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The end of Intra-EU BITs. Now what?

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In this second article, we will explore in more detail the fate of pending intra-EU arbitrations affected by the termination treaty and how States and claimants should deal with these arbitrations.

Class actions make it easier than ever to seek redress

28 July 2020
Businesses should note that they are at risk of increased exposure to claims once group proceedings are permitted in Scottish courts, write Alistair Drummond and Jen Talbot.

Second Circuit prohibits § 1782 discovery in international commercial arbitration

27 July 2020
The decision cements a circuit split on the issue and counters a recent trend by US circuit courts allowing such discovery.

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There can sometimes be a disconnect between lawyers who draft contracts, and those with primary responsibility for implementing them. Through smart collaboration, effective communication and shared vision, in-house lawyers and their commercial counterparts can work together to maximize value and generate extra revenue.

Court of Appeal confirms mining company is not liable for human rights abuses in Sierra Leone

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Voir dire in the time of COVID-19

16 July 2020
The COVID-19 pandemic will only further increase limitations on voir dire that may prove detrimental to parties’ ability to vet jurors.

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16 July 2020
The Court of Appeal has upheld the decision of Nicklin J which found that Bloomberg had breached the privacy rights of a US
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Global Class Actions Briefing: Major developments in European consumer protection laws: Product safety and consumer class actions in Europe

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The EU's proposals for a revised EU General Product Safety Directive (the GPSD) and the EU's deal for a Collective Redress Directive (the CRD) point the way to a future of heightened novel risk in Europe of collective redress or, as these claims are popularly known, “class actions”.

The new trend of "superpriority" rescue financings: Implications for existing priority creditors

14 July 2020
"Superpriority" debt circumvents protections in the credit agreement that typically require the consent of any adversely affected lender.

One less gadget in the arbitration toolbox: International and offshore arbitrations are not entitled to US discovery in aid of foreign proceedings

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A ruling that is highly relevant to the private funds and offshore dispute practice areas.

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Illinois warns bars and restaurants about social distancing, Colorado mandates cage-free hen housing.

Procurement Law Reform - Let's start a discussion

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DLA Piper’s panel discussion webinar held on 1 July 2020 had a lively debate on the merits of potential options for reform and which changes might produce a better model for procurement regulation in the UK post Brexit. This is the first of a series of bite-size summary reports providing feedback from the debate.

Supreme Court finds the restriction on removal of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s single director unconstitutional, but leaves the bureau operational

7 July 2020
The decision also throws into question the investigative and enforcement actions of the CFPB to date.
DC Circuit issues opinion on sovereign immunity defenses to the enforcement of arbitration award against foreign states

1 July 2020

Foreign states might not only be able to rely on the doctrine of sovereign immunity to protect themselves from final judgments, but also to avoid the burdens of litigation itself.

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Allen v. Cooper: Supreme Court affirms state sovereign immunity in copyright case

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Under current copyright law, any effort by a state to provide alternate remedies for copyright infringement would be nullified by copyright preemption.

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Hatch-Waxman Litigation 101: The Orange Book and the Paragraph IV Notice Letter

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A few of the key issues that must be addressed before a Hatch-Waxman suit is filed.

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The current COVID-19 pandemic is wreaking havoc on businesses and their operations across sectors and geographies. The unprecedented spread of the virus has had, and will continue to have, a profound impact upon both suppliers and customers in delivering technology projects on time and to budget.

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A jurisdiction too far: The English Commercial Court declines to continue freezing injunctions in support of foreign and English seated arbitrations

26 June 2020

In Petrochemical Logistics Ltd & Axel Krueger v PSB Alpha AG & Konstantinos Ghertsos, the English Commercial Court declined to continue two freezing injunctions against the Defendants in support of both a London-seated LCIA arbitration and a Swiss-seated arbitration.

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Illinois courts' response to the COVID-19 pandemic: Issue 4

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US v. Napout: Second Circuit affirms convictions in FIFA foreign corruption case

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A timely reminder that the risk of investigation and prosecution for foreign commercial bribery is very real and that the FCPA is not the only game in town.
SEC settles *Lucia* enforcement action

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Questions remain following Supreme Court decision concerning the Appointments Clause of the Constitution and who constitutes an “Officer of the United States” for the purposes of complying with that constitutional provision.

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Protecting the attorney-client privilege while under quarantine: Five tips for protecting attorney-client privilege when using online collaboration tools

22 June 2020

With the increase in remote working comes an increased opportunity for attorney-client privilege issues to surface.

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The rise and rise of shareholders’ Class Actions in the UK

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In the UK there has been a steady rise in shareholders’ Class Actions including several Class Actions launched by unhappy shareholders against the companies they invest in.

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Supreme Court will tackle issue of who determines arbitrability when a dispute involves arbitration carveouts

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This issue is currently dividing courts of appeals and state high courts.

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Diary note of a remote mediation

16 June 2020

A colleague and I recently took part in a remote mediation over Skype. Given that there are likely to be many other litigating parties seriously contemplating the use of remote mediation (some with reservations), we thought that it might be helpful to share our own candid experience of a recent remote mediation.

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Non-damage business interruption test case in the English Courts

11 June 2020

Significantly in the UK, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is bringing a test action, in order to seek a declaratory judgment on a number of policy coverage questions arising from non-damage cover under business interruption (BI) policies, using the Financial Markets Test Case Scheme.

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"Now you see it, now you don't": Ephemeral messaging may lead to sanctions

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A recent decision highlights one key risk of ephemeral messaging.

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US-based pharmaceutical manufacturing in response to COVID-19: new manufacturers face risks

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A rush to develop a new company to begin manufacturing is fraught with risk.

10 recommended tips for remote mediations
1 June 2020
Some parties have been required to proceed with remote mediations to mitigate further delays during the pandemic.

10 recommended tips for remote depositions
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Courts increasingly are requiring remote depositions to mitigate delays during the pandemic.

COVID-19: Pre-negotiation letters as a critical tool for real estate workouts
29 May 2020
There is no standard PNL; a well-drafted agreement will address the specific circumstances of the parties and the project.

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19
28 May 2020
The risk to companies of global and cross-border class action and collective redress proceedings is rising.

Supreme Court of Wisconsin invalidates state’s emergency order: Questions remain for businesses seeking to reopen
27 May 2020
This sudden development increases challenges facing Wisconsin businesses as they consider reopening their businesses.

LCIA annual casework report shows continued growth and diversity in both its caseload and its choice of arbitrators in 2019
25 May 2020
On 19 May 2020 the LCIA published its annual casework report for 2019. The report provides a useful summary of trends in the LCIA caseload during last year, and demonstrates the global nature and variety of disputes referred to the LCIA, in particular the continued increase in the international appeal of the LCIA.

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22 May 2020
The Illinois courts respond to the pandemic.

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A brief overview of the main elements of the failing firm defense.

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As businesses start to reopen and redefine their operations in Puerto Rico, they should also prepare for potential disputes.

COVID-19 and investment claims under NAFTA
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An examination of whether measures taken by States in response to the pandemic could provide a basis for claims under the North American Free Trade Agreement and more.

Post-COVID-19 sustainability and ESG disputes: pinch points and practical pointers
12 May 2020
Where businesses are putting all of their efforts into crisis mitigation and survival in response to COVID-19, it is worth considering the importance of balancing short-term mitigation measures with the preservation of long term value and sustainability and ESG commitments.

With unanimity comes clarity: In reversing Bridgegate convictions, a unanimous Supreme Court further narrows scope of federal fraud and corruption prosecutions
8 May 2020
The federal fraud statutes criminalize only deception targeting money and property, not other forms of chicanery, no matter how unscrupulous they might be.

COVID-19: New York and Other Northeast Council states take phased approach to reopening economy
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These developments raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for businesses operating in the region.

New York state courts permit new filings in "non-essential" matters on May 4, 2020
5 May 2020
Latest developments impacting the court systems in New York.

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Post-COVID-19: What to expect in the "next normal"

30 April 2020
Issues that are front of mind, based on an informal survey of some of the largest companies and most influential global business leaders.

Litigation trends and risk management in the COVID-19 era

29 APR 2020
To help our clients anticipate and protect against the threat of litigation in these already difficult times, we are monitoring all COVID-19 related litigation filings, assembling the collective knowledge and experience of our lawyers across DLA Piper’s global practices, sectors and jurisdictions to anticipate future trends, and proactively partner with our clients. This client alert provides a brief summary of the litigation trends that have emerged and which we expect will emerge, both in terms of class actions and other litigation, and offers some practical tips to minimize risks based on these developing trends.

Preparing for the COVID-19 class action: Is there an unexpected consequence lurking in your arbitration agreement’s poison pill provision?

28 April 2020
Several decisions demonstrate that including a poison pill provision with a class action waiver that waives the right to seek public injunctive relief could render the entire arbitration agreement unenforceable.

Attorney General Insights podcast with Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh

24 April 2020
ATTORNEY GENERAL INSIGHTS PODCAST
DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh about the legal and organizational challenges that he and his fellow AGs are facing during the Covid-19 pandemic.

What COVID-19 could mean for the future of the Big Tech investigations

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ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD
Rather than hampering the investigations over the long term, the pandemic may open new lines of inquiry for antitrust investigators.

COVID-19: conducting internal investigations in remote work settings

24 April 2020
For companies conducting internal investigations or responding to an investigation, practical solutions in a time of distancing.

US Court of Appeals permits § 1782 discovery in private arbitration

22 April 2020
The decision may indicate a significant new trend.

US antitrust enforcers on high alert for collusion in labor markets during COVID-19 pandemic

21 April 2020

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Antitrust enforcers are closely monitoring employer coordination to disadvantage workers.

The litigation environment in the vape industry

17 April 2020

The industry should anticipate more lawsuits and investigations from attorneys general and local municipalities.

COVID-19 – a legitimate basis for investment claims?

16 April 2020

This article considers whether measures taken by States in response to the COVID-19 pandemic could provide a legitimate basis for claims under bilateral investment treaties (BITs) or other investment protection instruments, and identifies some of the defences that may be available to States.

US CPSC advises consumers certain recall remedies may be unavailable due to COVID-19 – four key takeaways

15 April 2020

Guidance will evolve as the pandemic develops, and CPSC-regulated firms are encouraged to consider these actions.

Anticipated increase in website and mobile application litigation as a result of COVID-19 pandemic: 12 practical steps toward compliance

15 April 2020

Companies are urged to take notice of these lawsuits, because the number of these cases is increasing and some have been very costly.

Courts allow False Claims Act cases to proceed despite providers’ claims of honestly held clinical judgment

14 April 2020

These decisions will make it easier for relators and the government to successfully prosecute FCA cases.

Paradigm Change in Germany’s Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Law

14 April 2020

Germany’s FDI rules so far had a reputation of not being very strong. In the past few years, only three transactions have been prohibited. This is set to change under a new bill.
Draft Bill No. 1179/2020 – a compass for Brazilian private law during COVID-19?

13 April 2020

Brazil’s bill anticipates probable contractual breaches and defaults and a resulting increase in litigation arising from the pandemic.

COVID-19: New York State provides new guidance on essential businesses

13 April 2020

The Guidelines raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for New York businesses.

The coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic in France – force majeure and contractual good faith

10 April 2020

The French economy is currently facing rather extraordinary circumstances both as a result of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and the measures taken by the Government to fight it. This pandemic and its consequences may jeopardize the proper performance of contractual obligations by those who are bound by them. The issue of force majeure therefore arises.

Construction lien deadlines to be exempt from suspension of Ontario limitation periods

10 APR 2020

Many participants in the Ontario construction industry will breathe a big sigh of relief as the result of an announcement released on April 9, 2020 by the Ontario Attorney General.

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ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE

In this fourth edition of the E&NR Case Law update we focus on cases from the last six months of 2019 which - even where they did not directly concern the energy sector - are of general application to the drafting and management of contracts by E&NR businesses.

Navigating your business through technology disputes risks

9 April 2020

Novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has completely rocked the business world and changed the operations and responses of companies around the globe. Technology is business critical to every company and sector. Whether you are a supplier or a customer with ongoing tech contracts - our clients are already encountering numerous key issues.

Trump Administration issues new regulations reducing stringency of automobile fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions standards for 2021-2026
7 April 2020
The new standards are controversial and are subject to multiple court challenges.

Update: The Singapore Mediation Convention will come into force on 12 September 2020

6 April 2020
The Singapore Mediation Convention will come into force on 12 September 2020. This follows Qatar becoming the third country to ratify the convention on 12 March 2020, following Singapore and Fiji (both 25 February 2020).

Coronavirus: Supplier due diligence for vetting Chinese medical suppliers for quality, safety, fair pricing and anti-corruption compliance

6 April 2020
Some key risks, and potential solutions to reduce cross-border operational risks.

Illinois courts’ response to the COVID-19 pandemic

2 April 2020
The Illinois courts respond to the pandemic.

DOJ increases scrutiny of nursing home industry

1 April 2020
DOJ is doubling down on its commitment to investigate and prosecute allegations of elder abuse and of substandard quality of care.

Coronavirus: How UK mortgage lenders and administrators can comply with FCA guidelines

1 April 2020
On 20 March 2020, the FCA published guidance for mortgage lenders and administrators aimed at helping them support customers during the Covid-19 crisis. Alongside this guidance, the FCA has also published a related webpage with information for mortgage customers.

Coronavirus: What happens to my lawsuit now?

1 April 2020
Some of these shifts in legal practice may lead to long-term efficiencies that benefit clients and improve access.
COVID-19 essential businesses: Anti-bribery and anti-corruption risks

31 March 2020

Given the significant impact of being deemed non-essential, businesses and employees are incentivized to ensure their business is deemed essential by local authorities – and this can pose anti-bribery anti-corruption (ABAC) risks to companies.

Coronavirus: State Attorneys General and the New COVID-19 Stimulus

30 March 2020

With the president’s signature on March 27, 2020, the government passed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the largest economic stimulus package in American history. Passed in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the CARES Act will have an enduring impact on the country for years to come, particularly so for the industries and businesses eligible for stimulus relief funds. The massive scale of the CARES Act immediately calls to mind questions about how the government will respond in its attempt to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in carrying out the stimulus.

Coronavirus: US State AGs ramp up efforts to combat price gouging

29 March 2020

ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD

State Attorneys General throughout the country are vigorously enforcing state unfair trade practice and price gouging statutes against those alleged to be taking advantage of consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

US Antitrust enforcers issue joint statement on competitor collaboration amid COVID-19 pandemic

27 March 2020

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The US Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission issued a Joint Antitrust Statement Regarding COVID-19, in which they announced an expedited procedure for evaluating proposed collaborations among competitors and other businesses working to address the pandemic.

DLA Piper obtains approval of first coronavirus-impacted bankruptcy sale

25 March 2020

DLA Piper’s Restructuring practice is at the forefront of the intersection of COVID-19 and bankruptcy.

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25 March 2020

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

The age of viral outbreaks – key contract considerations in a post-COVID-19 world, plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments around blockchain and digital transformation.

Delaware Supreme Court authorizes federal forum provisions requiring the filing of Securities Act cases in federal court

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This holding may spur many Delaware corporations to amend their articles of incorporation, or adopt bylaws, adding a federal forum provision.

Barclays SFO trial: Is corporate criminal liability dead?

A jury cleared three former Barclays senior executives accused of conspiracy to commit fraud in connection with the bank’s 2008 recapitalisation. Aside from bringing the seven-year case to a close, this verdict finally lifts the lid on the earlier rulings in the case which led to Barclays, the corporate entity, being thrown out of the case.

Coronavirus: Several state and local governments issue “shelter in place” orders (United States)

Between March 17 and 22, state and local governments have promulgated at least a dozen “Stay-at-Home” / “Shelter-at-Home”-type Orders. This alert provides details on a number of state and local government orders.

[UPDATED] New stay at home orders in California and Los Angeles: key highlights

The orders all exempt various businesses from compliance, but the orders have different scopes.

[UPDATED] Antitrust enforcement continues amid coronavirus, but with important changes (United States)

As the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) emergency played out this week, the US Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission issued important guidance on changes to merger review procedures, as well as ongoing antitrust investigations and litigation.

Introducing the DLA Piper Project Simulator

One of the most critical challenges faced by our global society is developing high-quality, sustainable infrastructure. To help businesses meet this challenge, DLA Piper has collaborated with leading strategy consultancy BTS to create The DLA Piper Project Simulator (DPS), an interactive training tool.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): ten practical steps for global employers, right now (Global)

These steps are not based on laws of any one jurisdiction but rather are designed to provide a global employer with themes to consider, understanding that what may be suitable for each employer may vary greatly depending on the employer’s unique circumstances.

FTC comments and workshop reinforce increased focus on vertical mergers
13 March 2020
Vertical mergers are in the crosshairs.

Asia Pacific Arbitration Roundup 2019
12 March 2020
Welcome to the first edition of our new Asia-Pac Arbitration Roundup.

Maintaining the privilege: Procedure & Practice Privilege
11 March 2020
Jean-Pierre Douglas-Henry and Bryden Dalitz consider recent developments on legal professional privilege.

Singapore deposits instrument of ratification for the Singapore Convention
5 March 2020
Ambassador Satyendra Prasad of Fiji became the first two countries to deposit their instrument to ratify the Singapore Convention (also known as the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation).

First CCPA-based UCL claim demonstrates litigation risk associated with privacy rights under CCPA
5 March 2020
Until courts weigh in on the legal viability of such claims, companies will continue to face litigation risk beyond the data breach private right of action.

ADGM Courts issue first arbitration-related judgements
3 March 2020
2019 saw the Abu Dhabi Global Market Court (ADGM Court) publish two arbitration-related judgments, the first published since its launch in December 2018. The first case related to the validity of an ADGM arbitration agreement (A3 v B3 [2019] ADGMCFI 0004) and the second related to the recognition and enforcement of a New York Convention award in the ADGM (and included an insight into the court’s approach to the “conduit jurisdiction” question) (A4 v B4 [2019] ADGMCFI 0007).

When is a deal actually a deal under Texas law? The Texas Supreme Court weighs in again
3 March 2020
For would-be buyers and sellers, the key takeaways are simple, but important.

US v. Hoskins: in setback for DOJ, court grants post-trial motion for acquittal on all FCPA counts
27 February 2020
The decision calls into question DOJ's aggressive approach to a narrow but significant class of potential defendants in FCPA cases.

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Members of Congress protest proposed changes in federal school meal program; plant-based company sues California regulators on free speech grounds.

Representing individuals in interviews – the US perspective

19 February 2020
Determining whether to consent to an interview, and any interview itself, can be pivotal.

Update: The Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration

18 February 2020
The recently released Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration may assist and encourage the widening of the ambit of arbitration beyond commercial disputes to those concerning the effect of commercial activities on human rights.

Austria - Global bribery offenses guide

17 February 2020

When is an outbreak an act of God? Mitigating commercial and operational risks during the COVID-19 crisis (Global)

13 February 2020
A close look at a standard but often overlooked “act of God“ or force majeure clause in contracts may provide some insight into options for mitigating commercial and operational risks during the ongoing health crisis.

COP25’s key outcome: adoption of the San Jose Principles on carbon market mechanisms – takeaways for business

12 February 2020
Ambitious countries are not waiting for full consensus on carbon markets.

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) – potential effects on international arbitration, sale of goods, shipping and shipbuilding (AsiaPac)

10 February 2020
The current outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is causing widespread concern. This article will discuss the potential impact on international arbitration, sales of goods, shipping and shipbuilding contracts.

Construction delays arising out of the Novel Coronavirus outbreak (AsiaPac)

7 February 2020
Since the first case of coronavirus was confirmed in Hong Kong in early February 2020, the government has imposed various measures in an attempt to contain the spread of the coronavirus. The resulting impact of the novel coronavirus is far-reaching and
affects every industry and business in Hong Kong. This alert considers some of the key issues that construction contractors and developers in Hong Kong may face. If you need any specific advice, please contact May Ng or Sandy Au for further details.

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Virginia moves to define “milk,” court overturns Kansas ag-gag law, plus vanilla, glyphosate, and Hep A back in the news.

Supreme Court of Texas affirms: no surprise or accidental partnerships under Texas law

31 January 2020

The opinion removes significant uncertainty for parties during the exploratory stages of joint ventures.

FTC announces annual revisions to HSR Act thresholds

28 January 2020

The new thresholds will affect all transactions closing after the effective date.

Genocide Case Against Myanmar in the ICJ

24 January 2020

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) yesterday delivered an historic Order for provisional measures with respect to the application brought by The Gambia against Myanmar for allegations of genocide.

Second Circuit (again) reverses Sheldon Silver’s corruption conviction (in part) – and brings some clarity to the “as opportunities arise” theory of liability

22 JANUARY 2020

The decision, while limited in scope, provides important clarification to the law around illicit payments to public officials.

UAE Court Judgments automatically enforceable in the Courts of India

21 January 2020

On 17 January 2020, the Indian Ministry of Law and Justice published a notification in the official gazette, which means that judgments rendered by both the onshore and offshore Courts of the UAE will be enforceable in the Courts of India without a re-examination of the merits.

Top of Mind: Life Sciences

16 January 2020
Eight big topics that life sciences businesses have been thinking about and how DLA Piper has been covering those stories.

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BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

Taxation of cryptocurrency: challenges for charities in the US and new guidance in the UK, plus latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

Court rules that “personal benefit” not necessary for criminal insider trading liability under certain statutes

14 January 2020

Blaszczak is unlikely to be the last word on insider trading.

OCIE announces 2020 Examination Priorities

9 January 2020

SEC Chairman Jay Clayton said OCIE’s list of priorities sets forth key areas of existing and emerging risk that the Commission expects market participants to identify and mitigate.

Witness Evidence Working Group report

8 January 2020

INSURANCE HORIZONS

On 6 December 2019, the Witness Evidence Working Group (WEWG) published its report on improvements to the current practice regarding factual witness evidence in the Business and Property Courts of England and Wales (BPCs).

Supporting the health of your health system

6 January 2020

Guidance to help tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

New California laws make potentially costly changes to Civil Discovery Act

17 December 2019

The changes are sure to affect all California litigants and civil litigators starting in 2020.

Upcoming 12/31 deadline to comment on CMS and OIG proposed rule changes under the Stark Law and Anti-Kickback Statute

16 December 2019

The two highly consequential proposals are poised to change how HHS approaches fraud and abuse enforcement in federal
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A new lawsuit alleges the CFPB Prepaid Rule violates free speech; plus the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

House moves to codify the offense of insider trading

12 December 2019

In the final analysis, the bill would expand liability for insider trading.

Food and Beverage News and Trends

11 December 2019

Nomination of new FDA head advances, plus rose chocolate, meat wars, cage-free hens, and the last near-beer state.

Preventive Medicine: Official “Antimonopoly Compliance Guidelines for Business Operators” in China

10 December 2019

On 28 November 2019, the State Administration of Market Regulation (SAMR) released for public comment draft “Anti-Monopoly Compliance Guidelines for Operators” (the “Draft Guidelines”). These non-binding guidelines recommend measures for “business operators” subject to the Antimonopoly Law (AML) to develop and implement antitrust compliance programmes. The Draft Guidelines integrate prevailing best practices for international compliance programmes, while reflecting the unique challenges of antitrust risk management in China.

Announcing DLA Piper’s MDL Benchmark Database

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Comprehensive and systematic analyses of MDL procedures and practices.

What starts the avalanche? Earlier triggers for life sciences mass torts in the era of big data and social media

9 December 2019

The bar for safety issues to lead to claims that ultimately result in mass tort litigation has never been lower.
In recent decades, improved standards in the identification and enforcement of international bribery offenses have provided the backdrop to a growing appreciation and management of bribery risk within the business community.

The result highlights some significant issues that may, in some cases, limit the ability of the DOJ to prosecute foreign nationals for corruption overseas.
Corporations need to remain vigilant amidst the rise of cyberattacks and cyberfrauds

2 December 2019
Recent figures show that Hong Kong and China remain the top destinations of fraudulent funds, most of which are the result of cyberfrauds. Read our article which gives helpful tips on how to avoid falling victim to these attacks.

Transaction monitoring – practical guidance for financial institutions from three recent cases

2 December 2019
Curbing fraud and money laundering are top of the international regulatory and political agenda. This article pulls together three recent high-profile decisions which clarify the standards currently expected of banks, in particular, and the financial services sector more generally.
Jury finds former executive Lawrence Hoskins guilty in key case testing agency under the FCPA

On November 8, 2019, jurors in the long-awaited trial of Lawrence Hoskins found him guilty of one count of conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and six counts of violating the FCPA.
Texas: New safeguards to protect sensitive information

4 November 2019
The new PIA amendments will change the grounds upon which organizations may object to the disclosure of their sensitive information.

DOJ issues guidance regarding business entities’ inability to pay corporate fines and penalties: key takeaways

31 October 2019
The latest guidance from DOJ to incentivize companies to self-report their violations and cooperate with the DOJ’s investigations and recommended remedial actions.

Disputes, Issue 1

October 2019

The inaugural issue of Disputes examines choice of law and the global class action; the slow death of agency deference; cybercrime via business email; the value of trade secret protection programs; the pre-service removal mechanism; and a significant decision regarding the McDonnell “official act” requirement.

Interim Measures now available for Hong Kong arbitrations from the PRC courts

21 October 2019
On 1 October 2019, the Arrangement Concerning Mutual Assistance in Court-ordered Interim Measures in Aid of Arbitral Proceedings by the Courts of the Mainland and of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Arrangement) came into force. This is a significant development because interim measures are now available in the PRC for arbitrations seated in Hong Kong.

CMS and OIG release most expansive changes to the fraud and abuse laws in over a decade

18 October 2019
The proposed changes are part of the HHS Regulatory Sprint, which seeks to remove regulatory barriers to care coordination and value-based care.

Issue 3

17 October 2019

Deals in the Energy and Natural Resources (E&NR) Sector are often complex, high value and high stakes, and disputes can arise at any stage of the deal life cycle. In this third E&NR Case Law Update, we draw together relevant themes emerging from recent cases.
Prompt payment and adjudication have arrived in Ontario

17 OCT 2019

The second phase of Ontario's Construction Act reform has finally taken effect - as of October 1, 2019. Ontario construction contracts that meet the applicable transition test will now be governed by the new prompt payment and adjudication regime in the province. In addition, the Authorized Nominating Authority (“ANA”) responsible for administering and overseeing the adjudication of construction disputes has now been established under the name, “Ontario Dispute Adjudication for Construction Contracts” or “ODACC”.

This bulletin is an updated and supplemented version of a summary we published in April 2019, which takes into account these most recent developments. Please also look out for a further update on similar proposals and legislation across the country, which will be posted shortly.

US Supreme Court denies review of Robles v. Domino’s Pizza, opening door to more lawsuits on website and mobile app accessibility claims

16 October 2019
Does the ADA apply to websites and mobile apps?

President Trump sounds the death knell for "regulation by guidance"

10 October 2019
Two Executive Orders effectively end the controversial practice.

Brazilian federal government issues decree regulating arbitration in disputes between Public Administration and transport and logistics sectors

1 October 2019
The Brazilian federal government recently issued a decree regulating arbitration of disputes involving the Public Administration and relating to infrastructure projects – ports, roads, railways, waterways and airports.

Effective strategies for challenging master complaints in multidistrict litigation

16 September 2019
There are a number of creative ways for defendants to challenge master complaints in MDLs.

California Supreme Court: PAGA plaintiffs cannot recover back wages in addition to civil penalties

16 September 2019
The decision is important because California plaintiffs are increasingly attempting to skirt valid arbitration agreements with class action waivers by bringing PAGA-only claims.
Eleventh Circuit rejects reliance on statistical sampling and requires proof of objective falsity for each claim pursued under the FCA

12 September 2019

The holdings will likely have broad implications for any FCA claims based on false certification in the circuit.

Food and Beverage News and Trends

6 September 2019

FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS

In this issue, FDA warning letter puts papaya industry, and food sector, on notice; cell-based meat companies form trade group; Florida ponders reforming alcohol laws.

California Supreme Court: notice-prejudice rule in first-party insurance contract is a fundamental public policy that can trump a choice-of-law provision

5 September 2019

The decision holds, in the first-party pollution coverage context, that the notice-prejudice rule is a fundamental public policy in California.

Reflecting on unauthorised wealth orders: Considerations for mortgagees

2 September 2019

Unexplained wealth orders (UWO) were introduced in January 2018 and the National Crime Agency (NCA) has now successfully obtained five. All but one of the orders specifically target premium London properties; with the remaining order covering eight properties across the UK.

Issue 4: Managing Risks and Disputes

26 August 2019

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND OUTSOURCING CONTRACTS

This is the fourth of a series of fortnightly articles in which we will give practical tips on how to avoid contractual issues arising out of digital transformation and outsourcing contracts.

Food and Beverage News and Trends

20 August 2019

FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS

In this issue, FDA issues first warning letter under the FSMA foreign supplier verification requirements, Seattle wrangles over soda tax revenue, plus school meal standards, clean water, and Hep A in the news.
Issue 3: Record-keeping matters

13 August 2019

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Second Circuit: *McDonnell* "official act" requirement doesn’t apply to FCPA violations

October 2019

The court found that prosecutors need not satisfy the *McDonnell* heightened "official act" requirement in order to prove an FCPA violation.

Ninth Circuit finds Article III standing in case alleging Facebook violated the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act

9 Aug 2019

The Ninth Circuit will likely continue to be a hotbed of privacy litigation for years to come.

Healthcare providers beware! Amendment to Florida Patient Brokering Act may impact previously protected arrangements

6 August 2019

The bill's application extends well beyond the substance abuse space to essentially all Florida healthcare providers.

Institution of civil class action takes effect in Russia

2 August 2019

On 18 July 2019, the President of Russia signed a law whereby lawsuits can be filed to protect groups of people in civil disputes (so-called "class action suits").

The learned intermediary doctrine in the WebMD era

1 August 2019

Our US medical system continues to put the physician between the medication or treatment and the patient for a reason.

FINRA issues significant and detailed guidance on credit for extraordinary cooperation

22 July 2019

The Notice delineates the differences between extraordinary cooperation and required self-reporting and cooperation under FINRA rules and offers substantial new guidance.
DC Circuit's ruling in OPM data breach case deepens circuit split on Article III standing

10 July 2019
The court finds a heightened risk of identity theft alone can provide data breach litigants with standing.

Shareholder efforts to bootstrap FCPA violations into private securities cases meet with mixed success – key takeaways

10 July 2019
When an FCPA-related resolution exposes a company to securities fraud claims.

Issue 1: Know Your Contract

9 July 2019
**DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND OUTSOURCING CONTRACTS**

This is the first issue of a new fortnightly series in which we will give practical tips on how to avoid contractual issues arising out of digital transformation and outsourcing contracts. In particular, this issue emphasises the importance of knowing the contract, providing top tips as to how best to familiarise yourself with its content.

A gamechanger in international dispute resolution: the 2019 Convention on Enforcement of Foreign Judgments

8 July 2019
International commercial litigation is about to become radically more efficient, in a major development for international businesses. Under the Convention, a judgment given by a court of a Contracting State shall in principle be recognized and enforced in another Contracting State without any review of the merits.

Major developments in class action litigation for 2018 – 2019

18 June 2019
A top-level look at class action litigation for 2018-2019 and a look at trends, issues, and strategies that businesses face in the months to come.

*District of Columbia v. Facebook*: General Consumer Protection Statute can serve as vehicle for state attorney general seeking redress for data privacy violations

12 June 2019
This case should be carefully examined by entities that collect data for a number of reasons.

Texas narrows anti-SLAPP law

10 June 2019
The new law enjoys broad bipartisan support.
We are pleased to announce that Bertold Bär-Bouyssiere, EU Competition Partner and Elected member of the International Board at DLA Piper, will speak at the conference “Privacy – Raising the standard” on 25 June 2019 in London.

The range of data elements whose breach could give rise to class-action exposure under the CCPA appears likely to grow.

The Albrecht decision clarifies and substantially narrows the scope of preemption under the Wyeth v. Levine “clear evidence” standard.

Court finds that failure to comply with cybersecurity obligations can create False Claims Act liability.

Key takeaways about this significant finding.

Practical considerations for transferee judges establishing and implementing bellwether protocols in MDL proceedings.

First Circuit reverses course on its first-to-file rule.

First Circuit law on the first-to-file rule is evolving in a way that could have significant consequences for False Claims Act defendants.

The new DOJ guidelines are an effort to formalize guidance and credit mechanisms for corporate cooperation in civil cases, especially False Claims Act cases.
US v. Connolly and the potential pitfalls of cooperation in internal investigations

8 MAY 2019
A warning shot to government lawyers against delegating core investigative functions to outside counsel for targets or subjects of their investigations.

DOJ revises its guidance on corporate compliance programs

2 MAY 2019
DOJ has made tangible the benefits a company can receive for designing and implementing an effective compliance program, and the newly revised Compliance Guidance reinforces those principles.

Only if the cap fits: Arkin Cap not applicable in all funded cases

30 APR 2019
The High Court has recently held in Davey v Money & Anor that the Arkin cap, whereby the adverse costs liability of a commercial litigation funder is limited to the amount of its investment, should not be applied automatically in all cases involving commercial litigation funders.

Issue 2

25 April 2019
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE

Deals in the Energy and Natural Resources (E&NR) Sector are often complex, high value and high stakes, and disputes can arise at any stage of the deal life cycle.

Unpacking the SEC’s Digital Assets Guidance Framework and No Action Letter

16 APR 2019
The Framework describes factors for assessing whether digital assets are “investment contracts” subject to federal securities laws; the No Action letter applies those factors.

ITC Section 337 Update

11 APR 2019
A quick look at the last 10 years.

New Acting FDA Commissioner Sharpless: 4 policy issues to watch

9 APR 2019
A look at four pressing, high-profile issues facing the new acting FDA commissioner.
Getting ready for Ontario's new *Construction Act*

2 APR 2019

Industry observers in Ontario are now well aware of the scope of the changes introduced through the amendments to the old *Construction Lien Act*, giving us what is a dramatically different piece of legislation – the *Construction Act*. However, becoming familiar with these significant changes and implementing them in practice are two very different undertakings. With prompt payment and adjudication now around the corner, a refresher is therefore in order.

Supreme Court *Lorenzo* decision extends securities fraud liability to those who disseminate false statements made by others

28 MAR 2019

The ruling potentially wide-reaching implications for ancillary participants in securities transactions, including investment banks, brokers and law firms.

Significant preemption win for Bristol-Myers-Squibb and Pfizer in Eliquis product liability multi-district litigation

27 MAR 2019

The ruling significantly strengthens preemption law in two respects.

Top of Mind: Litigation

20 MAR 2019

In this issue, our coverage of 10 big topics businesses have been thinking about this quarter.

Northern District of Illinois dismisses False Claims Act case against Pfizer and Hospira: key takeaways

19 MAR 2019

The DLA Piper team expects this case will be cited frequently by qui tam defendants in future cases.

FBI’s new Miami International Corruption Squad sends clear message to South Florida businesses

18 MAR 2019

This development offers companies the opportunity to improve their corporate compliance programs and their operations in South Florida, Latin America and the Caribbean.
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirms CMS demand for return of $8 million from failed care management demonstration project

12 MAR 2019
In a demonstration project, the provider’s rights and remedies must be expressed in the grant agreement.

CFTC issues advisory incentivizing market participants to self-report foreign corrupt practices

12 MAR 2019
The first time that the CFTC is publicly incentivizing market participants.

Patent case filings surge in the WDTX

11 MAR 2019
Soon after Judge Alan Albright was nominated, and accelerating considerably since his confirmation, patent case filings have spiked in the WDTX.

*Fourth Estate Public Benefit Corp. v. Wall-Street.com*: when can a copyright claimant sue for infringement? Supreme Court says not until the copyright has been registered

5 MAR 2019
This decision will have an immediate impact on both pending and future copyright infringement lawsuits.

Arizona Supreme Court’s *Conklin* decision calls into question viability of *Stengel* claims

26 FEB 2019
The decision creates a promising foothold for defendants seeking to dismiss state-based failure-to-warn claims involving PMA devices.

Explainability: where AI and liability meet

25 FEB 2019
Makers and users of AI face a new and interesting problem: what is the acceptable tradeoff between explanation and accuracy?

FTC announces annual revisions to HSR Act thresholds

19 FEB 2019
Reportable threshold, when Size-of-Persons Test applies, filing fee tiers.

Russia’s Supreme Court demonstrates a pro-arbitration approach

15 FEB 2019
On 26 December 2018, the Russian Supreme Court issued a review of Russian court practice relating to international and domestic arbitration, and the enforcement and recognition of awards (Review).
Keeping watch on smartphone app payments in China

7 FEB 2019
Now could be a good time to think about the level of transparency your company may have in connection with smartphone app payments by your employees.

False Claims Act – Year in Review: 2018

4 FEB 2019
In this handbook, we look back on 2018 as a year of shifting enforcement policies and continuing jurisprudential uncertainty in the wake of Escobar.

EU Policy & Regulatory Update - EU Adds Three Iranian Persons to EU Terrorist List

14 JAN 2019
On 8 January 2019, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/25 amending and updating the list of persons, groups and entities subject to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP.

5 antitrust trends to watch in 2019

14 JAN 2019
2018 was a memorable year for antitrust law and all signs point to 2019 being equally memorable.

Supreme Court hears oral argument in Fosamax: key takeaways

8 JAN 2019
None of the justices indicated a desire to upset the Wyeth v. Levine framework.

Granting certiorari in Varjabedian, Supreme Court will address circuit split over disclosure claims in tender offers

7 JAN 2019
The decision could have a significant impact on the prevalence of federal lawsuits challenging disclosures made with a tender offer, an area of increasing focus.

Supporting the health of your health system

3 JAN 2019
Guidance to help tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

Inconsistent dispute resolution clauses - when should the "one-stop shop" give way to gravity?
Where, in complex commercial arrangements, there is a multiplicity of agreements, problems associated with inconsistencies between them abound. That can have significant consequences, particularly where there is an inconsistency between dispute resolution provisions in different but related contracts.

IP Litigation Powerhouse

BTI's Litigation Outlook names DLA Piper an "IP Litigation Powerhouse," a "Standout" and "Complex Commercial Litigation Powerhouse."

CCPA: risk of class actions makes early preparation imperative

Failure to address risk mitigation now could lead to significant liability if a company is breached following the CCPA's January 1, 2020 effective date.

DOJ moves to dismiss 11 qui tam lawsuits filed by professional relator concerning patient-support programs

The DOJ acts on its commitment to seek dismissal of qui tam suits it views as not serving the public interest.

What next as the UK Supreme Court rules on validity of Scottish EU Continuity Bill?

On 13 December 2018 the UK Supreme Court issued its judgment on the UK Government’s challenge to the validity of the Scottish Parliament’s Brexit Bill. The Court decided that, except for one section, the Bill was valid when it was passed. However, as a result of the timing of the legal challenge and the subsequent changes made to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act by the UK Parliament prior to it passing, additional parts of the Bill cannot now take effect.

Global Insight - Issue 27, December 2018

As we send this final edition of Global Insight for 2018, Rick and I would like to thank you for your continued support of our multi-award-winning Global Restructuring Group.

Privilege - a checklist for in-house lawyers

Legal professional privilege has recently been the subject of numerous important English court judgments, which have sought to restrict the applicability of legal advice privilege and litigation privilege.
Third party funding - an international outlook
13 DEC 2018
The third party funding market has seen exponential growth in recent years and, with both the number of funders and cases under their management growing year on year, the appetite of the market for good claims to fund shows no signs of diminishing.

California Proposition 65 lists two chemicals, PFOA and PFOS, found in a number of consumer products
12 DEC 2018
Given Prop 65's active and litigious enforcers, companies doing business in California that suspect their products may cause an exposure to PFOA/PFOS should consider compliance options now.

European Court of Justice rules that the UK can unilaterally revoke its EU withdrawal notice
11 DEC 2018
On 10 December 2018, the Court of Justice of the European Union decided that the UK can unilaterally revoke its Article 50 notice to withdraw from the EU.

Top of mind: Litigation
10 DEC 2018
Our coverage of big compliance, enforcement and litigation issues that businesses are thinking about this quarter.

DOJ tells SCOTUS it plans to seek to dismiss a major qui tam action because burdensome FCA discovery would not be in the public interest
6 DEC 2018
The DOJ's filing is a significant development for FCA defendants and may portend more dismissals to come.

DOJ announces changes to Yates Memo: companies seeking cooperation credit need not identify every person involved in misconduct, just those "substantially involved"
4 DEC 2018
The changes will allow companies seeking cooperation credit to focus their resources on identifying people who were the most central to the misconduct at issue.

Improving class action notice and settlement procedures – new amendments to Rule 23
16 NOV 2018
As a whole, the amendments both modernize and streamline current procedures.
Supply chain human rights risk management: Blockchain and emerging technology

8 NOV 2018
Global businesses, financiers and investors are faced with an increasingly complex and interconnected legal, financial and reputation risk agenda related to human rights and other responsible business conduct issues.

Exploring ways to improve MDL management: key takeaways from the MDL Subcommittee biannual session

5 NOV 2018
The MDL Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules has held a number of public hearings regarding ways to improve the management of multi-district litigation.

Artificial Intelligence: from diagnostic programs to sex robots - unresolved liability questions

24 OCT 2018
Could AI develop to a point where a jury can be persuaded to blame the product, but not the manufacturer?

SEC fires warning shot against "short and distort" schemes

18 OCT 2018
If successful, this case will pose a significant deterrent to would-be short-selling “analysts” seeking to manipulate the market.

To monitor or not to monitor? DOJ Criminal Division issues new policy guidance regarding the imposition of corporate monitorships

17 OCT 2018
Corporations concerned about the costs and burdens associated with the imposition of independent corporate monitors should find solace in the Monitorship Memorandum.

Fortress ruling helps temper overzealous SEC enforcement

16 OCT 2018
The court found that, to support an enforcement action, the SEC is required to go beyond mere suspicion and identify the alleged tipper, and at least some information tying the trader to the tipper, rather than rely on mere suspicion.

USPTO issues final rule on claim construction standard

15 OCT 2018
For all petitions filed after November 13, 2018, the PTAB will apply the same Phillips standard used by the district courts and the ITC.

Recent Landmark Case on Comparative Advertising in Hong Kong
On 5 September 2018, the Hong Kong Court of First Instance handed down a significant win to Hong Kong Broadband Network Limited (HKBN) in dismissing a trade mark infringement claim brought against it by the PCCW-HKT group (PCCW). The case is the first decision the Hong Kong Court has made on section 21 of the Trade Mark Ordinance (Cap. 559) (TMO) and provided important guidance on the use of trademarks in the context of comparative advertising.

HKBN was represented by the legal team from DLA Piper Hong Kong led by May Ng, Partner, assisted by Queenie Chan, Associate.

Restructuring Global Insight - News, views and analysis from DLA Piper’s Global Restructuring Group

Welcome to our 26th edition of Global Insight with another selection of restructuring items from our colleagues around the World.

Copyright in esports: a top-heavy power structure, but is it legally sound?

Central to the esports industry are novel intellectual property issues arising from the structure of the esports ecosystem.

Sharpen the nails: 8 ideas for empowering jurors in complex trials

We can and should work to develop jurors who are better equipped to carry out the difficult tasks we place before them.

Four tips for an effective eDiscovery plan in China

A timely and well-documented eDiscovery plan, comprehensively addressing compliance with local laws, can also go a long way to address potential post-collection inquiries.

Top of Mind: Litigation

Here is a look at big topics that businesses have been thinking about this quarter, and how DLA Piper has been covering those stories.

Announcing COMPASS – our newly automated compliance assessment tool

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COMPASS, DLA Piper’s newly automated compliance assessment tool, helps to ensure that your company’s compliance program meets or exceeds all legal and regulatory requirements as well as industry best practices.

$1.2B order entered against Petroleos de Venezuela: Q&As for PDVSA and Citgo commodity commercial and trading counterparties

25 SEP 2018
In light of this order, how should counter-parties now approach their commodity-related contracts with PDVSA and CITGO?

This article has also been published by Lexis Nexis in Pratt’s Journal of Bankruptcy Law.

The Second Circuit rules against DOJ’s aggressive assertion of extraterritorial FCPA jurisdiction over foreign accessories

29 AUG 2018
The ruling stands to limit DOJ’s ability to bring FCPA charges against foreign nationals who do not travel to the US.

6 trends will shape future international commercial disputes

28 AUG 2018
The world of international litigation and arbitration tends to move slowly, but the pace of change may accelerate as these trends take hold.

Text, blood and rock 'n' roll

27 DEC 2017
You are not a “free bird” – the duty to preserve text messages may extend to third parties.

Penn State Ninth Interim Report

5 DEC 2014
This is the ninth quarterly report of Senator George J. Mitchell - the Independent Athletics Integrity Monitor - on Penn State’s progress in implementing the requirements of the Athletics Integrity Agreement among Penn State, the NCAA and the Big Ten Conference.

Second Circuit clarifies law of insider trading in reversing convictions of remote tippees

11 DEC 2014
The decision is likely to have implications for the type of insider trading prosecutions that are brought in the future and how the litigants will prosecute and defend those cases.
Gatekeeping - stops class action cold!

6 DEC 2016

On 16 November 2016, Madam Justice Dillon issued her decision in *Harrison v. Afexa Life Sciences Inc.*, 2016 BCSC 2123, denying the certification of a class action against the makers of Cold-Fx under the *Class Proceedings Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 50. Dillon J. confirmed the court’s important gatekeeping role is to ensure that the powerful machinery of class proceedings legislation is only invoked to assist genuine plaintiffs with genuine claims.

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**Penn State Third Annual Report**

21 SEP 2015

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DOJ dismisses last of the drug trafficking charges against FedEx: two key takeaways

5 JUL 2016
A sudden about-face from the DOJ.

Supreme Court unanimously overturns public corruption conviction of former Virginia governor: routine political courtesies such as setting up meetings or hosting events, standing alone, do not constitute “official acts” for the purposes of the bribery statute

29 JUN 2016
In a highly anticipated decision, SCOTUS narrowed the definition of “official acts,” making it substantially more difficult for DOJ to prosecute bribery and other public corruption.

Universal Health Services: contractors take note − Supreme Court approves implied certification theory of False Claims Act liability

22 JUN 2016
The Court’s recognition of “implied certification” theory resolves a circuit split in favor of a more expansive view of the Act.

CFTC announces its largest whistleblower award to date – key takeaways

2 MAY 2016
CFTC sends a clear message to commodities futures traders that it means to aggressively court tipsters who have information about possible violations of the CEA.

DLA Piper’s 2016 Compliance & Risk Report: What CCOs need to know

19 APR 2016

How well do you know your compliance program? 6 simple tools

13 JAN 2016
Companies are under increasing pressure to demonstrate to both the Audit Committee and, if necessary, regulators, that their compliance program is operational and effective. But how do you really measure that?

United States Supreme Court reaffirms use of class action waivers in arbitration agreements: next stop − employment contracts

18 DEC 2015
The most recent in a line of Supreme Court decisions affirming the validity of class action waivers in arbitration agreements

Plan now to use off-band communications during an incident response: key points

27 OCT 2015
A robust IR plan should include communications techniques that operate outside regular company communication methods.
US courts affirm expansive discovery under 28 U.S.C. § 1782
29 SEP 2015
There is increasingly clear consensus among US courts giving § 1782 expansive reach.

Mexico’s new National Anticorruption System: 7 key points
20 JUL 2015
Constitutional reform regarding the creation of the National Anticorruption System

District court says appointment of SEC administrative law judge was likely unconstitutional
9 JUN 2015
This ruling is the first time a court has held that an SEC ALJ’s appointment likely violated the Appointments Clause

Third parties: 4 FCPA takeaways for working with distributors
24 SEP 2014
Four key challenges and related “cures”

Tackling the realities of due diligence in a global setting
24 OCT 2013
For even the most conscientious of companies, hurdles exist to conducting fulsome due diligence in a global setting

*United States v. Vilar*: new limits on extraterritorial securities enforcement
9 SEP 2013

CFTC approves final cross-border guidance of the swap provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act
12 JUL 2013
The Final Guidance aims to set forth the CFTC’s policy on the application of the swap provisions of the Commodities Exchange Act to cross-border activities

European Commission and CFTC announce a path forward on cross-border regulation of OTC derivatives
11 JUL 2013
A high-level joint understanding
Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure

11 JUL 2013

Growing whistleblower activity calls for close employer attention to retaliation issues

7 MAY 2013
Careful consideration must precede adverse action against purported whistleblowers

Cybersecurity and US federal public procurements: what contractors need to know

11 MAR 2013
Practical considerations for US federal contractors

What companies need to know about the Obama Administration’s Cybersecurity Order

14 FEB 2013

China’s patent litigation landscape shifts

5 Sep 2012
China bested the United States to become the No. 1 patent filing country in the world in 2011 by obtaining 526,412 invention patent applications, compared to 503,582 utility patent applications in the US. Of these, 79 percent went to domestic Chinese entities, as compared to 49.2 percent to domestic entities in the US.

Marcellus Shale pipeline decision provides guidance on scope of environmental “cumulative impacts” analysis for projects requiring government approval

20 Jun 2012
The Second Circuit has issued a decision providing further clarity on the scope of “cumulative impacts” analysis required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Federal agencies, Congress accelerate defense against cyber attacks – every private company will be affected

21 Mar 2012

Whose followers are they, and how much are they worth?

3 JAN 2012

SEC’s whistleblower report reveals surprising volume of tips from foreign countries
30 Nov 2011
The US Securities and Exchange Commission has issued its Annual Report on the Dodd-Frank Whistleblower Program.

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**SEC, CFTC approve new Dodd-Frank rule requiring many hedge fund advisers to report detailed information**

3 Nov 2011
The regulatory tide continues to roll a year after President Barack Obama signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. This past week, the SEC and CFTC jointly adopted a rule that will require many hedge fund advisers to complete a new form that discloses detailed information about their funds' holdings and investments to federal regulators.

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**With even tougher SEC scrutiny imminent, can a mock examination help you prevail?**

7 Sep 2011

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**Responding to the SEC’s final whistleblower bounty rules**

2 Jun 2011

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**B4 u txt: will your text message ads lead to a class action lawsuit?**

6 APR 2011
It is useful for businesses to understand the statutory framework that governs advertising through text messages as well as key legal terms and the way these terms have been interpreted by the FCC and the courts.

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**Growing liability risk to foreign financial institutions from tax disclosure cases**

16 Feb 2010

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**Tax man cometh — and is looking for your overseas accounts**

22 Jun 2009

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**Easing the burden to prove tax evasion while stiffening the penalties**

5 May 2009

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**Facebook - the future of service of process?**

8 Apr 2009
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Considerations for drug pricing and demonstrating value in a post-pandemic environment

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Transforming data flows into actionable insights

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Webinar

Keep up with the CJEU Decision Unpacked: DPC v Facebook Ireland, Schrems

17 July 2020 | 1:00 - 2:00 ET
Webinar

Big Data: Approaches to using it under the new DOJ Guidelines

16 July 2020 | 2:00 - 3:00 ET
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Webinar

The ransomware threat is changing – sectoral implications

17 June 2020 | 11:30 – 12:30 ET
Webinar

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19

16 June 2020 | 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. ET (Session one) | 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. ET (Session two)
Webinar

Disclosure Issues During COVID-19

15 June 2020 | 12:00 - 1:30 ET
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6 May 2020 | 7:00 - 8:00 PST
Webinar

Risk Management Essentials: The Imperative for Proactive Cyber Risk Management
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TechLaw
5 March 2020
TechLaw Event Series
Sydney
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moot 2020 Frankfurt

4 March 2020
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
Frankfurt

TechLaw

3 March 2020
TechLaw Event Series
Melbourne

Federal Bar Association Qui Tam Conference

27-28 February 2020

DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moot 2020 Rio de Janeiro

13-14 February 2020
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
Rio de Janeiro, RJ

DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moot 2020 São Paulo

13-14 February 2020
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
São Paulo, SP

The Seventh International Pre-Moot Amsterdam

6-9 February 2020
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
Amsterdam

9th Annual Advanced Trial Strategies Conference

6-7 February 2020

Are you ready for CCPA data breach litigation?

9 January 2020
Webinar

Delegation of Chinese Investors and Entrepreneurs from Sichuan, China
19 December 2019
East Palo Alto

35th Annual SEC Reporting and FASB Forum

17 December 2019
New York

Breakfast Briefing International Arbitration

13 November 2019
Miami

Employment CLE briefing and networking happy hour

7 November 2019
Dallas

DLA Piper White Collar CLE Series: Take 5

26 September 2019
Webinar

Attorney-client privilege and work product protection for in-house life sciences lawyers

10 September 2019
Webinar

Major developments in class action litigation: a CLE webinar

16 July 2019
Webinar

TopCo liability panel

25 JUN 2019
London

Investment Arbitration Planning

13 MAY 2019
Tel Aviv-Yafo
Financial Services Class Actions 360°: What is on the horizon in 2019?

8 MAY 2019
London

DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moot 2019 (Madrid)

9 APR 2019
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
Madrid

DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moot 2019 (Paris)

8 APR 2019
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
Paris

DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moot 2019 (St. Petersburg)

27-28 MAR 2019
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
St. Petersburg

TechLaw Event - "M&A for the New Digital Economy"

7 MAR 2019
TechLaw Event Series
Amsterdam

DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moot 2019 (Rio de Janeiro)

14-15 FEB 2019
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
Rio de Janeiro, RJ

DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-moot 2019 (Amsterdam)

8-10 FEB 2019
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
Amsterdam
TechLaw Event - Online platforms - beyond playing innocence?

17 JAN 2019
TechLaw Event Series
Amsterdam

TechLaw London 2018

5 DEC 2018
TechLaw Event Series
London

TechLaw Event - Virtual Competition

22 NOV 2018
TechLaw Event Series
Amsterdam

Securities class action litigation: a look back and a sneak peek into the future

20 NOV 2018
Webinar

Trying Trade Secrets: Stories from the Trenches

9 NOV 2018
Chicago

Digital contracting: litigation and enforcement trends

8 NOV 2018
Webinar

Are US-Style Consumer Class Actions Coming to Europe?

5 NOV 2018
Webinar

Middle East Tech Summit 2018: The Digital Imperative

5 NOV 2018
TechLaw Event Series
Dubai

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DLA Piper achieves appellate victory for cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase in lawsuit over Bitcoin Gold

13 August 2020
DLA Piper won a significant appellate victory on behalf of global cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase, defeating a lawsuit alleging that the exchange violated various obligations to users when it refused to support or provide access to the forked cryptocurrency Bitcoin Gold.

Former Congressman Jim Greenwood joins DLA Piper as senior policy advisor, adding significant strength to growing life sciences policy and regulatory group

4 August 2020
DLA Piper announced today that former US Representative Jim Greenwood has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a senior policy advisor based in Washington, DC.

John Gibson joins DLA Piper’s Litigation and Regulatory practice in Los Angeles

14 July 2020
DLA Piper announced that John Gibson has joined the firm’s Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner in Los Angeles.

DLA Piper arbitration practice recognized as world leading by Global Arbitration Review

14 July 2020
DLA Piper has been recognized once again as having one of the world’s leading international arbitration practices.

Law firms collaborate on industry first to accelerate tech adoption in international arbitration

2 July 2020
DLA Piper is amongst six international law firms which have developed a Protocol to help deliver a globally consistent approach to the use of online case management platforms in international arbitration.

DLA Piper represents Axogen in dismissal of securities class action lawsuit

22 April 2020
DLA Piper represented Axogen, Inc. in the dismissal of a securities class action lawsuit filed in the US District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Donna Thiel joins DLA Piper’s Litigation and Regulatory practice and Healthcare sector in Washington, DC
11 May 2020
DLA Piper announced today that Donna Thiel has joined the firm’s Litigation and Regulatory practice and Healthcare sector as a partner in Washington, DC.

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition
8 May 2020
DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 172 lawyer rankings and 71 practice rankings in Chambers USA’s 2020 guide.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020
30 April 2020
DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm’s practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm’s practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

Daniel Garen joins DLA Piper’s Litigation and Regulatory practice in Washington, DC
22 April 2020
DLA Piper announced today that Daniel Garen has joined the firm’s Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

John Phillips joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Northern California
26 March 2020
DLA Piper announced today that John Phillips has joined the firm’s Litigation practice as a partner in Northern California, based in the San Francisco office.

Ronald N. Brown, III joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Wilmington
19 March 2020
DLA Piper announced today that Ronald N. Brown, III has joined the firm’s Litigation practice as a partner in the Wilmington office.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars
10 March 2020
Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.
DLA Piper’s Jonathan Haray named 2020 Criminal Law Trailblazer by the National Law Journal

7 March 2020
DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Jonathan Haray, a Litigation partner in the firm’s Washington, DC office, has been named by the National Law Journal as a 2020 Criminal Law Trailblazer.

DLA Piper appoints Head of Global Government Affairs team

6 March 2020
DLA Piper announces the strengthening of its Global Government Affairs team with the appointment of Richard Sterneberg who will head up the team in its Brussels office. Richard brings with him over 20 years of experience working in Brussels as a global government affairs expert.

Keelin Kavanagh, Arthur Hoffmann and David Jaroslaw join DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in New York

12 February 2020
DLA Piper announced today that Keelin Kavanagh, Arthur Hoffmann and David Jaroslaw have joined the firm's Litigation practice as partners in New York.

Craig Waugh joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Phoenix

11 February 2020
DLA Piper announced today that Craig Waugh has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Phoenix.

Matthew Miller, Robert Nolan and Michael Fluhr join DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Northern California

10 February 2020
DLA Piper announced today that Matthew Miller and Robert Nolan have joined the firm's Litigation practice as partners in Northern California, based in the San Francisco office, and Michael Fluhr has joined as of counsel, also based in San Francisco.

James C. Bookhout of DLA Piper listed in D Magazine's 2020 Best Lawyers Under 40 list

7 February 2020
James C. Bookhout was recently named to D Magazine's 2020 Best Lawyers Under 40 list, which recognizes outstanding young lawyers in Dallas.

Michael Hazzard joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Washington, DC

4 February 2020
DLA Piper announced today that Michael Hazzard has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Washington, DC.
Nicholas Klein joins DLA Piper’s Litigation and Regulatory practice in Washington, DC

3 February 2020
DLA Piper announced today that Nicholas Klein has joined the firm’s Litigation and Regulatory practice as of counsel in the Washington, DC office.

Christopher Mikson joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Philadelphia and Washington, DC

23 January 2020
DLA Piper announced today that Christopher Mikson has joined the firm’s Litigation practice as a partner in Philadelphia and Washington, DC.

DLA Piper launches its Global Litigation Guide

3 December 2019
DLA Piper has launched its ‘Global Litigation Guide’, which covers aspects of civil litigation in 30 jurisdictions worldwide.

Scott Wilson joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in New York

2 December 2019
DLA Piper announced today that Scott Wilson has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the New York office.

DLA Piper achieves victory for California Institute of Technology

26 November 2019
DLA Piper recently represented the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in the dismissal of a case filed by David Lillie, an employee of Caltech subcontractor ManTech International, which alleged defamation and a number of other causes.

DLA Piper achieves trial victory for Applied Underwriters

22 November 2019
DLA Piper recently represented Applied Underwriters, Inc. in a bench trial victory in California state court.

DLA Piper achieves victory for Maryland Reclamation Associates

6 November 2019
DLA Piper recently achieved a victory for its client, Maryland Reclamation Associates, Inc. (MRA), in a case filed against Harford County, Maryland.
34 DLA Piper lawyers in nine countries ranked among The World’s Leading Patent Professionals

30 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that IAM Patent 1000: The World’s Leading Patent Professionals 2019 has named 34 DLA Piper lawyers from nine countries to its list of top patent professionals – representing an increase for the firm in numbers of both lawyers and countries.

DLA Piper’s Angela Agrusa named the Los Angeles Business Journal’s Leaders in Law 2019 Litigation Attorney of the Year

29 OCT 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Angela Agrusa, Los Angeles-based co-head of Business and Commercial Litigation and co-chair of the Food and Beverage sector, has been named the Los Angeles Business Journal’s Leaders in Law 2019 Litigation Attorney of the Year.

Jonathan Sablone joins Litigation practice in Boston

15 October 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Jonathan Sablone has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the Boston office.

DLA Piper partner Isabelle Ord honored by Western Bankers Association

11 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Isabelle Ord, co-chair of the firm's Class Action Litigation practice and co-leader of the LIBOR Transition practice, has received the Franzel Award from the Western Bankers Association.

Tamany Vinson Bentz named to the Daily Journal’s list of Top Trade Secrets Lawyers

9 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Tamany Vinson Bentz, a Los Angeles–based partner in the IPT Litigation practice, has been named to the Daily Journal's 2019 list of Top Trade Secrets Lawyers.

DLA Piper announces launch of LIBOR Transition practice

23 September 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its LIBOR Transition practice, which will focus on assisting companies with impact assessment and advising on benchmark reform implementation across multiple jurisdictions and products.

Abigail Reardon appointed chair of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the First Department of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court

5 September 2019
DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Abigail Reardon, a partner in the firm's New York office, has been appointed by the First Department of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court to serve as a chair of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the First Department.

George G. Demos joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Northern California

3 September 2019

DLA Piper announced today that George G. Demos has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Northern California based in the Sacramento office.

Paul Hemmersbaugh joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice as chair of Transportation Regulatory group

3 September 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Paul Hemmersbaugh has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner and chair of its transportation regulatory and litigation group, in Washington, DC.

DLA Piper's Michael Garfinkel named to the Los Angeles Business Journal's 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers

27 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Michael Garfinkel has been named to the Los Angeles Business Journal's 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers.

DLA Piper's Angela Agrusa named to the Los Angeles Business Journal's 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers

27 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Angela Agrusa has been named to the Los Angeles Business Journal’s 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers.

Edward Hanover to join DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Northern California

26 August 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Edward Hanover will join the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Northern California based in the Silicon Valley office.

DLA Piper represents Applied Underwriters in defeat of three class certification motions

19 August 2019

DLA Piper represented Applied Underwriters in its defeat of three separate motions for class certification arising out of a regulatory dispute over whether a reinsurance transaction adjunct to workers’ compensation coverage was required to be filed with, among
others, the California Department of Insurance.

DLA Piper partner Andrew Hoffman named to the *Daily Journal*’s Top 40 Under 40 list

16 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Andrew Hoffman, a partner in the firm’s Litigation practice, has been named to the *Daily Journal*’s 2019 Top 40 Under 40 list honoring young California lawyers across a range of practice areas.

Six-partner group joins DLA Piper across key markets and practice groups from coast to coast

18 July 2019

DLA Piper announced today the addition of a six-partner group whose members will be part of the firm’s Corporate, Intellectual Property and Technology, and Litigation practices. The partners will be based in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Silicon Valley and New York.

DLA Piper secures significant victory for Houston Casualty

3 July 2019

DLA Piper secured a significant victory for Houston Casualty in *Houston Casualty Co. v. Cavan Corp. of N.Y., et al.* before the New York State Supreme Court on June 27, 2019.

DLA Piper’s Ilana Eisenstein named an Unsung Hero by the *Legal Intelligencer*

19 June 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Ilana Eisenstein, a Philadelphia-based partner and co-chair of the Appellate Advocacy practice, has been named to the *Legal Intelligencer* 2019 list of Unsung Heroes.

DLA Piper secures appellate victory for Petrobras America

18 June 2019

DLA Piper secured a victory on behalf of Petrobras America, Inc. in a long-running lawsuit against Vicinay Cadenas, S.A., a manufacturer of chains and accessories for the offshore industry.

Scott Weber joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in New York

10 June 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Scott Weber has joined the firm’s Litigation practice as a partner in the New York office.
DLA Piper represents the Conrad Prebys Foundation in dismissal of derivative lawsuit

31 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented the Conrad Prebys Foundation, a charitable foundation started by late philanthropist and San Diego developer Conrad Prebys, in the successful dismissal of a lawsuit filed by Prebys’ partner and former foundation board member.

named to Latinvex’s list of Latin America’s Top 100 Female Lawyers

23 MAY 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Kate Brown de Vejar and Lida Rodriguez-Taseff have been named to Latinvex’s 2019 list of Latin America’s Top 100 Female Lawyers.

DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

Mariana Lozza and Nicolas Teijeiro join DLA Piper Argentina

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper Argentina announced today the addition of Mariana Lozza as a partner in the International Arbitration practice and Nicolas Teijeiro as a partner in the Corporate Finance practice. Both will be based in the firm’s Buenos Aires office.

Carl Wessel joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Washington, DC

22 APR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Carl Wessel has joined the firm’s Litigation practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

DLA Piper represents Immunomedics in dismissal of class action lawsuit

16 APR 2019

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1,
2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

Peter Karanjia joins DLA Piper’s Telecom and Appellate practices in Washington, DC

4 MAR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Peter Karanjia has joined the firm's Telecom and Appellate practices as a partner in Washington, DC.

DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Blockchain and Digital Assets practice, which will offer strategic advice on a global basis to address the needs of companies implementing blockchain technology solutions and creating and deploying digital assets.

Stefanie Wayco joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Atlanta

31 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Stefanie Wayco has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Atlanta.

Former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice

23 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Matt Denn, who has served as Delaware's attorney general since 2015, has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Wilmington.

Terry Weiss joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Atlanta

23 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Terry Weiss has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Atlanta.

Kate Brown de Vejar joins DLA Piper as global co-chair of International Arbitration

22 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Kate Brown de Vejar has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Mexico City and New York.

Two DLA Piper lawyers listed in D Magazine’s 2019 Best Lawyers Under 40 list

8 JAN 2019

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Crystal Woods and James C. Bookhout were recently named to D Magazine's 2019 Best Lawyers Under 40 list, which recognizes outstanding young lawyers in Dallas.

Eric Falkenberry named a Law360 Data-Driven Lawyer for 2018

5 DEC 2018

Eric Falkenberry has been named a Law360 Data-Driven Lawyer for 2018.

DLA Piper and IKM Advocates secure victory for the Republic of Kenya defeating a US$2 billion ICSID claim

24 OCT 2018

In a decisive victory for the Republic of Kenya, DLA Piper and DLA Piper Africa member firm, IKM Advocates, have successfully defeated the claim estimated to be worth US$2 billion in arbitration proceedings brought by a mining investor, Cortec Mining Kenya Limited. The claim was brought under the bilateral investment treaty (BIT) between the UK and Kenya dated 13 September 1999. The arbitration took place under the auspices of the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), with the hearing taking place in Dubai in January 2018. The Tribunal issued its award on 22 October 2018.

DLA Piper secures summary judgment victory on behalf of well-known economist in fraud lawsuit

12 OCT 2018

DLA Piper won summary judgment on behalf of well-known economist Dr. Arthur Laffer, one of multiple defendants in a lawsuit alleging securities fraud and numerous other claims, and seeking more than US$30 million in damages.

R. Matthew Hiller joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Chicago

9 OCT 2018

DLA Piper announced today that R. Matthew Hiller has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Chicago.

Ellen Dew named to the Daily Record's 2018 Leading Women list

5 OCT 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Ellen Dew, an associate in the firm’s Litigation practice, has been named to the Daily Record's 2018 Leading Women List.

Daniel Tobey joins DLA Piper’s Litigation practice in Dallas

19 SEP 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Daniel Tobey has joined the firm’s Litigation practice as a partner in Dallas.