# A TEN ONLINE MASTERCLASS

# Managing Tax Compliance: A One-Day Online Masterclass

Online - Tuesday 25 March 2025

Vic, NSW, ACT, Tas: 9:00am to 4.40pm

QLD: 8:00am to 3.40pm SA: 8:30am to 4:10pm NT: 7:30am to 3:10pm WA: 6:00am to 1:40pm

- Trusts Under the Regulator's Microscope
- Division 7A: Are there any Ticking Time Bombs in your Client Base?
- Interest Deduction: Maximising the Tax
   Benefits in a High-rate Environment
- Tax Implications for Small-Scale Land Subdivisions
- Margin Scheme Benefits to be Had, But There's Not a Lot of Margin for Error
- GST when Building to Rent and Not to Sell





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9.00 – 9.10am	Introduction and Welcome		
	MORNING THEME: Trusts and Companies Under the Tax Lens		
	Chair: Stephen Holmes, Partner, WMS Advisory, Gold Coast, Qld		
9.10 – 10.00am	Session 1: Trusts Under the Regulator's Microscope		
	Judging by the extent of ATO guidance material released in recent years, it would be fair to say that the ATO is keeping more than a watchful eye on the use of trusts. At the same time, practitioners have been kept more than busy conveying the issues attracting the ATO's attention onto, at times, unsuspecting trustees. This session delves into some of the recent topical tax issues involving trusts, including:  • How and why family trust distribution tax is on the rise?  • Has the dust now settled since the ATO's sec. 100A guidance material was finalised during 2022?  • Identifying exclusions under "ordinary family or commercial dealing"  • Dealing with distributions that involve adult children  • Consequences of falling foul of section 100A  • Why sec. 99B ITAA 1936 is catching advisers off guard:  • What type of income has the potential to attract section 99B  • The tax implications if section 99B applies  • How do the rules apply to foreign deceased estates  • Strategies to reduce the risks  • Unpacking the ATO's recent draft guidelines  • Practical case studies		
	Speaker: David Hughes, Partner, McCullough Robertson, Brisbane, Qld		



9.55 – 10.10am

**Questions and Discussion** 

### 10.10 - 11.00am

# Session 2: Division 7A: Are There Any Ticking Time Bombs in Your Client Base?

The ATO has been active in recent times in getting the message out there that Division 7A is proving to be a major cause of concern for them, with compliance levels not at a standard they would like to see. This session takes a look at the main issues attracting the ATO's attention, along with strategies to assist with defusing any potential adverse outcomes, including:

- Arrangements not included in the financial statements that are attracting the ATO's attention
- How the higher interest rate environment is impacting on Division 7A compliance, including:
  - o determining interest deductibility
  - o strategies to counter.
- Has the Bendel case (Bendel v FCT [2023] AATA 3074) changed the treatment for a Division 7A unpaid present entitlement?
- How the ATO is applying Section 109R ITAA 1936 to deny loan repayments reducing a Division 7A loan
- Can amendment time limits assist with overlooked Division 7A issues?
- Can restructuring solve a Division 7A problem? (Ierna v C of T [2024] FCA 592)
- How generous is the Commissioner being with applying his discretion to disregard a Division 7A dividend or allow the deemed dividend to be franked? (Sec. 109RB ITAA 1936; TR 2010/8; PS LA 2011/29)
- How will uncovering non-addressed Division 7A issues fare in relation to the Tax Agent Services Act 2009 breach reporting obligations for:
  - breach self-reporting
  - breach reporting of another tax practitioner when taking on a new client with unattended Division 7A issues

Speaker: Linda Tapiolas, Partner, Cooper Grace Ward, Brisbane, Qld

11.00 – 11.10am

**Questions and Discussion** 

11.10 – 11.30am

**Morning Break** 



# 11.30am – 12.20pm

# Session 3: Interest Deduction: Maximising Tax Benefits in a High-rate Environment

In a higher interest rate environment, the value of interest incurred being eligible as a tax deduction has gained more importance. This session explores various situations where the claiming of interest may not be all that straightforward, including:

- When interest incurred on loans to trusts are tax deductible (TD 2018/9)
- Interest on investment properties, including:
  - when property in joint names and loan in name of one spouse only
  - o when property in one name and loan in joint names
  - apportionment methods when loan funds mixed with private borrowings using line of credit and redraw facilities (TR 2000/2)
- The tax treatment of claiming interest:
  - for borrowed funds on lent to an associated company interest free (IT 2606; Economides v FCT ATC 2353)
  - o on acquiring vacant land (Sec. 26-102 ITAA 1997; TR 2023/3)
  - o on the commencement and cessation of a business
- When Part IVA could apply to arrangements maximising interest claims for tax deductible purposes over non-deductible private purposes (TD 2012/1)
- Practical examples

Speaker: Philip Diviny, Principal, Madgwicks Lawyers, Melbourne, Vic

12.20 - 12.30pm

**Questions and Discussion** 

12.30 - 1.20pm

**Lunch Break** 



# **AFTERNOON THEME: Taxing Issues in Property**

# 1.20pm – 2.10pm

# **Session 4: Tax Implications for Small-Scale Land Subdivisions**

One of the trickier issues that can come up in practice is when a client seeks advice on a small-scale property subdivision. Often the advice is sought by someone with no previous property development experience, who has just happened to find that as landowners, they can reap greater rewards if further development to their property is undertaken. This session looks into the issues, including:

- How the ATO's guidance material addresses the issues (QC 71028)
- What extent of development activity can turn a mere realisation of a capital asset into a profit-making venture?
- When will GST be applicable to a small-scale land subdivision?
- Recent private binding rulings addressing the tax implications for small scale subdivisions (incl. PBRs 5010073888407 & 1052196215679)
- Subdividing the land the family home is situated on to gift the subdivided rear yard to a child to build their own home:
  - o Are there any income tax issues?
  - Are there any state and territory tax and duty issues?
- Knockdown/rebuild of family home as part of a subdivision is section 118-150(5) an issue if original home owned for more than four years?
- Practical examples, including from ATO's "Examples of tax consequences on sales of land including small scale land subdivision".

Speaker: Dung Lam, Principal, West Garbutt, Sydney, NSW

2.10 - 2.20pm

**Questions and Discussion** 



# 2.20pm – 3.10pm

# Session 5: Margin Scheme Benefits to be Had, But There's Not a Lot of Margin for Error

Correct use of the margin scheme can provide benefits for both buyer and seller, however the scheme can be complex to apply and getting it wrong can lead to an unravelling of the anticipated benefits. This session delves into some of the thornier issues that are surfacing in practice, including:

- The eligibility requirements to use the margin scheme, and when you can't use the scheme
- Where calculation methods are falling short in practice (incl. WYPF v C of T (Taxation) 2021 AATA 3050)
- When the seller needs to go back and determine the previous property owner's eligibility to use the margin scheme
- How the timing of GST registration for the seller impacts on their margin scheme result?
- The impact of the margin scheme with the GST at settlement obligations, including:
  - the process to follow
  - o the cash flow implications
- How to apply the margin scheme to amalgamated land sold under a single contract (Landcom v C of T [2022] FCA 510)
- Practical examples

Speaker: Leanne Connor, Director, WGC Business Advisors, Melbourne, Vic

3.10 - 3.20pm

**Questions and Discussion** 

3.20 - 3.40pm

Afternoon Break



# 3.40 – 4.30pm Session 6: GST When Building to Rent and Not to Sell With the Federal Government jumping on board with t territories, proposing incentives to assist with increasing

With the Federal Government jumping on board with the various states and territories, proposing incentives to assist with increasing the housing supply for certain build-to-rent (BTR) projects, now is a good time to review the GST implications for such projects. This session is designed to do just that, including:

- The GST treatment for BTR construction projects involving:
  - o residential premises
  - o commercial residential premises
  - commercial premises
- The GST treatment of leasing BTR completed projects for:
  - residential premises
  - o commercial residential premises
  - commercial premises
- Dealing with GST registration requirements, including:
  - o when to register and when you may decide not to
  - when cancelling registration may be prudent and when it may not be
  - o the GST impact of registering and cancelling for BTR projects
- How the 5-year rule can impact on BTR projects
- Dealing with GST implications for a property development project to sell one property on completion and retain other for rental
- Dealing with the GST impact of a change of mind/intention from renting to selling
- When the sale proceeds of a BTR property aren't required to be included in the GST turnover test (GSTR 2001/7)
- Practical examples

Speaker: Matthew Cridland, Partner, K&L Gates, Sydney, NSW

4.30 – 4.40pm	Questions and Discussion
4.40pm	Masterclass Close



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