

Wealth Protection International Limited

Estate, Asset and Income Stream Protection Strategies and Solutions

Who we are and What we do

Wealth Protection International Limited was incorporated in 2004 to formalise a service that Rex Ashcroft, a fully qualified Independent Financial Adviser, had been providing to wealthy clients in the UK, Spain, Portugal and France for many years previously.

Rex's decision was, that as the majority of his time was being spent assisting clients to obtain sensible tax planning advice and then facilitating the implementation of such strategies and asset restructuring exercises as were necessary to mitigate, limit or remove personal and/or business capital and income taxation in the jurisdictions necessary, he felt it sensible to solely concentrate on these activities in a more formal context.

The company is registered in North Norfolk in the United Kingdom and there is no formal office location as the company's work takes Rex and his associates all over the UK and Europe. There is a consequent reliance on the use of technology, in particular internet based communications, where video conferencing and VOIP facilities using Skype and MSN Messaging as well as standard mobile, wireless and satellite modes of communication and of course web and email facilities, are de rigueur.

Each case encountered is essentially quite different from each other, past, present or future since the personal and business circumstances and personal needs and preferences encountered are really quite unique. Consequently a totally holistic approach is taken so that the client's personal needs and/or their business activities can be fully taken into account when tailoring an appropriate course of action.

At no stage in any asset restructuring process is any loophole utilised nor is there any use of technical smoke and mirrors; although there are plenty of these around their effect is transitory and they most often result in unacceptable consequences once HMRC becomes aware of their use. Instead WPI facilitate the implementation of asset restructuring exercises that rely on statute and case law for their efficacy and which in general have been in existence for a considerable length of time, for up to fifteen years in some cases, and thus have the necessary proven robustness and technical integrity. Furthermore the exercises are conducted by fully qualified specialist legal and fiduciary personnel who are all appropriately locally qualified, regulated and indemnified.

The majority of WPI's work involves the removal of UK and non-UK resident but UK tax domiciled individuals' personal and/or business assets from HMRC jurisdiction into a more tax friendly jurisdiction without triggering any tax event in the process. The ways in which this can be achieved are many and varied but the end result is always the same, the removal of the individual or business from the ownership of the offending asset(s) or income stream(s) so that there is no longer liability to any form of capital and/or income taxation in the UK or elsewhere ever again and in perpetuity.

Great care is taken to ensure that HMRC's Tax Avoidance Schemes (Information) Regulations are adhered to, and in fact in most cases the strategies employed do not fall into this net, however in the interests of transparency most strategies are voluntarily reported to HMRC even though there is no need for them to be so. HMRC are therefore aware of the existence of the majority of these strategies but have never challenged any of them in court: that is not to say of course that they may try to in the future; consequently considerable funding goes into on-going research for the development of new approaches to asset restructuring which may also happen to have tax advantageous consequences.

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