



## Banking and Finance Litigation

In the aftermath of the global financial crisis and the more recent accusations regarding LIBOR and foreign currency exchanges, banks and other financial institutions need now, more than ever, to reduce and manage legal, regulatory, financial and reputational risks.

An important part of the risk management exercise is the investigation, identification and monitoring of contentious and regulatory issues across each international centre of operation, partnering with litigation and regulatory counsel attuned to your needs in relevant jurisdictions.

We are experienced in handling large and complex investigations and claims, both domestic and international, and are regularly instructed by some of the largest financial institutions in relation to their most substantial and sensitive disputes. Our big case experience means that we are accustomed to managing large multi-disciplinary teams across international borders, spanning the life cycle of a dispute from investigation, through contentious regulatory proceedings to litigation or arbitration.

Our experience is deep and diverse and includes representing banks and financial institutions in a full range of financial disputes, before courts and tribunals around the globe. We are equally comfortable litigating before the High Courts of England, Frankfurt, Hong Kong or Singapore, the US District Court for the Southern District of New York or the Moscow Arbitrazh Court. We arbitrate before all the major arbitral institutions and were a founding sponsor of the PRIME Finance arbitration and mediation tribunal, established in the Hague specifically to resolve disputes relating to complex financial transactions.

### CAPABILITES

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#### **Investment banking and structured finance litigation**

We have acted on a number of the most significant cases in the investment banking arena since the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008. These matters are typically high value, both in terms of quantum, and reputational and precedential risk.

#### **Corporate and retail banking**

We have extensive experience handling the full range of corporate and retail banking disputes, and we are able to combine our experience and expertise in all major financial centres with regional strength to coordinate multi-party and class action litigation, including representation of underwriters in US shareholder class actions.

#### **Regulatory enforcement and disputes**

We offer legal knowledge and practical advice on a wide range of issues relating to all the global financial services regulatory bodies, including the US Department of Justice, Federal Reserve Bank, the US Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the US Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Conduct Authority, the Prudential Regulation Authority, various European and European Union regulatory and supervisory bodies, the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, Australian Securities and Investments Commission and many others. The team regularly undertakes internal investigations for

both wholesale and retail firms and assists clients with self-notification issues, responses to supervisory enquiries and investigations by the enforcement divisions of regulatory bodies, and we appear before the various regulatory tribunals, committees and panels when action is taken.

### **Fraud and asset tracing**

We are experienced in the investigation and prosecution of fraud (civil and criminal) and in tracing misappropriated assets across national borders. We are also experienced in assisting financial institutions to respond to freezing and disclosure orders served on them and in defending them against direct allegations of fraud.

## **EXPERIENCE**

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- Acting for Australian noteholders in the landmark Belmont Park case brought in England to establish payment priority under a US\$12.5 billion Lehman synthetic CDO program and coordinating parallel proceedings in the New York Bankruptcy Court and District Court.
- Representing a major international bank in related proceedings in New York and Tanzania courts arising out of the financing of a power plant in Dar-es-Salaam.
- Conducting various regulatory, governance and compliance investigations and reviews for financial institutions.
- Providing global FATCA and privacy advice to leading financial institutions.
- Advising a major UK lender in connection with an investigation of mortgage fraud in a portfolio of in excess of 400 mortgages on 'buy to let' properties.
- Representing two major banks in relation to a US\$2 billion swap dispute in Italy.
- Advising a Russian bank in relation to several arbitrations and in obtaining injunctive relief in connection with a number of credit default swaps.
- Representing a major international bank in related proceedings in London and the UAE in a US\$120 million claim arising out of disputed title to an oil cargo.
- Advising an international banking group in relation to a €140 million claim in respect of a high profile takeover of a financial institution by a banking consortium.
- Acting for a financial services group in relation to payment protection insurance claims, advising on the implementation of a root cause analysis, the British Bankers' Association Review and representing the firm in a related dispute with its insurers regarding its customer redress programme.
- Conducting an investigation for an international bank in relation to forex trading with a major Chinese company and advising on a related HKSF and Commercial Crime Bureau investigations.
- Acting in parallel litigation and arbitration proceedings relating to a large international Ponzi scheme involving entities in Liechtenstein, Cyprus, and St Vincent & the Grenadines, resulting in a multi-million RICO judgment in the US.
- Advising a major international bank in connection with theft, fraud and money laundering involving funds misappropriated in South Africa and wired through Hong Kong and thereafter layered through various banks in a number of jurisdictions.
- Representing the United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as receiver for numerous failed banks throughout the United States in post-insolvency disputes regarding capitalization, ownership of assets and similar matters.

## **ACTUALITÉS**

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### **Publications**

## Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) May 2019

15 MAY 2019

### [INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS SERIES](#)

Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) is our biannual publication designed to report on worldwide development in intellectual property and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

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## Global Insight - Issue 27, December 2018

17 DEC 2018

### [RESTRUCTURING E-NEWSLETTER - GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)

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.

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

3 OCT 2018

### [RESTRUCTURING E-NEWSLETTER - GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)

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

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## Restructuring Global Insight - Canada's steel industry, credit default swaps, schemes, and more

9 MAY 2018

### [RESTRUCTURING E-NEWSLETTER - GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)

Welcome to our 24th edition of Global Insight with another selection of restructuring items from our colleagues around the World.

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## Global Insight - Loans for financial institutions, bipartisan Bankruptcy Reform, and more

7 MAR 2018

### [RESTRUCTURING E-NEWSLETTER - GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)

Welcome to our 23rd edition of Global Insight with another selection of restructuring items from our colleagues around the World.

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## Preparing for a payment card data breach: what should businesses do?

15 NOV 2017

In this article, DLA Piper's lawyers consider that there were an estimated 164 million payment cards in use in the UK in 2016 and how, with almost £4 billion being spent using contactless cards alone in April 2017 and new breach notice requirements coming into force soon, those involved (including card brands and merchants) need to consider how to respond to breaches, and potential alternatives to storing card data in the future. Payment card data is a major target of hackers.

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## Claims management companies face stronger regulation

17 JUL 2017

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## BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY

Tighter regulation of Claims Management Companies is edging closer as the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill makes its way through parliament.

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### **New Pre-Action Protocol for Debt Claims in force from 1 October 2017. Are you ready?**

22 JUN 2017

## BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY

After a lengthy consultation period, the Pre-Action Protocol for Debt Claims has now been finalised and will come into force on 1 October 2017. This protocol will apply to lenders who are seeking payment of a debt from an individual/ sole trader, as a debtor or guarantor. Now is the time to update your systems and procedures to accommodate the new protocol requirements.

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### **Lowick Rose LLP (in liquidation) v Swynson Ltd - claimant unable to recover damages from negligent professional where losses suffered by related third party**

5 JUN 2017

## BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY

Lenders contemplating claims against negligent professionals should think carefully about the impact the refinancing of loans might have on potential recoveries. This recent Supreme Court decision, which prevented both a lender and its ultimate owner from recovering over £15 million in damages from an accountancy firm which had admitted liability in negligence, serves as a cautionary tale.

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## NEWS

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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 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

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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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### **Legal 500 names four DLA Piper lawyers as leading Africa specialists on the Private Practice Powerlist**

11 FEB 2019

The Legal 500 has named four DLA Piper lawyers on its 2019 "Private Practice Powerlist, Africa Specialists".

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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 Africa advises Adenia Partners on acquisition of controlling stake in Kanu Equipment Limited**

23 MAR 2018

Kanu has been driving an expansion strategy across Sub-Saharan Africa in recent years and the business now operates in 13 countries, servicing the agriculture, construction and mining industries.

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## **DLA Piper advises Timor-Leste on historic maritime treaty**

6 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has been advising the Government of Timor-Leste, for more than four years, on its historic maritime treaty with the Australian Government, signed today at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the successful outcome of a compulsory conciliation process.

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## **Four DLA Piper partners recognised in Jeune Afrique's Top 50 Lawyers in Francophone Africa 2017**

20 FEB 2018

DLA Piper is delighted to congratulate Litigation & Regulatory partners Michael Ostrove and Alexander Brabant, Finance & Projects partner Eric Villateau, and Corporate partner Christophe Bachelet, on their inclusion in *Jeune Afrique's* Top 50 Business Lawyers in Francophone Africa 2017 rankings. This year, more DLA Piper lawyers than ever before have been awarded a place on the rankings, with partners scoring individual record rankings for the firm.

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## **Businesses still not fully aware of Data Protection issues**

31 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has released its second Data Privacy Snapshot report, finding that once again, company global privacy programs have gaps in meeting increasingly demanding global privacy principles. Significantly, it appears that many companies are falling short of data protection obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which will start to apply from 25 May 2018.

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## **Stephen Matthews joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in New Jersey**

17 JAN 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Stephen Matthews has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the Short Hills, New Jersey, office.

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