecutive year that Daniel has been listed in the publication in Tax Law.

Always keen to explore new opportunities, Daniel is driven by the belief that "a lot of the things that seem ridiculously small and inconsequential right now, will eventually cast a shadow that people will be chasing for decades".

Daniel's areas of practice include:

- Federal and State tax law advice and dispute management
- Tax efficient commercial contracts and transactions
- Design and implementation of tax sensitive business and personal succession plans
- Design and implementation of tax sensitive business and investment structures
- Trust law advice and structuring
- Wealth preservation advice
- Intellectual property identification and protection

Professional associations and awards:

- Chartered Tax Adviser - The Tax Institute
- Named "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers for Trusts and Estates, Melbourne, Australia (2024),
- Named "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers for Wealth Management / Succession Planning Practice, Melbourne, Australia (2024)
- Named "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers for Tax Law, Melbourne, Australia (2022).
- Recognised in The Best Lawyers in Australia 2024 for work in Tax Law for six consecutive years.
- Listed in Doyle's Guide, Leading Tax Lawyers, Victoria from 2016 - 2023
- Member of the Law Institute of Victoria's Taxation and Revenue Law Committee
- Member of the Program Committee for The Tax Institute's National Convention

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