



## Administrative Law

Our Administrative Law team is experienced in providing the highest quality public law advice informed by a detailed knowledge and understanding of government and government processes. We use our legal knowledge of government to advise both public and private sector clients on a wide range of matters arising from the development, passage, content, interpretation and application of laws and regulations. In particular, members of the team advise on the full range of dispute resolution and investigative processes, including judicial review, public inquiries, statutory appeals and tribunal processes, at the national and international levels.

Public and administrative law touches all business activities which are in any way subject to statutory control or regulation. It not only affects businesses which deal directly with government by engaging in major projects, but also any business whose scope may be limited or rendered less competitive as a result of new legislation or direct or indirect governmental intervention. This can cover such areas as freedom of information, planning and environment law, taxation, competition, procurement, health and safety, telecommunications, advertising, human rights, professional discipline issues and any other area where businesses come into direct contact with government.

### ACHTERGROND

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#### Publicaties

##### **Corona-crisis dwingt regionale overheden tot ingrijpen in het omgevingsrecht**

14 April 2020

Het coronavirus (COVID-19) laat ook het omgevingsrecht niet ongemoeid. De noodmaatregelen van de verschillende Belgische overheden hebben een belangrijke impact op o.m. lopende bouwverven en vergunningsprocedures, een van de belangrijkste economische motoren van ons land.

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##### **Coronavirus: Flemish emergency decree to increase capacity of hospitals and secure permit proceedings**

31 March 2020

COVID-19 does not only create an increasing need of care facilities and medical supplies, but also has a far-reaching impact on ongoing permitting procedures. In order to tackle these issues, the Flemish Parliament voted on 18 March 2020 an emergency decree which we will discuss in this publication.

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## **Nederlandse imPASse: Kan de Nederlandse stikstofproblematiek overwaaien naar Vlaanderen**

5 December 2019

De Nederlandse Raad van State besloot op 29 mei 2019 dat het Plan Aanpak Stikstof ("PAS") niet in overeenstemming is met de Europese regels ter bescherming van het milieu. Hierdoor gingen meteen een hoop belangrijke projecten die steunen op het PAS kopje onder. Kan deze stikstofproblematiek overwaaien naar Vlaanderen?

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## **New Permitting Proceedings in Brussels as from 1 September**

2 September 2019

Last year, the Brussels Capital Region approved a major reform of the Brussels Code of Spatial Planning. A limited number of reforms immediately entered into force on 30 April 2018. Due to the lack of executing decrees, the implementation of the reforms relating to permitting was postponed until 1st September 2019.

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## **Nieuwe vergunningsprocedure in Brussel vanaf 1 september**

2 September 2019

Vorig jaar keurde het Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest een grote hervorming van het Brussels Wetboek van Ruimtelijke Ordening (BWRO) goed. Een beperkt aantal hervormingen (meer in het bijzonder deze m.b.t. planning) trad reeds in werking op 30 april 2018 (zie ook onze eerdere newsflash van 2 mei 2018 hierover). Het tweede deel van de hervormingen zou normaal op 20 april 2019 in werking treden. Omdat een deel van de uitvoeringsbesluiten niet tijdig klaar waren, traden slechts enkele wijzigingen in werking op die datum en stelde de Brusselse Hoofdstedelijke Regering de inwerkingtreding uit tot 1 september 2019.

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## **Gemeentewegen slaan nieuwe weg in vanaf 1 september**

2 September 2019

Op 3 mei 2019 heeft het Vlaams Parlement het voorstel van decreet houdende gemeentewegen bekrachtigd en afgekondigd. Het decreet gaat uit van een geïntegreerde benadering en werkt één uniforme regelgeving uit voor alle gemeentewegen. Alle gemeentewegen krijgen een vergelijkbaar statuut en uniforme procedures, wat zorgt voor meer eenduidigheid.

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## **Brusselse stedenbouw beweegt**

3 APR 2019

Er zijn heel wat bewegingen op til in de Brusselse stedenbouwregelgeving. Vorig jaar reeds keurde het Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest een grote hervorming van het Brussels Wetboek van Ruimtelijke Ordening (BWRO) goed. Een beperkt aantal hervormingen (meer in het bijzonder deze m.b.t. planning) trad reeds in werking op 30 april 2018.

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## **NIEUWS**

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### **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.

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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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper continues to boost CEE region capability with new hires in Poland**

5 September 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of eight new lawyers in its Warsaw office into three key practice areas of Corporate, Finance & Projects (F&P) and Litigation & Regulatory. These hires follow the recent appointment of corporate partners Marek Sawicki and Jakub Marcinkowski from CMS.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper establishes Litigation Regulatory offering in Dublin with partner hire**

18 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Caoimhe Clarkin as a Litigation & Regulatory partner in the firm's Dublin office. This is the seventh partner hire for DLA Piper in Dublin this year.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper hosts inaugural Afghanistan-UK Business Conference**

18 SEP 2018

DLA Piper's London office yesterday hosted the first Afghanistan-UK Business Conference, organised by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in London and the International Chamber of Commerce in Afghanistan. The event, aimed at further enhancing Afghanistan-UK bilateral business, trade and investment relations, was attended by over 100 participants including public and private sector leaders, potential investors, NGOs and consultants, amongst others.

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### **DLA Piper's GTGA team named Sanctions Law Firm of the year 2018**

27 JUL 2018

DLA Piper's Global Trade and Government Affairs (GTGA) team has been named Sanctions Law Firm of the year, Europe, at this year's WorldECR Awards.

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### **DLA Piper hires financial services and insurance sector team in Belgium**

2 JUL 2018

DLA Piper in Antwerp has today been joined by a team of financial services and insurance sector lawyers from Baker McKenzie.

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### **DLA Piper secures victory for Transatel SA in landmark telecoms dispute**

20 JUN 2018

DLA Piper has secured a victory for the French telecommunications service provider, Transatel SA, in a dispute under telecommunications law before the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA). In this landmark procedure, the BNetzA ordered the German mobile network operator, Telefónica Germany GmbH & Co. OHG, to submit a draft agreement regarding access to regulated wholesale roaming services to Transatel.

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