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Kit Burden is a partner in our Technology and Sourcing Group and also co-chair's DLA Piper's Global Technology Sector.

Kit advises clients in the areas of outsourcing and complex technology transactions, advising both users and suppliers of IT, and outsourcing services and in relation to all aspects of the procurement process. His work ordinarily involves him on business critical projects frequently valued in the hundreds of millions of pounds. Major clients he advises include UBS, Ericsson, Royal Bank of Scotland, Lloyds Banking Group, Rolls Royce, HCL Technologies, Amadeus and Liva Nova.

RELATED SERVICES

- Intellectual Property and Technology

RELATED SECTORS

- Technology

EXPERIENCE

KEY EXPERIENCE

- Advising TUI in respect of its global networks and unified comms outsourcing and transformation project, part of a business critical outsourcing arrangement.
- Advising a major financial institution in relation to its circa GBP3 billion cloud transformation and outsourcing agreement, one of the largest such deals seen in the UK financial services sector.
- Advising a major travel aggregator in respect of its replatforming of its core IT functions.
- Advising a global pharma company in respect of its group wide outsourcing of F&A, HR and procurement functions, part of a "first generation" outsourcing initiative for the client.
- Advising various bidding consortia in relation to a number of the UK's largest public sector IT projects, including in relation to the Ministry of Defence, the Home Office, the Department of Health, the Criminal Records Bureau, the Department of Work and Pensions and the Metropolitan Police.
- Advising a world renowned financial institution on its development of a new derivatives and financial instruments trading system.
- Advising HCL Technologies, one of the world's leading IT and outsourcing service providers, and a wide range of both ITO and BPO engagements with customers all around the world.

- Advising UBS AG on a wide range of IT implementation and outsourcing projects.
- Advising one of the world's largest logistics companies in connection with its IT, e-commerce and 4GL logistics outsourcing operations, including a public sector project valued in excess of GBP2bn.
- Advising a major global bank in relation to its digital transformation project.

MAJOR CLIENTS

- UBS
- Dixons Carphone
- TUI
- HCL Technologies
- Major UK financial institutions

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

Kit has been recognized in the Legal 500 Hall of Fame which highlights individuals who have received constant praise by their clients for continued excellence.

Kit is undoubtedly one of the leading lights in the outsourcing market, not just in the UK but globally. He chairs the Society for Computers and Law's Outsourcing Group and is a frequent writer and speaker on outsourcing topics.

Kit was first ranked in Chambers UK's 2004 directory and has been ranked in every edition since, and for many years now has been in Tier 1 for both IT and Outsourcing matters. Chambers describes him as "a brilliant IT lawyer" with "a grand reputation", and as "an outsourcing guru". He has been similarly ranked in Tier 1 by Legal 500.

He has been named as "Technology Lawyer of the Year" in 2018 by Legal Experts.

He is ranked by Chambers UK as a UK-wide Outsourcing "star lawyer" (one of only two such lawyers listed in the "star" category).

Kit has been named in the Global Sourcing Association's "A-List", which recognises a core group of professionals who have helped shape the wider outsourcing industry (one of only a handful of lawyers listed).

Kit was commended for his work in developing our "ASCENDANT" methodology by the FT Innovative Lawyers report.

Kit was also commended by Global Legal Experts as "Technology Lawyer of the Year" and furthermore by the Global Sourcing Association Awards (with the UK team winning Law Firm of the Year for 2017 and again in 2019).

The Global Sourcing Association named Kit as "Legal Advisor of the Year" in 2018, and separately as their "Strategic Advisor of the Year" in 2019.

Memberships

- Member of the Computer Law Group
- Trustee of the Society for Computers & Law
- Chair of SCL's Special Interest Group on Outsourcing

INSIGHTS

Publications

Outsourcing and Third Party Risk Management – the PRA's Supervisory Statements

1 April 2021

After a period of some anticipation, the PRA has this week issued two new Supervisory Statements and associated policy statements, the first on Operational Resilience and the second on Outsourcing.

Outsourcing: A Practical Guide, Second Edition

16 February 2021

We are proud to launch our latest publication, Outsourcing: A Practical Guide, Second Edition. This book is a fully updated edition of the key text on outsourcing, written by our market-leading Global Technology and Sourcing team.

The UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Implications for technology services

11 January 2021

The TCA includes a chapter relating to digital services which provides some key details relevant to both providers and customers of technology-related services.

EU digital reform: Brussels seeks to regulate Big Tech and other digital services

16 December 2020

Europe's legal framework for digital services has been unchanged since the adoption of the e-Commerce Directive¹ in 2000. Subsequent advances in technology, and the accompanying evolution of digital services, have resulted in more and more calls for updated regulations from market participants, governments and regulators.

PRA Consultation Paper on Outsourcing and Third Party Risk Management: CP30/19

10 January 2020

Key points and differences from the EBA Guidelines on Outsourcing

Negotiating Technology Contracts

7 January 2020

This practical, how-to book, prepared by Kit Burden, Mark O'Connor and Duncan Pithouse of our leading Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing team, leverages years of negotiating technology and outsourcing contracts by explaining the perspectives of both sides of the negotiating table, whilst providing a view of the global market and offering compromise suggestions for all parties involved.

No-deal Brexit: Impact on the technology sector

1 September 2019

While a range of outcomes, including [a departure under the terms of the current Withdrawal Agreement](#), remains possible, it is important for businesses to plan for a no-deal Brexit, in which the UK leaves the EU without a withdrawal agreement or other deal. Here we look at the potential impact of a no-deal Brexit on the technology sector

Kit is the author of two leading publications, on *Computer Contracts* (Sweet and Maxwell) and the *Legal Protection of Computer Software* (EMIS, now XPL Publishing).

Kit also writes for various journals on IT and outsourcing including *IT Law Today*, *Computers and Law*, and the *Computer Law and Security Review*, for which he is on the correspondent's panel. Kit also co-authored, "Outsourcing: A Practical Guide", for the *Globe Law and Business* on September 2015.

Events

Previous

Outsourcing: A Practical Guide, Second Edition

24 March 2021
Webinar

Planning for an Uncertain World

16 November 2020
TechLaw Event Series
Webinar

Challenges of Contracting for Enterprise Cloud

2 November 2020
DLA Piper Sourcing and Data Insights Week
Webinar

TechLaw

31 July 2020
TechLaw Event Series
Webinar

DLA Piper European Technology Index 2020

31 July 2020
Webinar

COVID-19: The Age of Viral Outbreaks – Impact on Outsourced Functions and Relationships

30 March 2020

Kit is a frequent speaker at industry and legal conferences.

NEWS

DLA Piper sponsors 2020 UK Technology Fast 50

20 November 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to sponsor the 2020 Deloitte UK Technology Fast 50, for the fourth year running. As one of the UK's foremost technology award programmes and now in its 23rd year, it ranks the country's 50 fastest-growing technology companies, based on revenue growth.

DLA Piper sponsors 2019 UK Technology Fast 50

8 November 2019

DLA Piper is honoured to be sponsoring one of the UK's foremost technology award programmes once again, with the 2019 ranking being announced last night. The Deloitte UK Technology Fast 50 is one of the UK's foremost technology award programmes. Now in its 22nd year, it is a ranking of the country's 50 fastest-growing technology companies, based on revenue growth. In this year's awards Revolut ranked highest, having achieved a staggering growth rate of 48,477% over the last three years – the fourth-highest in the history of the competition.
