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**Jan Birtwell** is a partner in O'Melveny's London office where she is a member of the Firm's Tax Practice. She joined O'Melveny in March 2005 from a large UK City law firm where she had been a tax partner since May 2001.

Jan has extensive experience advising on the UK and international tax aspects of corporate finance/M&A transactions and on the tax structuring of investment funds, particularly those focusing on private equity, infrastructure, clean tech and mezzanine/debt (including distressed debt situations). Jan also advises on the tax aspects of downstream (buyout/deal side) private equity/alternative investment businesses, including the corporate and financial restructuring of such businesses as well as on the structuring of management incentive arrangements for the funds and their portfolio investments.

#### **Illustrative Professional Experience**

- designing fund structures to suit a spectrum of investor types in various jurisdictions, including the US and Europe and underlying investment structures to suit specific investment strategies based on private equity or hedge or a mix of such models
  - advising a large private banking group on appropriate feeder fund structures to invest into private equity and distressed debt funds raised by leading fund managers/houses
  - advising private equity houses on leveraged buy-outs, on sales and IPO's of portfolio companies
  - advising on spin-out transactions and concurrent fund raisings by private equity management teams exiting from large financial institutions to form independent private equity houses
- advising fund investors on direct participations in large take-private bids for publicly listed companies

#### **professional focus**

Business Tax  
Securities  
Investment Funds  
Europe

#### **education**

**University of Bristol, LLB (Hons)**  
(1983)

**College of Law (Guildford), Law Society Final Examinations Part II**  
(1984)

#### **admitted**

Solicitor, Supreme Court of England and Wales (1986)