



## Class Actions

Today, businesses understand that they face the risk of disputes that are global and multi-faceted. These are rarely confined to one jurisdiction, or one type of exposure: the worst problems permeate multiple jurisdictions. Multinational businesses regularly encounter litigation risks that – with the advent of a class action regime in the UK and the recently announced Collective Redress Directive in the EU, the growth in litigation funding, and the COVID-19 pandemic – are steadily rising. Plaintiffs' lawyers are filing more global class actions or overlapping cases in multiple jurisdictions, and this wave of lawsuits will continue. As a result, prudent businesses are preparing for the likelihood of litigation. DLA Piper is positioned globally to help prevent or solve these problems.

### How we can help

As the risk of global class actions grows, businesses are acting now to mitigate their litigation, reputational, and headline risk. DLA Piper's Global Class Action group can help you anticipate and protect against these threats. To better serve our clients, we are monitoring filings, analyzing trends, anticipating future trends, and leveraging our experience across geographies and sectors to help you plan for potential scenarios.

### Our deep bench of seasoned class action litigators can help you combat risk in the US and around the world.

Class action and collective redress procedures vary across jurisdictions. Some jurisdictions are steeped in long-standing regulations, and in others, such regulatory regimes are just emerging. Coordination by plaintiffs' counsel to exploit geographic advantages where there are, for example, more lax privilege rules, faster disclosure obligations or less scope to judicially challenge class certification and the like, exacerbates the risks.

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. They understand that addressing such global-level threats requires a truly coordinated cross-jurisdiction defense strategy. Leveraging our global platform, the more than 200 class action and collective redress litigators in our integrated team work closely together across multiple jurisdictions where class actions and collective redress litigation is existing or expanding – such as the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and many countries in Europe and Asia Pacific. We can quickly assemble the right team for you, coordinate a cohesive defense strategy, and then work together to execute on it.

### Comprehensive experience in the substantive claims.

We anticipate that global class actions may involve claims regarding competition, privacy, product liability, consumer actions, and ESG-related issues. We have significant experience defending clients in putative class action litigation asserting a myriad of claims, which allows us to provide comprehensive guidance and proactive advice. Should litigation arise, we can quickly deploy advisors with the most relevant experience in the right jurisdictions to craft an efficient and effective defense tailored specifically to your unique business needs.

### Experience in virtually every sector means we understand your business.

Any sector can be the target of a global class action. With regard to lawsuits relating to COVID-19, the plaintiffs' bar has focused on several sectors in bringing COVID-19 related class action lawsuits. Although no sector is immune, to date travel, transportation, insurance, educational institutions, fitness, financial services, technology, manufacturing, and retail companies, among others, are all targets. Our in-depth focus and our deep experience fosters a profound understanding of our client's business environments and can help you combat the specific litigation challenges impacting your sector.

### Insights and analysis help you manage or cabin litigation risk.

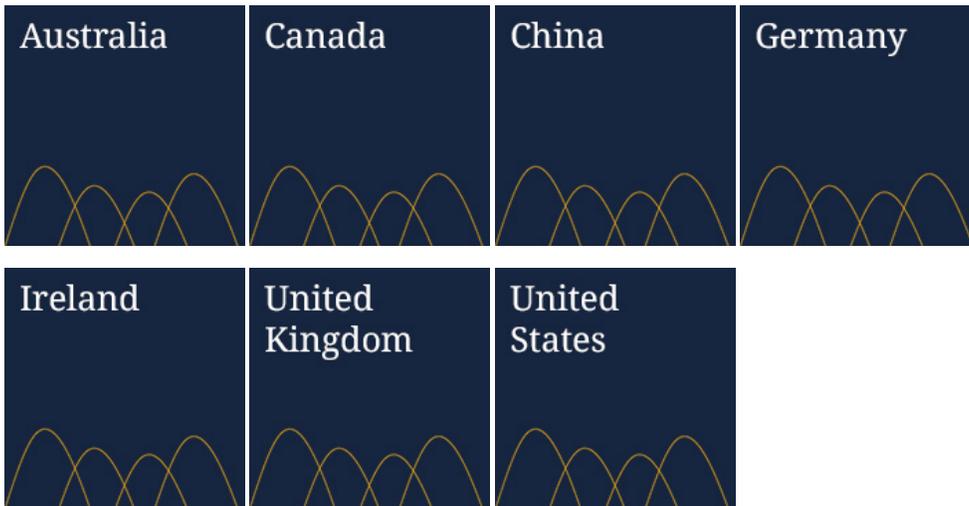
Because of our extensive experience, we can identify and assess trends and gain insight into the strategies of plaintiffs' counsel. We then work with our clients to understand their risk profile in light of emerging claims and suggest ways to mitigate or cabin their risk.

#### SERVIÇOS RELACIONADOS

- Contencioso, Arbitragem e Investigações
- Protecção de dados, privacidade e segurança
- Cybersecurity
- Concorrência e Antitrust
- Transportation Regulatory
- Trabalho
- Corporate and Securities Litigation
- Telecom

#### SETORES RELACIONADOS

- Serviços Financeiros
- Retailho
- Seguros
- Tecnologia



## CAPABILITES

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Areas of focus for our team include:

- Antitrust and Industrials
- Automotive
- COVID-19
- Consumer Goods (Food and Beverage and Retail)
- Data Privacy and Data Security
- Energy
- Employment
- Financial Services
- Government
- Hospitality and Travel
- Insurance
- Life Sciences
- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Product Liability
- Securities
- Technology and Telecommunications

## EXPERIENCE

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### 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 attached 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

- Defeated class certification for Porsche Cars North America, Inc. in a case arising from alleged defects in certain Porsche 911 vehicles under the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act and Unfair Competition laws. The court denied class certification on predominance grounds because: (1) the plaintiff failed to prove the alleged defect on a class-wide basis; (2) even if the defect was pervasive, due to warranty replacements and multiple sales of the same vehicles, some putative class members necessarily bought cars with "non-defective" replacement cables, thus individual analysis was necessarily required; (3) reliance could not be presumed on a class-wide basis; and (4) exposure to and reliance upon PCNA's supposed omission required individual inquiry.
- Won dismissal for J. Crew Group, Inc. of a putative class action under federal privacy litigation, the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act ("FACTA"). The plaintiff alleged J. Crew violated FACTA by printing the first six digits and last four digits of his credit card number and sought statutory damages of \$100 to \$1,000 per violation. The plaintiff did not allege that he suffered any actual damages. The court granted J. Crew's motion to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to *Spokeo v. Robins*, holding the plaintiff had not suffered a "concrete" injury. This was the first district court decision within the Third Circuit to address standing under FACTA post-*Spokeo* and the first to make it to the Third Circuit for review, where it is pending.
- Won summary judgment for a technology company in a putative class action alleging violations of federal privacy litigation, the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act ("DPPA"). The DPPA provides for statutory damages of \$2,500 per violation, so if the plaintiffs had been able to show that the DPPA applied, and that there was a violation, damages could have reached into the billions. Initially, we bifurcated discovery so that the court resolved the named plaintiffs' claims before any class discovery. After limited discovery, the court agreed the named plaintiffs' driver's licenses were not protected by the DPPA and dismissed the case in its entirety.
- Won dismissal of two putative class actions against Quik Park and Icon Parking that alleged certain parking fees were actionable under New York's deceptive practices act and a theory of unjust enrichment. After we filed our motion to dismiss, the plaintiffs agreed to dismiss their claims with prejudice for the payment of a nominal amount.
- Won dismissal for The WhiteWave Foods Company, maker of Silk dairy-substitute beverages, in a putative class action alleging use of the term "almond milk" was deceptive; and that products using that term should have nutritional qualities equivalent to dairy milk or else the product must be called "imitation milk." The court dismissed the action on federal preemption grounds.
- Won dismissal for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company of a putative class action before even responding to the complaint by demonstrating, through declarations and negotiations with plaintiff's counsel, that there was no certifiable class. The complaint alleged a national class of purchasers of whole life insurance policies with waiver of premium riders that were not refunded premium payments under the waiver when they became disabled. The plaintiff initially sought refunds of thousands of dollars in premium payments for each putative class member, but eventually conceded that there was no circumstance in which he could certify a class.
- Won a victory for Pool Corporation, the largest US distributor of swimming pool construction and maintenance products, in an antitrust class action. In January 2016, we won summary judgment on a claim of horizontal conspiracy under the Sherman Act; in April 2016, we won summary judgment on three claims of vertical conspiracy; in October 2016, the direct purchaser plaintiffs dismissed their appeal voluntarily without any money changing hands after the court granted our motion for summary judgment on the remaining federal and state law claims.
- Won dismissal of a putative shareholder class action brought against Ray Berry and Brett Berry, the founder and chairman of the board and the former CEO of The Fresh Market. After a tender offer of \$1.4 billion for the company, a stockholder challenged the transaction, claiming the directors had breached their fiduciary duties and that Brett Berry had aided and abetted the breach. We moved to dismiss on the ground that the decision by a majority of the stockholders to tender their shares was not coerced and had been fully informed. The matter is now on appeal.
- Defeated certification for Hilton of a putative class action seeking damages ranging from \$18 billion to \$54 billion on allegations it had violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act by using an automated telephone dialing system to call customers' cell phones. The lawsuit sought statutory damages ranging from \$18 to \$54 billion. We defeated class certification, the plaintiffs appealed, and the Ninth Circuit heard oral argument and dismissed Plaintiffs' appeal in July 2017.
- Obtained a favorable settlement for Groupon, Inc. in 15 putative nationwide class action lawsuits and two state actions coordinated into an MDL. The plaintiffs alleged inclusion of an expiration date on Groupon's "daily deal" vouchers violated national and state laws prohibiting the expiration of gift cards. At the time, the applicability of gift card laws to Groupon's innovative Internet-based business model was not clear, and the challenged "daily deals" made up the majority of Groupon's rapidly growing business. Groupon

settled the matter for \$8.5 million. The Ninth Circuit overturned an initial settlement, and the district court approved an amended settlement in 2016. Implementation of the settlement took place during 2016 and 2017.

- Obtained a favorable settlement for a boutique fitness company in a putative class action alleging the company's sale of classes violated federal and California gift certificate laws, the CLRA and UCL. In response to our first motion to dismiss, the plaintiff dropped claims under the laws of Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Florida, Illinois and Maryland. In response to our second motion to dismiss, the court dismissed the CLRA claim. After discovery, the parties briefed class certification, which was pending when the parties went to mediation. In October 2017, the court granted final approval of a settlement in which the company agreed to provide replacement classes and a cash option capped at \$50 each and \$500,000 overall.
- Obtained a settlement and dismissals for The WhiteWave Foods Company in MDL class actions alleging Horizon Organic Milk fortified with DHA Omega-3 fatty acids did not "Support Brain Health," as advertised, and seeking damages in the hundreds of millions. We excluded plaintiffs' sole expert on the merits, then negotiated a novel settlement that included a nominal monetary payment but preserved the client's ability to continue making its "brain health" label claims and included protocols for a third-party monitoring process. In August 2017, a new putative class action was filed challenging the same label claims for Horizon milk; we won dismissal of that action.
- Settled thousands of putative class actions against Omni Hotels under California's Invasion of Privacy Act ("CIPA"). As the CIPA provides \$5,000 in statutory damages per alleged violation, the exposure was approximately \$65 million. The court approved a settlement which entailed no payment of attorneys' fees and class relief of less than \$10,000 in gift cards.

## INSIGHTS

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### Publicações

#### Preliminary injunction granted in Cal Chamber lawsuit concerning acrylamide Prop 65 warning

1 April 2021

California's Eastern District federal court found that Prop 65's acrylamide warning requirement was likely unconstitutional and preliminarily enjoined new lawsuits alleging failure to warn for acrylamide exposure in food and beverages.

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#### Food and Beverage News and Trends

26 March 2021

##### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Consumer groups ask FDA to act against hard seltzers; Berkeley passes healthy checkout-aisle ordinance; plus: wear a mask, get a sandwich.

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#### Court dismisses class action against cryptocurrency exchange: A review of the holding in *Holsworth v. BProtocol Foundation*

22 March 2021

The court issued a terse three-page opinion dismissing the case on multiple grounds.

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#### Food and Beverage News and Trends

12 March 2021

##### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Biden restaurant grants called a lifeline for the industry; plus sugary cereal, cell-cultured seafood and sesame in the news.

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#### California Prop 65: OEHHA proposes changing popular short-form warning

3 February 2021

Businesses selling products in California that utilize short-form Proposition 65 warnings may have to be re-label yet again or risk enforcement actions.

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#### Food and Beverage News and Trends

1 March 2021

##### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Winter storm devastates Texas agriculture.

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#### Defensible deletion: The proof is in the planning

5 February 2021

A framework for making defensible deletion an attainable goal.

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## **UK FCA test case on business interruption insurance: Supreme Court decision preview**

14 January 2021

The UK Supreme Court will, on Friday 15 January, hand down its decision in the non-damage business interruption insurance test case.

The test litigation is the first of its kind in the UK, and the ruling will affect around 60 insurers and 370,000 policyholders. It will clearly be significant for policies covering non-damage business interruption, but it's also possible the decision will have wider implications, as the appeal submissions addressed some key insurance issues, particularly relating to causation.

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## **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.

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## **Rule 26(g) certification means more than guide and advise: Key takeaways**

12 August 2020

Sanctions were imposed on an attorney for failing to properly oversee the client's discovery process.

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## **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.

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## **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".

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## **Supreme Court will tackle issue of who determines arbitrability when a dispute involves arbitration carveouts**

18 June 2020

This issue is currently dividing courts of appeals and state high courts.

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## **The rise and rise of shareholders' Class Actions in the UK**

18 June 2020

In the UK there has been a steady rise in shareholders' Class Actions including several Class Actions launched by unhappy shareholders against the companies they invest in.

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## **"Now you see it, now you don't": Ephemeral messaging may lead to sanctions**

8 June 2020

A recent decision highlights one key risk of ephemeral messaging.

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## **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.

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

12 May 2020

The recent decision in the *Morrison's* 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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **The litigation environment in the vape industry**

17 April 2020

The industry should anticipate more lawsuits and investigations from attorneys general and local municipalities.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **New California laws make potentially costly changes to Civil Discovery Act**

17 December 2019

The changes are sure to affect all California litigants and civil litigators starting in 2020.

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## **Announcing DLA Piper's MDL Benchmark Database**

9 December 2019

Comprehensive and systematic analyses of MDL procedures and practices.

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## **What starts the avalanche? Earlier triggers for life sciences mass torts in the era of big data and social media**

9 December 2019

The bar for safety issues to lead to claims that ultimately result in mass tort litigation has never been lower.

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## 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.

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## Effective strategies for challenging master complaints in multidistrict litigation

16 September 2019

There are a number of creative ways for defendants to challenge master complaints in MDLs.

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## 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").

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## 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.

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## Shareholder efforts to bootstrap FCPA violations into private securities cases meet with mixed success – key takeaways

10 July 2019

When an FCPA-related resolution exposes a company to securities fraud claims.

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## Major developments in class action litigation for 2018 – 2019

18 June 2019

A top-level look at class action litigation for 2018-2019 and a look at trends, issues, and strategies that businesses face in the months to come.

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## Texas narrows anti-SLAPP law

10 June 2019

The new law enjoys broad bipartisan support.

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## The twists and turns of the CCPA class action

21 MAY 2019

The range of data elements whose breach could give rise to class-action exposure under the CCPA appears likely to grow.

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## Bellwether trials in MDL proceedings – guidance for transferee judges

16 MAY 2019

Practical considerations for transferee judges establishing and implementing bellwether protocols in MDL proceedings.

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## CCPA update: The California Assembly Privacy Committee begins smoothing some rough edges

26 APR 2019

The California Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee has begun the important work of clarifying significant ambiguities in the California Consumer Privacy Act.

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#### Supreme Court requires explicit consent to arbitrate claims on classwide basis

25 APR 2019

Another significant decision by the high court limiting the ability of plaintiffs bound by arbitration agreements to pursue their claims on a classwide basis.

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#### United States Supreme Court reaffirms use of class action waivers in arbitration agreements: next stop – employment contracts

18 DEC 2015

The most recent in a line of Supreme Court decisions affirming the validity of class action waivers in arbitration agreements

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#### B4 u txt: will your text message ads lead to a class action lawsuit?

6 APR 2011

It is useful for businesses to understand the statutory framework that governs advertising through text messages as well as key legal terms and the way these terms have been interpreted by the FCC and the courts.

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## Eventos

### Anteriores

#### Class actions and complex litigation in 2020: Creating a cutting-edge solution to class action litigation

17 September 2020 | 3:00 - 4:00 ET

Webinar

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#### 2020 developments in US and EU privacy laws

15 September 2020

Webinar

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#### 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

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#### Class action landscape in a post-COVID world

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

Webinar

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#### Major developments in class action litigation: a CLE webinar

16 July 2019

Webinar

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

8 MAY 2019

London

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#### Significant trends and developments in class action litigation: implications to the year ahead

## NOTÍCIAS

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### **DLA Piper represents Axogen in dismissal of amended securities class action lawsuit**

30 March 2021

DLA Piper represented Axogen, Inc. in the dismissal with prejudice of an amended securities class action lawsuit filed in the US District Court for the Middle District of Florida by a proposed class of investors who claimed Axogen lied about the size of the market for its nerve graft products.

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### **Leading trial lawyer Lyn Pruitt joins DLA Piper, along with Adria Conklin and Mary Catherine Way**

25 March 2021

DLA Piper announced today that nationally recognized trial lawyer Lyn Pruitt has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice, along with Adria Conklin and Mary Catherine Way.

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### **Geoffrey Levitt joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice as co-chair of Life Sciences and Health Policy and Regulatory group**

22 March 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Geoffrey Levitt has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as co-chair of the Life Sciences and Health Policy and Regulatory group.

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### **Product liability team led by Jayme Long joins DLA Piper in Los Angeles**

17 March 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Jayme Long has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner based in Los Angeles.

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### **DLA Piper launches Aiscension to help detect and prevent cartel activity in collaboration with Reveal**

15 March 2021

- New offering delivers cutting-edge technology from *Reveal* alongside DLA Piper's first-class legal know-how
  - Time and cost savings allow for companies to focus on detection
  - Faster, more effective and better value than traditional technology assisted and manual reviews
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### **DLA Piper LLP (US) announces new firm and practice leadership positions**

8 March 2021

DLA Piper LLP (US) is pleased to announce a number of firm and practice leadership changes.

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### **Nate Bolin joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice in Washington, DC**

8 March 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Nate Bolin has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner based in Washington, DC.

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### **Securities litigator Melanie Walker joins DLA Piper in Los Angeles**

1 March 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Melanie Walker has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner based in Los Angeles.

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### **Two DLA Piper lawyers listed in *D Magazine's* 2021 Best Lawyers Under 40 list**

13 January 2021

Crystal Woods, a partner in DLA Piper's Employment practice, and James C. Bookhout, an associate in the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice, were recently named to *D Magazine's* 2021 Best Lawyers Under 40 list, which recognizes outstanding young lawyers in Dallas.

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**Buffy Mims joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice in Washington, DC**

11 January 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Buffy Mims has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

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**Matthew Matule joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice in Boston**

11 January 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Matthew Matule has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner in Boston.

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**Retired Judge Andrew Peck appointed as Judicial Emeritus member of Sedona Conference Working Group 1 Steering Committee**

5 January 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that former United States Magistrate Judge Andrew J. Peck has been appointed by The Sedona Conference as a Judicial Emeritus member of the Steering Committee of Working Group 1 (WG1), effective January 2021.

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**Raj N. Shah named to *Crain's Chicago Business* 2020 Notable Minorities in Accounting, Consulting & Law list**

17 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Raj N. Shah, co-managing partner of the firm's Chicago office, has been named to *Crain's Chicago Business*'s 2020 Notable Minorities in Accounting, Consulting & Law list recognizing 56 professionals who have "overcome challenges and bias to rise to the top of their professions."

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**DLA Piper represents Blue Diamond in dismissal of class action lawsuit**

14 December 2020

DLA Piper represented Blue Diamond Growers in the dismissal of a class action lawsuit filed in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York.

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**DLA Piper shortlisted by the *Financial Times* for five FT North America Innovative Lawyers awards**

8 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce it has been shortlisted by the *Financial Times* for five FT North America Innovative Lawyers 2020 awards.

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**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.

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**DLA Piper announces launch of Compliance Atlas app**

27 October 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce the launch of the Compliance Atlas app, a mobile solution built to meet the policy needs of modern-day companies.

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**Katie Hausfeld and Kerry Johnson named to *Crain's Chicago Business* Notable Women in Law list**

8 September 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Katie Hausfeld and Kerry Johnson have been named to *Crain's Chicago Business*'s Notable Women in Law list.

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**Loren Brown named to the *National Law Journal's* 2020 list of Winning Litigators**

1 September 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Loren Brown has been named a 2020 Winning Litigator by the *National Law Journal*.

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**DLA Piper achieves appellate victory for cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase in lawsuit over Bitcoin Gold**

13 August 2020

DLA Piper won a significant appellate victory on behalf of global cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase, defeating a lawsuit alleging that the exchange violated various obligations to

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users when it refused to support or provide access to the forked cryptocurrency Bitcoin Gold.

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#### **Former Congressman Jim Greenwood joins DLA Piper as senior policy advisor, adding significant strength to growing life sciences policy and regulatory group**

4 August 2020

DLA Piper announced today that former US Representative Jim Greenwood has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a senior policy advisor based in Washington, DC.

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#### **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.

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#### **John Gibson joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice in Los Angeles**

14 July 2020

DLA Piper announced that John Gibson has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner in Los Angeles.

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#### **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.

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22 April 2020

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#### **Donna Thiel joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice and Healthcare sector in Washington, DC**

11 May 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Donna Thiel has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice and Healthcare sector as a partner in Washington, DC.

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#### **DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition**

8 May 2020

DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 172 lawyer rankings and 71 practice rankings in *Chambers USA's* 2020 guide.

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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.

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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#### **Daniel Garen joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice in Washington, DC**

22 April 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Daniel Garen has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

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#### **John Phillips joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Northern California**

26 March 2020

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DLA Piper announced today that John Phillips has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Northern California, based in the San Francisco office.

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#### **Ronald N. Brown, III joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Wilmington**

19 March 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Ronald N. Brown, III has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the Wilmington office.

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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's Jonathan Haray named 2020 Criminal Law Trailblazer by the National Law Journal**

7 March 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Jonathan Haray, a Litigation partner in the firm's Washington, DC office, has been named by the *National Law Journal* as a 2020 Criminal Law Trailblazer.

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#### **DLA Piper appoints Head of Global Government Affairs team**

6 March 2020

DLA Piper announced 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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#### **Keelin Kavanagh, Arthur Hoffmann and David Jaroslaw join DLA Piper's Litigation practice in New York**

12 February 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Keelin Kavanagh, Arthur Hoffmann and David Jaroslaw have joined the firm's Litigation practice as partners in New York.

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#### **Craig Waugh joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Phoenix**

11 February 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Craig Waugh has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Phoenix.

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#### **Matthew Miller, Robert Nolan and Michael Fluhr join DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Northern California**

10 February 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Matthew Miller and Robert Nolan have joined the firm's Litigation practice as partners in Northern California, based in the San Francisco office, and Michael Fluhr has joined as of counsel, also based in San Francisco.

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#### **James C. Bookhout of DLA Piper listed in *D Magazine's* 2020 Best Lawyers Under 40 list**

7 February 2020

James C. Bookhout was recently named to *D Magazine's* 2020 Best Lawyers Under 40 list, which recognizes outstanding young lawyers in Dallas.

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#### **Michael Hazzard joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Washington, DC**

4 February 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Michael Hazzard has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

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#### **Nicholas Klein joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice in Washington, DC**

3 February 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Nicholas Klein has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as of counsel in the Washington, DC office.

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### Christopher Mikson joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Philadelphia and Washington, DC

23 January 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Christopher Mikson has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Philadelphia and Washington, DC.

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### DLA Piper represents Blue Diamond Growers in complete victory

24 December 2019

DLA Piper represented Blue Diamond Growers (Blue Diamond), defending it against a putative nationwide class action filed in the Eastern District of New York.

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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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### Scott Wilson joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in New York

2 December 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Scott Wilson has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the New York office.

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### DLA Piper achieves victory for California Institute of Technology

26 November 2019

DLA Piper recently represented the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in the dismissal of a case filed by David Lillie, an employee of Caltech subcontractor ManTech International, which alleged defamation and a number of other causes.

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### DLA Piper achieves trial victory for Applied Underwriters

22 November 2019

DLA Piper recently represented Applied Underwriters, Inc. in a bench trial victory in California state court.

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### DLA Piper achieves victory for Maryland Reclamation Associates

6 November 2019

DLA Piper recently achieved a victory for its client, Maryland Reclamation Associates, Inc. (MRA), in a case filed against Harford County, Maryland.

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### 34 DLA Piper lawyers in nine countries ranked among The World's Leading Patent Professionals

30 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals 2019 has named 34 DLA Piper lawyers from nine countries to its list of top patent professionals – representing an increase for the firm in numbers of both lawyers and countries.

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### DLA Piper's Angela Agrusa named the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* Leaders in Law 2019 Litigation Attorney of the Year

29 OCT 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Angela Agrusa, Los Angeles-based co-head of Business and Commercial Litigation and co-chair of the Food and Beverage sector, has been named the *Los Angeles Business Journals* Leaders in Law 2019 Litigation Attorney of the Year.

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### Jonathan Sablone joins Litigation practice in Boston

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15 October 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Jonathan Sablone has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the Boston office.

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#### **DLA Piper partner Isabelle Ord honored by Western Bankers Association**

11 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Isabelle Ord, co-chair of the firm's Class Action Litigation practice and co-leader of the LIBOR Transition practice, has received the Franzel Award from the Western Bankers Association.

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#### **Tamany Vinson Bentz named to the *Daily Journals* list of Top Trade Secrets Lawyers**

9 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Tamany Vinson Bentz, a Los Angeles-based partner in the IPT Litigation practice, has been named to the *Daily Journal's* 2019 list of Top Trade Secrets Lawyers.

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#### **DLA Piper announces launch of LIBOR Transition practice**

23 September 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its LIBOR Transition practice, which will focus on assisting companies with impact assessment and advising on benchmark reform implementation across multiple jurisdictions and products.

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#### **Abigail Reardon appointed chair of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the First Department of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court**

5 September 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Abigail Reardon, a partner in the firm's New York office, has been appointed by the First Department of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court to serve as a chair of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the First Department.

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#### **George G. Demos joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Northern California**

3 September 2019

DLA Piper announced today that George G. Demos has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Northern California based in the Sacramento office.

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#### **Paul Hemmersbaugh joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice as chair of Transportation Regulatory group**

3 September 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Paul Hemmersbaugh has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner and chair of its transportation regulatory and litigation group, in Washington, DC.

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#### **DLA Piper's Angela Agrusa named to the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers**

27 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Angela Agrusa has been named to the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers.

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#### **DLA Piper's Michael Garfinkel named to the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers**

27 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Michael Garfinkel has been named to the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers.

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#### **Edward Hanover to join DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Northern California**

26 August 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Edward Hanover will join the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Northern California based in the Silicon Valley office.

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#### **DLA Piper represents Applied Underwriters in defeat of three class certification motions**

19 August 2019

DLA Piper represented Applied Underwriters in its defeat of three separate motions for class certification arising out of a regulatory dispute over whether a reinsurance transaction adjunct to workers' compensation coverage was required to be filed with, among others, the California Department of Insurance.

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#### **DLA Piper partner Andrew Hoffman named to the *Daily Journal's* Top 40 Under 40 list**

16 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Andrew Hoffman, a partner in the firm's Litigation practice, has been named to the *Daily Journal's* 2019 Top 40 Under 40 list honoring young California lawyers across a range of practice areas.

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#### **Six-partner group joins DLA Piper across key markets and practice groups from coast to coast**

18 July 2019

DLA Piper announced today the addition of a six-partner group whose members will be part of the firm's Corporate, Intellectual Property and Technology, and Litigation practices. The partners will be based in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Silicon Valley and New York.

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#### **DLA Piper secures significant victory for Houston Casualty**

3 July 2019

DLA Piper secured a significant victory for Houston Casualty in *Houston Casualty Co. v. Cavan Corp. of N.Y., et al.* before the New York State Supreme Court on June 27, 2019.

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#### **DLA Piper's Ilana Eisenstein named an Unsung Hero by the *Legal Intelligencer***

19 June 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Ilana Eisenstein, a Philadelphia-based partner and co-chair of the Appellate Advocacy practice, has been named to the *Legal Intelligencer* 2019 list of Unsung Heroes.

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#### **DLA Piper secures appellate victory for Petrobras America**

18 June 2019

DLA Piper secured a victory on behalf of Petrobras America, Inc. in a long-running lawsuit against Vicinay Cadenas, S.A., a manufacturer of chains and accessories for the offshore industry.

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#### **Scott Weber joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in New York**

10 June 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Scott Weber has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the New York office.

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#### **DLA Piper represents the Conrad Prebys Foundation in dismissal of derivative lawsuit**

31 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented the Conrad Prebys Foundation, a charitable foundation started by late philanthropist and San Diego developer Conrad Prebys, in the successful dismissal of a lawsuit filed by Prebys' partner and former foundation board member.

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**DLA Piper represents Finisar in denial of class certification and dismissal of class action lawsuit**

30 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented optical communications company Finisar Corporation and its officers in a securities class action lawsuit filed in the US District Court for the Northern District of California, in which plaintiff claimed investors were misled by a statement made by a Finisar officer in December 2010 and purchased Finisar stock at an allegedly inflated market price.

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**named to *Latinvex's* list of Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers**

23 MAY 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Kate Brown de Vejar and Lida Rodriguez-Taseff have been named to *Latinvex's* 2019 list of Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers.

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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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**Mariana Lozza and Nicolas Teijeiro join DLA Piper Argentina**

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper Argentina announced today the addition of Mariana Lozza as a partner in the International Arbitration practice and Nicolas Teijeiro as a partner in the Corporate Finance practice. Both will be based in the firm's Buenos Aires office.

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**Carl Wessel joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Washington, DC**

22 APR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Carl Wessel has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

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**DLA Piper represents Immunomedics in dismissal of class action lawsuit**

16 APR 2019

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