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Jan Birtwell is a partner in O'Melveny's London office where she is a member of the Firm's Tax Practice. She joined O'Melveny in March 2005 from a large UK City law firm where she had been a tax partner since May 2001.

Jan has extensive experience advising on the UK and international tax aspects of corporate finance/M&A transactions and on the tax structuring of investment funds, particularly those focusing on private equity, infrastructure, clean tech and mezzanine/debt (including distressed debt situations). Jan also advises on the tax aspects of downstream (buyout/deal side) private equity/alternative investment businesses, including the corporate and financial restructuring of such businesses, secondary transactions and on the structuring of management incentive arrangements for the funds and their portfolio investments.

Jan is recognised as a leading practitioner in the field of Tax by *Chambers and Partners* where she draws praise for her in-depth industry knowledge and '*clear and concise communication*.' Her collaborative approach means that she is '*tremendously easy to work with*'.

Illustrative Professional Experience

- designing fund structures to suit a spectrum of investor types in various jurisdictions, including the US and Europe and underlying investment structures to suit specific investment strategies based on private equity or hedge or a mix of such models
- advising a large private banking group on appropriate feeder fund structures to invest into private equity and distressed debt funds raised by leading fund managers/houses
- advising private equity houses on leveraged buy-outs, secondary transactions and on sales and IPO's of portfolio companies
- advising on spin-out transactions and concurrent fund raisings by private equity management teams exiting from large financial institutions to form independent private equity houses
- advising fund investors on direct participations in large take-private bids for publicly listed companies

professional focus

Business Tax
Securities
Investment Funds
Europe
United Kingdom

education

University of Bristol, LLB (Hons)
(1983)

College of Law (Guildford), Law
Society Final Examinations Part II
(1984)

admitted

Solicitor, Supreme Court of England
and Wales (1986)