Schellenberg Wittmer



# Pietro Sansonetti

Of Counsel, Certified Tax Expert, Trust and Estate Practioner (TEP)


**Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd**
Attorneys at Law
15bis, rue des Alpes / P.O. Box 1400
1211 Geneva 1 / Switzerland
T +41 22 707 8000
T +41 22 707 8182
F +41 22 707 8001
pietro.sansonetti@swlegal.ch


**Recognitions**
- Chambers and Partners Global/Europe: Taxation since 2008
- The Legal 500: Key Lawyer in Tax
- Lexology Index: Recommended in Corporate Tax since 2013
- Expert Guides: Tax
- Leaders League: Tax Law
- ITR World Tax: Highly Regarded

**Languages**
French, English, German, Italian

**Selected Publications**
- La jurisprudence fiscale du Tribunal féderal 2015-2016
- Commentaires sur "Dispositions pénales: Art.174 à 179,181 à 195 et 205b bis"
- Mise en oeuvre de la RIE III dans le canton de Genève : Etat des lieux
- La jurisprudence fiscale du Tribunal fédéral en 2014

Pietro Sansonetti is Of Counsel in our Taxation Group in Geneva after having been a partner from 1999 until 2024. He has developed a strong practice on complex tax matters, both domestic and international.

## Expertise
- Taxation

## Experience
- He has in-depth knowledge of complex tax situations and extensive experience in dealing with tax authorities and enforcement matters including customs matters and international exchange of information.
- He is active in corporate matters, in particular reorganizations such as mergers and real estate transactions. He advises international official and non-governmental organizations as well as non-profit entities, as well as pension funds
- He also works with individuals on family businesses, on partnership and private clients-related tax matters such as trusts and inheritance related issues as well as on tax litigation.

## Career

| | |
|---|---|
| 2025 | Of Counsel at Schellenberg Wittmer |
| 2009-2013 | Member of the Management Committee of Schellenberg Wittmer |
| 1999-2021 | Founder and Head of the Geneva Tax Department of Schellenberg Wittmer |
| 1999 | Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer |
| 1994 | Chief Tax Officer at the Geneva Tax Authority |
| 1993 | Partner at Mentha Avocats |
| 1988 | Tax Manager at Arthur Andersen |
| 1985 | Tax Consultant at Fides (now KPMG) |

## Education

| | |
|---|---|
| 2002 | Trust and Estate Practioner (TEP) |
| 1990 | Swiss Certified Tax Expert |
| 1985 | Bar Admission in Switzerland |
| 1982 | Lic. iur., University of Geneva |

**Pietro Sansonetti**
Of Counsel, Certified Tax Expert, Trust and Estate Practioner (TEP)

**Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd**
Attorneys at Law
15bis, rue des Alpes / P.O. Box 1400
1211 Geneva 1 / Switzerland
T +41 22 707 8000
T +41 22 707 8182
F +41 22 707 8001
pietro.sansonetti@swlegal.ch

**Additional Professional Activities**

- Publications in the field of criminal tax law enforcement matters
- Board Member of various organizations (pro-bono basis) including: Caritas Genève; The Swiss Foundation against Liver Cancer; Fondation RES (Rhumatismes-Enfants-Suisse); Fédération Suisse de Vol à Moteur / Motorflug-Verband der Schweiz (FSVM / MFVS)
- Regular speaker at international and Swiss conference and seminars on topics within his area of expertise
- He has been mentor to the faculty of Masters in international taxation at the University of Lausanne and Geneva, also lectured on criminal tax law at the Swiss Tax Academy
- He is involved in the tax community (Swiss Fiduciary Chamber, International Fiscal Association and Tax Chapter of the Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce in particular)
- He was the chairman of the Swiss examination commission for tax experts between 1999 and 2004
- He has been member of the board of the Pension Fund at the Geneva Bar Association (Favia) from 2007 and chairman since 2017.