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The Dutch Tax Authorities have become more determined in their approach to tax disputes in recent years. This has resulted in a rise in the number of tax audits, adjustments, disputes and cases being brought to court.

Of course, you want to win your case before the courts or reach a good settlement. In order to achieve this goal, understanding how the tax authorities approach disputes is essential. Litigation and settlement negotiations are like a chess game: at every step, you must think ahead and carefully weigh all possible advantages and disadvantages.

Are you in dispute with the tax authorities? You can count on us for assistance in every phase: from the announcement of a tax audit by the tax authorities to litigation in court. Also during investigations by the Dutch Fiscal Intelligence and Investigation Service (FIOD) and the Netherlands Public Prosecution Service (OM) in disputes with fiscal aspects with other parties, we offer support from start to finish.

Who are we?

Loyens & Loeff is one of the largest law firms in the Netherlands with a substantial tax practice. We have acknowledged experts in all areas of tax law. This allows us to deal skilfully and thoroughly with every kind of tax dispute.

Our tax litigation team consists of specialist lawyers and tax advisers who are experts in administrative tax law and private law. We have a proven track record in tax disputes and litigation for national and multinational businesses and high net worth individuals. Our team is happy to assist you in bringing your tax dispute to a successful conclusion.

Our approach

Together with you, our experts look at your case from various angles: your (business) goals, the merits of the case and what is at stake in other respects, such as the long-term relationship with the tax authorities or any other party. In this way we analyse all aspects of a complex tax issue. We make sure to build a strong case, aiming to resolve your tax dispute successfully.

Loyens & Loeff is your trusted partner for:

- Developing of a litigation strategy
- Settlement negotiations with the tax authorities or any other party with whom you have a fiscal dispute
- Filing objections to tax assessments with the tax authorities
- Preparing procedural documents for civil law proceedings with a fiscal aspect, for instance at the Netherlands Enterprise Court at the Amsterdam Court of Appeal
- Representation in proceedings before the Dutch Lower Courts, the Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court and the Court of Justice of the EU
- Assistance during arbitration or mutual agreement procedures (MAP)
- Advice on and assistance with information requests from the tax authorities
- Assistance during tax audits
- Advice on tax compliance and risk analysis
- Assistance in developing tax risk management policies

All types of tax disputes

Our experts can assist you with all types of tax disputes. Our team covers a broad scope, as we deal with direct and indirect tax, EU law and procedural law matters, including recovery and penalty issues. In addition, we provide assistance in civil law disputes that have a fiscal component and disputes on the interface of fiscal law. Due to the size of our firm we can call in acknowledged experts in all types of tax law.

Our cooperation

As your trusted partner, we actively cooperate with you and look for creative and pragmatic solutions which fit your case. Our relationship with the tax authorities is based on mutual respect. We regularly succeed in settling complex disputes, even in situations where a compromise already seemed out of reach. In other situations, after consultation with you, we will opt for litigation. Similarly, in disputes with other parties our lawyers and advisers do not only take the purely legal elements into consideration but also have a keen eye for the mutual relationship and possible other interests.

What do others say about us?

Our tax practice has an outstanding reputation for first class advice with an integrated approach. This has been acknowledged by our clients and peers for a very long time. Our pursuit of top quality and client-oriented service, as well as our ability to attract leading tax professionals, serve as a basis for our constant top-tier rankings in legal directories Legal 500®, Chambers & Partners® and ITR World Tax®.

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