



Commercial Contracts Disputes

Contracts form the foundation of virtually every business enterprise, and many commercial litigation cases inevitably come down to the rights and obligations under contracts, which often include forum requirements or alternative dispute resolution procedures. The sophistication, size, and geographic reach of our practice allows us to offer an unsurpassed range of legal knowledge and experience in commercial contract disputes throughout the United States, we are intimately familiar with often complicated or confusing state and federal laws and with contracting practices and requirements in particular industries.

We make it our priority to understand and protect our clients' most important business interests in a focused and cost-effective manner, and wherever appropriate we seek to negotiate solutions to our clients' contractual disputes without unnecessary or expensive litigation. When litigation is the best course, we possess a stable of highly experienced trial lawyers, and we will ensure that your contractual rights are protected.

Our commercial contract disputes practice extends to many industries, including banking, finance, insurance, real estate, construction, technology, defense, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, retail, government contracts and health care. Not only do we understand contract rights, but we have the substantive knowledge in these and many other industries that allows us to understand how basic contract rights apply to the peculiarities of a particular industry or contracting relationship.

CAPABILITES

Commercial contracts litigation is best handled by lawyers who understand both the law and how it relates to your specific business and industry. Our areas of substantive experience and focus include:

- Banking
- Finance
- Insurance
- Real estate and construction
- Technology

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SEKTORIT

- Valtion sopimustoiminta ja hankinnat
- Healthcare
- Vakuuttaminen

- Defense
- Pharmaceuticals
- Telecommunications
- Retail
- Government contracts
- Healthcare

EXPERIENCE

- Represented biotech and life sciences companies in litigation arising from M&A transactions and joint development disputes.
- Won an eight-figure monetary award for WorldCom and successfully defended claims seeking termination of a multi-year, multibillion-dollar contract after a two-week arbitration in New York
- Obtained dismissal of bad faith, breach of contract and consumer fraud act claims asserted by class against insurance carrier
- Represented medical device company in dispute with former distributors arising out of acquisition of competitor company. Resolved on terms favorable to client
- Represented publicly held technology company in a breach of contract arbitration against a large Japanese company relating to the development and sale of next-generation portable MP3 audio players for automobiles. Settled on favorable terms.
- Defended the founder of an IT services company against fraud and contractual misrepresentation claims brought by a private equity firm following recapitalization of the company. After one week trial, arbitrator rejected fraud claim outright and awarded less than three percent of the contractual damages claim
- Defended a publicly held IT services company against a contract claim for a transaction fee brought by an investment banking and consulting firm following the sale of the company's Asian subsidiaries. Obtained summary judgment and successfully defended judgment on appeal.
- Represented a distributor against a manufacturer of nationally known fitness equipment on trial of the unlawful termination of the distributorship
- Representation of national restaurant franchiser in trial in Connecticut involving allegations of breach of contract and fraud. Motion for judgment at conclusion of plaintiff's case granted
- Defense of non-profit relief organization with global operations against allegations it was bound by a letter of intent to purchase the plaintiff's commercial building, despite certain environmental hazards found on the property. After a two-week trial, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant on all claims
- Successfully represented an airplane company in a contract dispute that enforced client's rights to recover on a contract by which it sold trade claims to another company.
- Secured a trial victory in the New York County Supreme Court for a US subsidiary of a Spanish conglomerate concerning a procurement contract dispute. The contract is the largest commercial contract that a Spanish company has ever been awarded outside of Spain.
- Represented a Texas-based energy company, in an ad hoc arbitration in New York under the SMA Rules with a Belgian shipowner.
- Achieved a substantial victory for an investment firm for breach of a continuing guaranty concerning a US\$16 million development loan that was accelerated based upon material adverse change default.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Enforcing or avoiding contractual IP rights in the era of COVID-19: Being or dealing with a distressed company

27 May 2020

It is critical for companies to re-examine the contractual burdens and benefits that are a part of their IP portfolio.

Contract analysis in a crisis: flowcharts

7 April 2020

Flowcharts providing considerations for analyzing commercial contracts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic through a logical process flow that can serve as a practical checklist.

Coronavirus: Supplier due diligence for vetting Chinese medical suppliers for quality, safety, fair pricing and anti-corruption compliance

6 April 2020

Some key risks, and potential solutions to reduce cross-border operational risks.

Rent relief options for US commercial leases: approaches to making a deal for landlords and tenants

6 April 2020

Options to explore for both landlords and tenants.

Text, blood and rock 'n' roll

27 DEC 2017

You are not a "free bird" – the duty to preserve text messages may extend to third parties.

When may a label say “gluten free”? Get ready to comply with FDA's final rule

9 SEP 2013

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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."

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.

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.

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.

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.

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*.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 represents Axogen in dismissal of securities class action lawsuit

22 April 2020

DLA Piper represented Axogen, Inc. in the dismissal of a securities class action lawsuit filed in the US District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

26 March 2020

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.

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.

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'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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Journal's* Leaders in Law 2019 Litigation Attorney of the Year.

Jonathan Sablone joins Litigation practice in Boston

15 October 2019

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

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.

Tamany Vinson Bentz named to the *Daily Journal's* 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

DLA Piper represents Immunomedics in dismissal of class action lawsuit

16 APR 2019
