

## **Theuns Steyn**

Theuns is a Chartered Accountant SA, with a PhD degree in Taxation. He also holds a Master's degree in Taxation, and a BCom and a BCom (Hons) degree in Accounting Sciences. He is currently the Head of the Department of Taxation at the University of Pretoria.

He joined the University of Pretoria in 2004 and since then he is the Programme Leader for the master's degree in taxation. He presented lectures for taxation students, both on an undergraduate and a postgraduate level. Since joining the University of Pretoria Theuns assisted both Masters- and Hons students with the research part of their specific programmes, by acting as their study leader. His experience at the University of Pretoria also includes acting as the Head of the Taxation Department for over three years. During his years at the University of Pretoria he also acted as an external examiner on a master's and doctoral level for other Universities.

His research interests include the tax burden of individual taxpayers, as well as the perceptions of these taxpayers related to their tax burden. He has presented papers at both local and international conferences, and also published in international journals. He received the CCH/ATTA Doctoral Series Award for 2015 with his thesis entitled "A conceptual framework for evaluating the tax burden of individual taxpayers." He became the first scholar from outside Australasia to receive this prestige award. The Australasian Tax Teachers Association (ATTA) and CCH, a leading global provider of tax, accounting and audit software, introduced this award in 2010 to recognise and promote high level research into taxation law and policy. This doctoral study was also awarded the first prize in the Norton Rose South Africa Tax Thesis competition in 2012. In 2013 Theuns received an academic excellence award from the South African Institute of Tax Practitioners in recognition for the contribution his research made to the taxation discipline.

Before joining the University of Pretoria, Theuns gained valuable experience in practice. He completed his learnership at the firm of KPMG, and was appointed as Senior Audit Manager at Ernst & Young. During his career he was a Tax Manager at Telkom SA, and acted as Financial Director for the Ampath Group of pathologists. Theuns was also a senior partner in a medium size Auditing and Accounting practice and a director in a major short-term insurance broker company.