# MOTIEKA



## **Mantas Juozaitis**

#### Counsel

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Experienced in advising on tax litigation for businesses expanding in CIS and EU markets

#### **Experience**

Mantas represents businesses in customs-law and tax disputes. His areas of expertise include tax litigation and planning, international trade disputes, general business disputes, arbitration, investment disputes, and EU litigation.

Mantas is a key member of Motieka & Audzevičius's Tax Litigation team, with an understanding of the law and the business mindset that enables him to provide out-of-the-box solutions. He is also highly experienced in international commercial arbitration, and he serves as an arbitrator at the Riga Permanent Court of Arbitrage, Latvia.

Mantas joined Motieka & Audzevičius in 2009 after working as in-house counsel in a major Lithuanian agricultural conglomerate.

Working languages: English, Russian, Lithuanian

## **Education and Memberships**

Chartered Institute of Taxation, Advanced Diploma in International Taxation (ADIT)
King's College London, M.A. in EU Law
IALS, University of London, M.A. in Taxation
Georgetown University Law Centre, LL.M. in Taxation
College of Law of England and Wales, Practice Diploma in International Arbitration
University of London, Postgraduate Diploma in Equity and Trusts
Vilnius University Business School, MBA
Riga Graduate School of Law, LL.M. in EU and International Law
Mykolas Romeris University, LL.B.

#### Member of:

Lithuanian Bar Association

## **Practice highlights**

#### 2023

• Successfully represented the online trading platform owner in the tax investigation

#### 2021

- Represented a wholesaler in the tax dispute regarding VAT triangulation and "safety net" provision
- Successfully defended a client in the pre-trial investigation
- Defended a trading company in a dispute with Tax authorities
- Advised first ever Lithuanian start-up selected by Silicon Valley accelerator Y Combinator

#### 2020

- Successfully represented the client in a dispute regarding customs duties
- Advised casino regarding gambling tax during the COVID-19 quarantine
- Successfully defended a client in a tax dispute

• Represented customs brokerage company before Supreme Administrative Court

#### 2019

- Represented a renewable energy company in the white-collar crime case
- Victory against tax authorities regarding application of the GAAR
- Advised e-commerce company regarding permanent establishment

#### 2018

• Represented rapeseed oil manufacturer in a tax dispute

#### 2017

- Victory against tax authorities regarding transfer of losses
- Consulted Skycop.com on tax matters
- Represented a client before the European Commission regarding tax matters
- Advised holding company on tax issues
- Victory before the Supreme Court of Lithuania
- Victory against tax authorities regarding EUR 3 million taxes

#### 2016

- Case before the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania
- Successfully represented a major international commodities trader
- One of the biggest tax disputes
- Successfully represented a private investor in a tax investigation

#### 2015

- Represented a waste management company in a complaint to the European Commission
- European Commission complaint regarding tax dispute
- Advised a large multinational law firm with 26 offices worldwide

• Advised the client in a tax dispute

## 2014

- Complaint to European Commission regarding depositors' interest
- One of the most notable competition cases of recent years

## 2013

• Represented a holding company in the European Commission

## 2012

- Recognition and enforcement of arbitration award in Serbia
- Successful recognition of arbitral award
- Represented bio-fuel producer in the international commercial arbitration court
- Winning the case in FOSFA arbitration