

Class Actions

Class actions and collective redress litigation are being filed with increasing frequency across the globe. These proceedings allow plaintiffs' lawyers to file complaints that claim to remedy a supposed wrong on behalf of groups of aggrieved investors, shareholders or consumers. Aggressive plaintiffs' lawyers are attempting to capitalize on the rising availability of these actions in numerous countries and are increasingly prosecuting claims in a coordinated manner across jurisdictions.

These procedures vary across jurisdictions. Some jurisdictions are steeped in long-standing regulations, and others are emerging. To address this great variation, prudent companies seek an experienced team of lawyers on the ground who can help you navigate the issues, in each local jurisdiction as well as across borders and globally. In this high-stakes atmosphere, DLA Piper's Global Class Actions and Collective Redress group can help. Leveraging our global platform, our integrated team works closely together across multiple jurisdictions where class actions and collective redress litigation is existing or expanding, among them the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and many countries in Europe and Asia.

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Data Protection, Privacy and Security
- Cybersecurity



CAPABILITES

Areas of focus for our team include:

- Antitrust
- Automotive
- Banking and financial services
- Consumer
- Employment
- Insurance
- Privacy
- Securities
- Technology
- Telecommunications

EXPERIENCE



Canada

- BDO USA LLP in a proposed class action commenced in Ontario alleging violations of securities laws with respect to purchases and sales of shares of a publicly traded international company in the secondary market. The plaintiffs agreed to dismiss this class action against BDO
- Sino-Forest Corporation in a secondary market class action brought by shareholders in relation to allegations against senior officers of fraud in the company's business

activities in China

- Bristol-Myers Squibb in a proposed class action that the Province of British Columbia filed in August 2018 in the provincial Supreme Court against 40 defendants– international pharmaceutical companies, distributors and retailers who are alleged to have manufactured, distributed, marketed, promoted or sold opioids in British Columbia. The province is seeking to recover all healthcare, pharmaceutical and treatment costs in Canada related to opioids during the period from 1996 to the present and is seeking disgorgement of all of the defendants' gains resulting from the alleged wrongful conduct
- Pfizer in a proposed proton-pump inhibitor class action filed in Ontario; we are acting for Pfizer on the PPI matters in the US
- Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb in a proposed class action commenced in Manitoba which asserts a variety of common law claims and statutory breaches (including breach of the Competition Act) with respect to Eliquis, an anti-coagulant drug approved for use in Canada. We are acting in parallel litigation brought in the US
- Air Canada, Lufthansa and Delta Airlines, Inc. in three separate class actions commenced in British Columbia with respect to international fuel surcharges levied on international air travel tickets over a 10-year period. The certification application before the Supreme Court of British Columbia was dismissed and the Court of Appeal upheld that decision
- Porsche AG in class actions commenced in Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia involving consumer claims relating to diesel engine emissions. These actions were settled in 2018
- Nongshim Co. Ltd. in class actions commenced in both Ontario and British Columbia alleging criminal conspiracy/price fixing with respect to Korean noodles
- Air Canada in a proposed class action commenced in Saskatchewan in which alleging a conspiracy with respect to first bag fees for domestic flights
- Intellipharma International Inc. in a proposed secondary market class action in Ontario brought by shareholders regarding alleged misrepresentations in public statements. This action is ongoing
- An international computer and electronic device manufacturer in a proposed class action brought in British Columbia related to breach of privacy allegations involving Facebook
- Timminco Secondary in a market class action brought by shareholders in relation to alleged misrepresentations in Timminco's financial statements. The case was effectively dismissed on limitation periods, with the Court of Appeal decision becoming the leading case on the issue

United Kingdom

- Groups of institutional investors in relation to claims and other contentious issues arising from the collapse of Abraaj Private Equity
- Unilever in successfully resisting the imposition of liability for mass claims arising out of an attack by armed invaders on the plantation operated by an indirect subsidiary in Kenya
- Miller Argent (an open cast mining company) in successfully resisting an application for a group litigation order made on behalf of 500 residents of Merthyr Tydfil who sought to bring claims of private nuisance in relation to a land reclamation site
- A global bank in resisting an attempt to join it into a group litigation order involving claims for breach of contract and misrepresentation arising from allegedly faulty silicone breast implant surgeries. Our work includes advising the bank on, and managing, a bespoke settlement process
- A global bank, defending discrimination claims brought under the Equality Act 2010 (UK) by Iranian and Pakistani nationals in relation to the termination of banking facilities
- A global bank, defending mass claims alleging the unenforceability of credit agreements
- A UK card acceptance service provider on a data compromise involving an American retail chain, which affected over 50 million cards. Our work focussed on potential tortious and contractual liability, including monitoring US class actions, reputational issues and advising on fraud liability
- Financial institutions in relation to mass mis-selling claims involving allegations of unfair relationship and/or fraudulent misrepresentation
- Multiple financial institutions and global companies, defending mass claims brought under the EU General Data Protection Regulation for data breaches

United States

Antitrust

- Won a significant victory for **one of the world's top public restaurant brands** in a putative nationwide class action asserting that the client violated the antitrust laws and suppressed employees' wages by inserting "no-poach" provisions into its franchise agreements. The Court granted our motion to compel arbitration and dismissed the matter, and the Sixth Circuit affirmed the dismissal in June 2020.
- Won dismissal with prejudice for a **global food company** in an antitrust claim brought by a putative class of consumer plaintiffs in an ongoing MDL in the US District Court for the District of Columbia.
- Represent **insurance company** in a putative class action alleging the client and other major global insurers conspired with bail bond agents, with industry trade groups, and with named and unnamed executives in the insurance sector to fix and artificially inflate the price and rate of bail bonds in California over a 30 year period.

Automotive

- Won two motions to dismiss for **major global automobile manufacturer** in a nationwide putative class action involving certain allegedly defective vehicles in the US District Court for the Southern District of Florida.
- Won motion to dismiss for **major automobile manufacturer** involving an alleged exhaust defect in the police interceptor version of the client's vehicles, which allegedly permitted exhaust gases to enter the passenger compartment, resulting in alleged injuries to the operators of the vehicles.
- Represent **Korea-based automotive parts company** and its US-based affiliate in multiple nationwide putative class actions coordinated into an MDL proceeding in the US District Court for the Central District of California arising from allegedly-defective airbag control units.
- Represented **major global automobile manufacturer** against a putative class action alleging that certain brand vehicles were sold with wireless key fobs that were defective because they were susceptible to being "hacked" by third-party criminal actors.

COVID-19

- Won a motion to dismiss for **the largest German airline** in two nationwide putative class actions filed in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, alleging the airline breached the parties' contracts by either not providing refunds or not providing refunds quickly enough. The plaintiffs filed amended complaints and the motions to dismiss those claims are pending.

- Represent **global airline** in a putative nationwide class action filed in the Southern District of New York alleging breach of contract arising from flight cancellations caused by COVID-19 and associated governmental regulations.
- Represent **global airline** in a putative nationwide class action filed in the Northern District of Illinois alleging breach of contract arising from flight cancellations caused by COVID-19 and associated governmental regulations.
- Defending a **theme park and other attractions**, including their vacation package affiliates, in two nationwide class actions seeking refunds of tickets and vacation packages due to COVID-19 government shutdowns and restrictions.
- Represent **insurance company** in a series of threatened or filed putative class action lawsuits arising from claims of wrongful denial of business interruption coverage based on alleged losses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Represent **higher education institution** in the defense of four putative nationwide class actions filed in the SDNY seeking a return of tuition for the period after Covid-19 and applicable governmental regulations forced university to transition to remote learning. These cases assert claims for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and conversion. Client intends to move to dismiss.

Consumer Goods (includes Food and Beverage and Retail)

- Won dismissal of a putative nationwide class actions filed against a **CBD company** in the Southern District of Florida. The plaintiffs alleged violations of New York and Florida consumer protection statutes, breach of express warranty, unjust enrichment, and fraud related to allegations of improper labeling of CBD levels. We are now defending a new case in the Central District of California alleging similar claims, including violations of the California and Florida consumer protection statutes.
- Won a motion to dismiss for **internationally known brand and supplier of almond products** in a putative consumer class action in the Eastern District of New York, which alleged that it deceptively marketed one of its products based on misimpression of the packaging.
- Won successive motions to dismiss a putative class action against **global multi-brand, multi-channel, specialty retailer. and its affiliates** in a lawsuit brought under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA) in the District of New Jersey and a copycat lawsuit filed in state court in Illinois. The plaintiff alleged the client violated FACTA by printing the first six digits and last four digits of his card number and sought statutory damages of \$100 to \$1,000 per violation; the Third Circuit affirmed the dismissal of the claims for lack of *Spokeo* standing.
- Represented **US-based chain of fast casual restaurants** against plaintiffs claiming that restaurant misled them by marketing its products as “non-GMO” and “GMO-free,” because the products allegedly contained protein products from animals raised on GMO feed and dairy products from those animals. The class sought over \$30 million in actual damages plus statutory damages in the billions. DLA moved to decertify the class and with that motion pending settled the action on a class wide basis for \$6 million.
- Represent **leading national fitness gym operator and franchisor**, in a series of putative class actions filed under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). In large part due to its aggressive early motions practice, DLA Piper was able to secure relatively small individual settlements in three of the four putative class actions.
- Defending a **leading retailer** in a putative class action involving an alleged violation of California consumer protection statutes arising from the retailer’s holiday layaway policy.
- Represented a **leading retailer** in two consumer class actions relating to alleged violations of California consumer protection statutes arising from restrictions on purchases of gift cards and manufactured spend schemes.

Data Privacy and Data Security

- Won a motion to dismiss for a **global airline** of a putative class action in the Eastern District of New York arising from a data breach. The plaintiffs alleged claims of negligence, New York’s consumer protection statute, and breach of contract, all of which the Court dismissed.
- Obtained favorable resolution for a **global airline** in the defense of a putative class action complaint in state court in California on behalf of all California residents who called its customer service line while in California. The complaint asserted one cause of action for violation of California’s Invasion of Privacy Act, and in particular California penal code section 632.7, unlawful recording or monitoring of calls. We convinced the plaintiff’s counsel to dismiss the complaint without the necessity of an motion to dismiss.
- Won summary judgment for a **data and analytics solutions company** in a putative class action alleging violations of federal privacy legislation, the Driver’s Privacy Protection Act (“DPPA”). The DPPA provides for statutory damages of \$2,500 per violation, so damages could have reached into the billions had the plaintiffs been able to prove that the DPPA applied and that there was a violation.
- Representations of one of the **three national credit bureaus** defending against various putative class actions for claims arising from targeted marketing activities for violation of federal statutes, consumer protection statutes and state privacy common law and in MDL proceedings and separately, in an action for damages in excess of US\$150 million for alleged corporate fraud and breach of contract.
- Representations of leading **on-line reputation platform company** defending against numerous putative class actions across the country for claims arising from the alleged gathering of public information and development of reputation profile for more than 300 million individuals alleged to be in violation of FCRA, right to publicity statute, defamation and common law privacy claims.
- Represented an **US-based multinational package delivery and supply chain management company** in matter alleging improper recording of telephone calls. The case resolved on favorable terms.

Employment/ERISA

- Won two ERISA class actions for an **educational institution** in the Southern District of New York. We won the first case at trial and the second on a motion to dismiss.
- Represent **payroll management services company and subsidiary** in two ERISA putative class actions pending in the District of New Jersey.
- Represent **US-based multinational diversified hospitality company** in two putative class actions; one in the District of Maryland and another in the Middle District of Florida. Notably, class certification was defeated in the first case, a very rare victory in ERISA litigation.
- Represent **telecommunications company** in an ERISA class action currently pending in the Southern District of New York and in a putative class action in the Northern District of Illinois that was at motion to dismiss.

Employment/PAGA

- Represent **national chain restaurant company** against a putative class action alleging failure to provide meal and rest breaks, failure to reimburse business expenses, unpaid overtime, and related penalties. A subsequent plaintiff filed a PAGA action alleging the same claims. We consolidated the cases, defeated the plaintiffs’ motion for class certification (affirmed on appeal), and negotiated an advantageous settlement of the remaining claims.
- Represent **food and beverage company** against a putative class action and PAGA complaint alleging unpaid overtime, meal and rest period violations, and other claims.

- Represent **national manufacturing client** against a putative class and PAGA action for failure to provide meal periods and failure to provide rest breaks. We successfully limited discovery and achieved an advantageous settlement following mediation.

Employment/Wage and Hour

- Won a wage and hour class action after a five-week jury trial resulting in a hung jury and then through a subsequent bench trial.
- Won dismissal of a putative wage and hour class action involving a nationwide class consisting of thousands of employees.
- Defense of a **New York-based fast-food franchisee** in connection with a putative class and collective action brought by former employees alleging various wage and hour law violations under the Fair Labor Standards Act and New York Labor Law, including failure to make overtime payments, tip-pooling violations and purported pay docking of store managers and assistant managers for working less than a set number of hours per week.
- Filed proactive motion to preclude class certification resulting in dismissal of all class action and collective action allegations under state and federal law.
- Represented the **retail arm of a global energy company** in two large wage and hour class actions filed in Los Angeles (16,000 and 5,000 employees, respectively).

Financial Services

- Won victory for a **residential mortgage lender** in a nationwide putative class action in federal court in Seattle involving allegations of violations of the TCPA that sought alleged damages of \$40 billion.
- Representation of **major debt collection company** in multi-district litigation pending in the United States District Court, Southern District of California, against TCPA claims.
- Represented a **US-based information brokerage firm** in a class action alleging violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act arising from allegations regarding the gathering of information regarding consumers.
- Represented a **financial services broker** in MDL class action involving antitrust, RICO, and state tort claims arising from alleged fraudulent disclosure practices. Obtained a favorable settlement after three successful motions to dismiss and a Third Circuit appellate decision in our client's favor.

Hospitality and Travel

- Won motion to dismiss for **North America hospitality company** without leave to amend. In the action, plaintiff alleged, on behalf of himself and a putative nationwide class, that the company violated the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act ("FACTA") by printing the first six digits of credit card numbers on receipts, purportedly putting plaintiff at risk of identity theft.
- Won a motion to dismiss for a **global airline** of a putative class action in the Eastern District of New York arising from a data breach. The plaintiffs alleged claims of negligence, New York's consumer protection statute, and breach of contract, all of which the Court dismissed.
- Represent **one of the largest hotel franchisors in the world** in a putative class action filed on behalf of purchasers of timeshare interests. Plaintiffs initially filed suit in the Northern District of Illinois, alleging breach of contract, fraud, and statutory consumer protection claims on behalf of a nationwide class of timeshare purchasers in connection with purported misrepresentations made to them during sales presentations.
- Won a motion to dismiss for **the largest German airline** in two nationwide putative class actions filed in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, alleging the airline breached the parties' contracts by either not providing refunds or not providing refunds quickly enough. The plaintiffs filed amended complaints and the motions to dismiss those claims are pending.
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- Represent **global airline** in a putative nationwide class action filed in the Northern District of Illinois alleging breach of contract arising from flight cancellations caused by COVID-19 and associated governmental regulations.
- Represent **global leader in vacation properties** in a putative class action alleging misleading and deceptive rebate program could be used at any brand property. The matter settled on a class-wide basis.
- Defending a **theme park and other attractions**, including their vacation package affiliates, in two nationwide class actions seeking refunds of tickets and vacation packages due to COVID-19 government shutdowns and restrictions.

Insurance

- Won reversal for **prominent personal lines insurance company** from the Seventh Circuit of a class certification order in a putative class action asserting claims of securities fraud. The appellate court agreed with our argument that the district court failed to properly apply the Supreme Court decision in *Halliburton II* and erred in failing to consider defendants' evidence that the alleged misrepresentations that are the basis for plaintiffs' claims of fraud had no price impact.
- Serve as national counsel for **US-based insurance company** in connection with series of putative class action claims involving client's rating practices for auto insurance.
- Represent **insurance company** in a series of threatened or filed putative class action lawsuits arising from claims of wrongful denial of business interruption coverage based on alleged losses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Obtained dismissal of a lawsuit for **world's leading insurance market provider** in which the plaintiff sought insurance coverage under an excess directors and officers insurance policy issued by client. The court held that the terms of the plaintiffs' settlement did not prove that the full \$10 million in underlying insurance coverage had been exhausted by payment as required by the terms of the client's excess policy.
- In a long-running securities class action filed in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York against **life insurance company, Inc., its directors and officers**, and certain underwriters for client's common stock offerings in 2010 and 2011, the parties entered into a definitive settlement agreement in June 2020. Our clients, the underwriter defendants, will make no contribution to the settlement.

Life Sciences

- Represented **two major pharmaceutical companies** as national counsel in multi-district litigation involving their blockbuster anticoagulant Eliquis – more than 140 lawsuits filed on behalf of more than 200 plaintiffs. We obtained a dismissal from the Southern District of New York of the lead case in the MDL in its entirety.
- Represented **pharmaceutical company** in putative class action alleging securities law violations. The class action is broad and raises issues of securities fraud and common law fraud in connection with clinical trials involving a serious breakthrough in the treatment of breast and lung cancers.
- Represent **French multinational pharmaceutical company** in multiple nationwide class action cases filed by consumers and Third Party Payors, alleging that a major heartburn medication contains and/or is contaminated with a possible carcinogen. The cases are consolidated in an MDL proceeding based in federal court in the Southern

District of Florida.

Product Liability

- Won dismissal for **US-based industrial company** in a mass action filed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by 247 plaintiffs seeking damages in the aftermath of the largest tragedy in the U.K. since World War II: The Grenfell Tower fire in London in 2017. After the defendants removed the case to federal court, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania granted their motion to dismiss for forum non-conveniens.
- Represent **the consumer products subsidiary of major global pharmaceutical company** in a class action matter alleging false advertising and product defects relating to a topical pain reliever product.
- Represent a **global manufacturer of orthopedic medical devices** in a nationwide class action matter alleging false advertising and product defects relating to several "walking boot" products manufactured and marketed by company.

Securities

- Won dismissal of a putative securities class action complaint for **biotechnology company**. The court agreed with our argument that all of the challenged statements, which concerned the total addressable market for client's products, were forward-looking and therefore were subject to the statutory safe harbor provided in the PSLRA.
- Won dismissal of a securities class action complaint for **US-based food company**. The court rejected plaintiffs' allegations of securities fraud based on alleged "channel stuffing."
- Won dismissal of all claims asserted in a putative securities class action against **insurance company and its senior officers** finding that plaintiffs had failed to allege either any materially false or misleading statement regarding the company's insurance reserves or that any of the defendants acted with scienter.
- Represent **toy manufacturer, its board of directors and its CEO** in seven putative securities class actions all of which allege false statements and omissions in connection with company's initial public offering.

Technology and Telecommunications

- Won dismissal with prejudice in 11 consolidated nationwide putative class actions alleging that a **consumer electronics manufacturer** improperly and unlawfully accessed and damaged gaming consoles through a software update intended to disengage a feature allowing users to run Unix and other platforms on a non-native operating system. The Court concluded that our client had not engaged in an unauthorized intrusion of the class members' computers and thus had no liability under the federal Consumer Fraud and Abuse Act ("CFAA") and California consumer protection statutes, or for California common law fraud, trespass or unjust enrichment.
- Defending **China-based television manufacturer**, against a multi-state false advertising consumer class action concerning the "refresh rate" specifications for LED/LCD televisions.
- Represent a **people finder website** in the defense of multiple putative class actions in state and federal courts across the country asserting claims based on defamation, misappropriation of likeness, and/or invasion of privacy under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Illinois Right of Publicity Act, the NJ Truth in Consumer Contract, Warranty and Notice Act, and various common-law theories. The plaintiffs generally allege that the people profiles on MyLife's website are inaccurate and disclose private information about the plaintiffs without the plaintiffs' consent.
- Represented a **national e-commerce marketplace and several of its merchant partners** in a series of nationwide class action lawsuits filed on behalf of over 14 million customers, alleging violations of federal and state consumer and gift card laws. The actions were consolidated into a multidistrict litigation proceeding in federal court in the Southern District of California. Following initial discovery and motion practice, the parties entered into a hard-fought yearlong mediation process, culminating in an agreement to resolve the litigation in its entirety.
- Representations of **Fortune 10 technology company** defending against various putative class actions asserting claims for geolocation tracking, voice-activated assistants, facial geometry scans or alleged collection and possession of biometric information in violation of Biometric Information Privacy Act.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Fatal air pollution: A subject for group actions in the UK?

21 January 2021

It has long been recognised that air pollution, in the form of particulates, and sulphur and nitrogen oxides, has an extremely detrimental effect on health – particularly in heavily populated urban areas with high traffic densities.

US: Four significant developments in arbitration case law

26 October 2020

US-style discovery; compelling arbitration on the basis of equitable estoppel; class-wide arbitration when the arbitration agreement is ambiguous; ongoing use of the US DDCC for ICSID award enforcement.

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.

Global Class Actions Briefing: Major developments in European consumer protection laws: Product safety and consumer class actions in Europe

15 July 2020

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".

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.

New era for privacy and data breach Class Actions in the UK

12 May 2020

The recent decision in the *Morrison* case and the judgment in *Lloyd v Google* have significant implications for the growth of privacy and data protection Class Actions in the UK. If this type of Class Action can progress, the risks for organisations who commit a data breach will be unprecedented.

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.

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.

How product liability Class Actions are growing in the UK

18 December 2019

Product liability Class Actions in the UK... In the fourth in a series of films, our Class Actions Group discuss how Class Actions are developing in the product liability space in the UK.

Disputes, Issue 1

October 2019

[DISPUTES](#)

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.

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").

Our UK Class Actions film series

17 July 2019

In the UK, the growing prevalence of Class Actions and the circumstances in which businesses are threatened with them, including changing rules on litigation funding and more flexible procedures, means that Class Actions are becoming a major risk for our clients.

Top franchise developments of 2018

11 APR 2019

DLA Piper IPT attorneys Barry Heller, John Hughes and Karen Marchiano recently conducted a webinar reviewing 2018's top franchise developments. Two stand out from the rest.

Supreme Court rules Vedanta case on parent company liability for actions of overseas subsidiary can proceed to trial

11 APR 2019

The Supreme Court handed down on 10 April 2019 its much anticipated judgment in *Vedanta Resources PLC and another (Defendants/Appellants) v Lungowe and others (Claimants/Respondents)* [2019] UKSC 20 ("**Vedanta**"). The Supreme Court upheld the decisions of the Technology and Construction Court and the Court of Appeal that:

Data breaches and group litigation: Still the perfect storm?

2 APR 2019

INSURANCE HORIZONS

Many organisations feared the worst after the introduction of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May 2018. The levels of fines that can imposed by regulators have been significantly increased; it is easier for individuals and consumer groups to bring claims regarding a data breach; and individuals can now claim non-pecuniary damages, including for distress arising from the loss of personal data.

Top of Mind: Litigation

20 MAR 2019

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

Events

Previous

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

Class action landscape in a post-COVID world

19 May 2020 | 12:30 - 1:30 ET
Webinar

Financial Services Class Actions 360°: What is on the horizon in 2019?

8 MAY 2019
London

NEWS

DLA Piper wins TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year

8 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that they have received the TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year for their representation of T-Mobile and Deutsche Telekom in the T-Mobile-Sprint merger.

'Industry standard' for use of arbitration platforms moves a step closer as pan-firm collaboration receives support

30 November 2020

Plans to standardise the approach to online case management in international arbitration are a step closer to reality, after a draft protocol received positive feedback from an industry-wide consultation.

Three partners recognised in Jeune Afrique's Top 100 lawyers in Francophone Africa

30 July 2020

DLA Piper is delighted to announce that Litigation & Regulatory partners Michael Ostrove and Alexander Brabant and Finance, Projects and Restructuring partner Eric Villateau, have again been nominated in Jeune Afrique's top 100 lawyers in Francophone Africa 2020.

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 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 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.

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.

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 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.

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".
