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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

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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.