

Curriculum Vitae

Michael Barbour



Current Position:	General Manager, Group Taxation, Westpac Banking Corporation
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Academic Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Financial Administration• Bachelor of Legal Studies• Master of Laws
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Professional Background – current:	<p>General Manager Group Taxation, Westpac Banking Corporation (WBC) November 2005 to present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for overall management of WBCs tax function.• Ensure that Tax Risk Management practices are developed, represent best practice and are embedded in business processes.• Provide overall tax sign-off for complex and strategic transactions across the Westpac Group.• Provide direct tax advice, strategic direction, structuring and risk management for the following areas of the Westpac Group:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Westpac Board○ Group Executive○ Mergers & Acquisitions○ Senior CFO Group○ Group Treasury○ Structured Finance○ New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States.• Overall management of audit issues with Revenue Authorities.• Represent Westpac's interests on industry bodies, including Australian Bankers' Association and Corporate Tax Association.• Representation to and relationship with Government, Federal Treasury and Australian Taxation Office on taxation issues affecting Westpac. This includes lobbying in relation to tax reform proposals and tax law changes that will benefit the Westpac Group.• Member of the Advisory Board to the Board of Taxation.• Chair of the Tax Working Group of the International Banking Federation.• As part of Westpac's Organisational Mentoring Program:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Provides strategic financial advice for the Aboriginal Housing Committee (AHC)○ Member of the finance sub-committee for the Inspire Foundation.• Corporate Tax Advisor of the Year (2017), The Tax Institute.
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Professional Background – previous:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head of Group Taxation (WBC), January 2001 -November 2005• Controller Taxation, Finance (WBC), January 1998 – December 2000 Responsible for Tax advice, strategic direction, structuring and compliance for the following areas of the Westpac Group (Group Treasury, Corporate Core, Financial Services, Securitisation, Group Finance, Retail Bank, AGC and E-Commerce)• Various Senior Manager positions in Big 4 accounting firms, 1987 – 1997• Australian Tax Office, March 1977 – May 1987.
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