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EXPERIENCE

- 2013 **Tax Connection BV** **partner**
- Jits is tax strategy specialist with the Dutch tax consultancy boutique Tax Connection.
- Jits has a broad experience in corporate tax, dividend withholding tax and tax litigation. His specialties include establishing and maintaining enhanced relationships and managing issues (trouble-shooter). Jits is an excellent mediator with a good sense of proportion, creating solutions acceptable to both parties.
- He frequently acts as challenger for members of the (supervisory) board, in determining sustainable and practical future tax strategies, using his knowledge of law, risk management and in-house experience and his antenna for social and political developments.
- Jits studied economics at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam and graduated in tax law at the University of Amsterdam.
- 2010 - 2013 **ASR Nederland NV** **director integrity**
- As director integrity Jits was in charge of Compliance and Security Affairs. This included the independent role as countervailing power. He was involved in (the implementation of) the integral risk management of ASR Nederland NV. He was also responsible for regulatory affairs with the Dutch Central Bank and the Authority Financial Markets, involved actively in the reputation management of ASR Nederland NV.
- 2007 - 2010 **ASR Nederland NV** **head of tax**
- Within ASR Nederland NV Jits was responsible for all tax affairs, including the relationship with the tax authorities and the Ministry of Finance. Jits designed and implemented a tax control framework and achieved a fiscal solution for the (fiscal) break-up of the former Fortis group.
- 2000 – 2006 **Tax authorities Amsterdam** **inspector**
- As inspector with the Dutch tax authorities, Jits was specialised in the taxation of financial institutions. He was a member of the national knowledge centre mergers and fiscal unities. For a while he worked for the litigation department at the Ministry of Finance and wrote many documents for the Supreme Court. Furthermore, Jits was involved in making arrangements for 'horizontal supervision'.
- 1998 – 2000 **Court of appeal** **secretary**
- Jits began his career as a secretary at the Amsterdam Court of appeal. He was involved and wrote verdicts in many tax cases.
- 2000 – 2011 **Elsevier / NTFR** **author / editorial secretary**
- Jits was one of the authors of the 'Elsevier Belasting Almanak'. He also worked as editorial secretary and annotator for NTFR and NTFR Beschouwingen.
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