

NEIL COATES - DIRECTOR, GRANT THORNTON ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Years of experience: over 23 years' of advisory, tax and assurance



Neil Coates is a Director with Grant Thornton with more than +20 years of professional experience in assurance, tax, advisory and insolvency services. He has overall responsibility for Tax and Advisory services in Antigua and Barbuda, and Tax services in St. Kitts and Nevis.

Tax services include but are not limited to the filing of tax returns, review and analysis of tax assessments from the Tax Authorities, preparation of tax responses, tax planning, tax defence and other advisory services.

In terms of Advisory services, his main expertise and experience is in the areas of Due Diligence and Insolvency. He has been involved in several due diligence assignments across the hospitality and service sectors, most recently for a transaction exceeding US\$80m. Over the last 15 years he has also managed a number of insolvencies in Antigua. His insolvency expertise extends across various entities and industries including both offshore (IBCs) and local financial institutions.

He is considered to be one of Antigua's foremost technical tax advisors based on his expansive knowledge of tax legislation and local tax planning practices. As such has influenced Government policy decisions related to personal income tax implementation in Antigua and Barbuda in 2005, the Antigua and Barbuda Sales Tax in 2007 and the Unincorporated Business Tax Act 2016 and subsequent amendments.

Neil is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Antigua and Barbuda and currently serves as the Treasurer and Vice-Chairman.

Education background & professional membership:

- B.Comm (Distinction) – McGill University, Quebec, Canada - 1994
- Certified General Accountants' Association of Canada in 1995
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants 1997
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Eastern Caribbean