



Advertising, Marketing and Promotions

Our internationally recognized advertising team helps major brands, agencies and media companies navigate the ever-changing regulatory landscapes that affect how their advertising, marketing and promotional campaigns are activated, produce and distribute advertising content, and structure and negotiate cutting-edge marketing and sponsorship deals. We represent global consumer brands, major film studios, broadcasters, online and mobile video distribution channels, and their respective advertising, marketing and promotions agencies, in all aspects of marketing (including sports, entertainment and interactive), as well as in innovative branded entertainment and e-commerce initiatives.

Among our clients are high-profile major consumer brands across a range of sectors, and a stellar range of professional sports bodies (eg. Premier League, NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL, MLS and NASCAR). We also have extensive experience of acting for both advertising/media agencies, and advertising publishers (conventional and online media companies), such that we are in an unrivalled position to provide rounded advice to all players on the advertising market. Our advertising team is ranked by both Legal 500 and Chambers in various territories around the world.

RELATED SERVICES

- Intellectual Property and Technology

RELATED SECTORS

- Media, Sport and Entertainment

CAPABILITES

Clearance and Promotions

- reviewing and clearing advertising copy for use in broadcast, online and offline media;
- advising clients on compliance with advertising regulation and law, including in relation to children, alcoholic drinks, gambling, fantasy sports, pharmaceutical products and devices, cosmetics, food and beverage, and environmental claims;
- advising on sweepstakes/ prize draws, skill competitions and other promotions, often spanning multiple countries (including producing terms and conditions, obtaining licences and complying with other formalities where required, advising on tax aspects, and dealing with related complaints and disputes);
- advising on IP infringement risk in advertising and on strategies to minimise such risk;
- advising on product labelling and packaging regulation (including for highly regulated/ restricted products like pharmaceuticals, medical devices, alcohol, tobacco, cannabis);
- advising on pricing and distribution advertising issues, often in conjunction with our competition (anti-trust) team;
- advising sponsors, rights-owners and third party brands on ambush marketing issues around major sporting events;

- advising on financial and consumer credit advertising and promotions, in conjunction with our colleagues focusing on those areas of regulation;

Disputes / Investigations

- representing clients on cases before national (and state) advertising regulators (including filing complaints against competitors);
- representing clients on litigation and arbitration relating to advertising and marketing (including IP and consumer law claims between competitors, internet keyword advertising disputes, contractual disputes with agencies and suppliers, and class action and other claims by consumers);
- advising clients on governmental investigations and consultations relating to advertising and marketing;
- defending clients from criminal prosecutions for advertising offences, in conjunction with our White Collar and Corporate Crime team;

Transactional

- negotiating creative agency engagement agreements;
- structuring and negotiating media planning and buying agreements;
- sports and other event marketing and sponsorship agreements;
- preparing and negotiating joint promotion alliances for product launches and tent-pole motion picture releases;
- analyzing and licensing copyright, trademark, publicity and other intellectual property rights associated with advertising and marketing projects;
- structuring and activating social media campaigns, branded entertainment initiatives and customer loyalty programs;
- commercial agreements for e-sports telecasts, virtual reality productions and other innovative content initiatives;
- preparing endorsement agreements with celebrities and influencers;

Data Privacy

- advising (in conjunction with our leading Data Protection and Privacy team) on all data protection and privacy aspects of such advertising work (including direct marketing campaigns, behavioural advertising and ad-tech, privacy aspects of promotions, dealing with regulatory investigations and data breaches arising out of marketing campaigns).

EXPERIENCE

- Clearing, running and undertaking subsequent updates for an international prize promotion for a major tech brand covering approximately 50 countries.
- Negotiating endorsement/ other talent agreements on behalf of major retailers and consumer brands with athletes, social media influencers and A-list celebrities from the sports, fashion, music and entertainment industries.
- Advising a household name consumer goods brand on numerous comparative advertising disputes (as both complainant and respondent) with its major competitors across multiple territories (including before several national regulators).
- Negotiating entertainment marketing agreements and structuring the corresponding campaigns in connection with major film releases.
- Advising global operator of theme parks on advertising and marketing clearance, developing compliance policies, dealing with advertising regulatory breaches and complaints, and negotiating marketing aspects of brand licensing agreements.
- Advising an online fashion retailer, one of the fastest growing e-commerce companies in Europe, on their advertising & marketing roll-out around Europe.
- Representing a leading global technology company in advertising and unfair competition matters, including coordinating several cross-border litigation matters, the placement of advertising campaigns, advertising clearance, promotions etc.
- Advising a worldwide leading cosmetics company on various promotion and advertising campaigns, in particular cross-border campaigns.

- Multi-jurisdictional assistance to two global sportswear brands on influencer marketing issues, and developing influencer terms and policies.
- Producing influencer term templates for various well-known international brands.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Adapting to a new consumer market

15 April 2020

As consumer-facing businesses consider changes in their business models, avoiding legal pitfalls in some key areas is necessary for a successful transition.

Hoverboard dispute: novel issues for Federal Circuit and Commission

30 March 2020

The Commission and the Federal Circuit are grappling with a novel issue in the latest phase of a long-running dispute over hoverboards.

It's no secret: Trade secret misappropriation investigations are on the rise

19 December 2019

Exploring the reasons for the increase in these ITC investigations

With great influence comes great responsibility: potential liabilities in the growing influencer marketplace

30 Sep 2019

What responsibility, if any, falls on the influencer for social media product endorsements?

Who's that bot? California requires clear disclosure starting 7/1/2019

20 June 2019

A California law attempts to tackle the problem of automated online accounts that simulate conversation – and that are used to confuse or deceive.

DOJ reverses its 2011 Opinion, concludes Wire Act prohibitions “sweep beyond sports gambling”

18 JAN 2019

An opinion that will have a significant effect on the Internet gaming and lottery industries.

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

27 SEP 2018

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

NEWS

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.

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 awarded "IP & TMT Law Firm of the Year" at The Chambers Middle East Awards 2019 - its third TMT award in 12 months

25 November 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has been named IP & TMT Law Firm of the Year at The Chambers Middle East Awards 2019, making it the third successive TMT legal industry award that the firm has walked away with in the past twelve months and underscoring the firm's continued strength in the technology, media and telecommunications sector.

DLA Piper advises Tirona on the acquisition of a stake in CashCape

5 September 2019

DLA Piper has advised Tirona Ltd. on the acquisition of a 25 percent stake in the fintech app CashCape.

DLA Piper to advise ITW Global Leaders' Forum on blockchain-based telecoms platform

2 July 2019

DLA Piper has been appointed to advise the ITW (International Telecoms Week) Global Leaders' Forum (GLF) on the launch of a special purpose vehicle that will develop a live, blockchain-based platform.

DLA Piper advises Rolls-Royce on acquisition of Siemens' eAircraft business

21 June 2019

DLA Piper has advised Rolls-Royce plc on the acquisition of Siemens' electric and hybrid-electric aerospace propulsion activities, eAircraft. The acquisition will accelerate the delivery of Rolls-Royce's electrification strategy and boost its ambition to play a major role in the "third era" of aviation. The completion of the transaction is expected in late 2019, following a period of employee consultation.

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.

DLA Piper wins TMT Team of the Year and Litigation Team of the Year at the Middle East Legal Awards 2019

23 APR 2019

DLA Piper has been named TMT and Litigation Team of The Year at the Middle East Legal Awards 2019, underscoring the firm's continued strength in the technology, media and telecommunications sector as well as its leading practice in complex dispute resolutions.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

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DLA Piper hosts leading business and diplomacy conference

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper's London office has hosted the Annual Conference of the International Diplomatic and Business Exchange (IBDE).

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.

DLA Piper joins Governing Council for Hedera Hashgraph

20 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has joined the initial group of Governing Council members for Hedera Hashgraph, a next-generation public ledger designed to have highly diversified governance and the most distributed consensus at scale. The announcement was made at Hedera Hashgraph's first annual summit in Seoul, Korea.

As part of the council, DLA Piper will help oversee changes to the software run by millions of Hedera distributed nodes over time. The governing council has been established to ensure stability and guaranteed continued decentralization to the Hedera Hashgraph distributed public ledger.

DLA Piper bolsters Data Protection practice

4 FEB 2019

DLA Piper in Germany has hired Intellectual Property & Technology of counsel Prof Dr Jürgen Taeger, who joined the firm's Cologne office with effect from 1 February 2019.

Technology sector poised for big data wave in finance and sales departments – DLA Piper European Tech Index

12 DEC 2018

Harnessing big data is becoming standard practice for IT and marketing teams in technology, but DLA Piper's 2018 Tech Index reveals that a revolution may now be underway in finance and sales departments as well. Responses from 350 tech sector senior executives in Europe indicate that compared to 2016, organizations are increasingly identifying new opportunities in these additional departments, indicating a move towards widespread adoption of big data in the tech sector.
