

# Max Schofield

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## Commercial

### Commercial and Chancery

Many of Max's cases involve disputes in the High Court as sole counsel and have included advising on matters concerning unjust enrichment as well as multi-party contractual disputes, agency disputes, and Non-Party Disclosure Orders. Furthermore, Max has a detailed knowledge of freezing injunctions and has drafted applications and affidavits for urgent freezing orders with elements of fraud and dishonesty.

### VAT

In addition to his academic commitments involving authoring papers and presenting talks in different jurisdictions on issues of VAT law, Max has a number of cases at various stages of disputes against HMRC, advising and appearing before the tribunal in his own right.

He specialises in contentious VAT matters with a specific interest in zero and reduced rate liabilities of products including food and beverages.

### Insolvency

Max regularly volunteers at the Insolvency and Companies Court as counsel for City Law School's COIN scheme assisting litigants-in-person at the Winding Up Court. In the course of his practice, Max has successfully obtained an extension of a company's administration to allow for recovery of VAT, restored companies to the register, and regularly appears on matters concerning bankruptcy and debt recovery.

## Publications

Max Schofield analyses the recent Court of Appeal decision in *National Car Parks Ltd v HMRC* [2019] concerning parking ticket overpayments and consideration for VAT purposes.

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3PB commercial barrister Max Schofield analyses the implications of the Court of Appeal's judgment on *Praesto Consulting v HMRC*, in particular, when a company can reclaim the VAT for legal proceedings against its director.

This article was first published in the Tax Journal - [www.taxjournal.com/](http://www.taxjournal.com/).

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## Recommendations

"Max has been a pleasure to work with, and I have already instructed him on a second matter, and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend him for future work, particularly in relation to VAT liability disputes." **(Daniel Rice, Senior Manager, Grant Thornton)**

"Max's drafting skills are exceptional, [...] clear, succinct and legally correct." **(Solicitor)**

"Max was instructed very late on in the day. He managed to grasp the main issues extremely well and quickly. He thought "outside of the box" and managed to advise me of the most appropriate (and safest) way of proceeding." **(Solicitor)**

## Academic qualifications

- Law (LLB), University of Exeter
- International Trade and Commercial Law (LLM), University of Durham
- Law in a European and Global Context (LLM), Católica Global School of Law, Lisbon
- Visiting Scholar and JD Exchange, Cornell Law School, NY

## Professional bodies

- Revenue Bar Association