



Corporate

DLA Piper's global corporate lawyers support the world's leading enterprises, emerging startup companies and financial institutions in their development and investment activities.

From mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and venture capital to private and public equity and debt offerings, we assist clients through all stages of their transactions to ensure successful deal outcomes.

As a full-service global business law firm, DLA Piper provides a complete range of business legal services in all of the jurisdictions in which we operate.

Our clients benefit from a valuable combination of global insight and local knowledge that allows us to handle all aspects of complex domestic and cross-border corporate transactions. Understanding the industry and the day-to-day issues faced by our clients is critical to our success.

That is why alongside their legal experience, our corporate lawyers have additional industry-specific focus - whether it is Banking, Energy, Healthcare, Hospitality and leisure, Insurance, Life sciences, Manufacturing, Technology or other sectors.

Furthermore, in addition to the corporate lawyers with primary transactional responsibility, our deal teams include sophisticated practitioners with experience in key practice areas, such as Corporate governance, Intellectual property, Technology, Antitrust, Compensation, Tax, Financial services, Regulation, Employment, Pensions, Securities compliance, and Real estate.

CAPABILITIES

We help our clients with:

- Cross-border M&A (public and private), including:
 - inception, planning and due diligence
 - deal execution
 - post-merger integrations
 - joint ventures
 - growth by alternatives to M&A

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- Life Sciences
- Industrials
- Technology

EXPERIENCE

Awards and rankings

- **#1 Global M&A by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2010-2018)**
- **#1 European M&A by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2013-2018)**
- **#1 Worldwide Mid-Market and Small-Cap M&A deal volume (*Thomson Reuters* 2018)**
- **#1 Europe Private Equity - Buyouts by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2018)**
- **#1 Europe Private Equity - Exits by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2018)**
- **#1 Europe Private Equity - Buyouts & Exits combined by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2018)**
- **#1 Most active law firm in Europe for private equity deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)**
- #2 Most active law firm globally for private equity deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- #2 Most active law firm in US private equity deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- #2 Most active law firm globally for private equity buyouts (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- #2 Most active law firm in the rest of the world venture capital deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- #3 US M&A by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2018)
- #3 Global Private Equity - Buyouts & Exits combined by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2019)
- DLA Piper is the only firm to rank as one of the top five most active law firms for private equity, venture capital and M&A deal volume (*PitchBook* 2018)

INSIGHTS

Publications

New diversity disclosure requirements for federally incorporated public companies

21 AUG 2019

Beginning on January 1, 2020, directors of a distributing corporation governed by the *Canada Business Corporations Act* will be required to inform shareholders at every annual meeting about diversity among the directors and members of senior management of the corporation.

US Trade Representative publishes fourth list of Chinese products subject to Section 301 tariffs

19 August 2019

Yet more Chinese products will be subject to an additional 10 percent tariff.

New B.C. *Business Corporations Act* transparency register requirements: A primer

16 AUG 2019

Beginning on a date to be announced, privately-held B.C. *Business Corporations Act* companies will be required to maintain a transparency register of individuals who directly or indirectly hold a significant number of shares or have the right to elect, appoint or remove the majority of directors of the company. This primer provides an outline of the requirements around the register.

The ABCs of ESG

15 AUG 2019

A growing number of investors rely on Environmental, Social and Governance factors when determining the sustainability and ethical impact of potential investments. This article discusses factors ESG investors consider when determining whether they ultimately want to invest in a given business.

Israel Group News August 2019

7 August 2019

ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

The states look at autonomous vehicles

24 July 2019

Many US states are experimenting with a wide range of approaches to autonomous vehicles, some cautious and others more ambitious.

The government in your cloud

24 July 2019

As companies shift more data to the cloud, the US government's ability to access that content should not be overlooked.

Global M&A Intelligence Report 2019

19 July 2019

For the ninth successive year we were once again number one for global M&A deal volume. We also advised on the most European Private Equity buyout and exit deals in 2018. Our annual Global M&A Intelligence Report is based on an analysis of key deal terms in over 2,000 private M&A transactions on which we advised since 2015.

Jurisdictional expansion of BC's Civil Resolution Tribunal to societies: A new avenue of dispute resolution

16 JUL 2019

Effective July 15, 2019, a variety of society disputes may be resolved by the B.C. Civil Resolution Tribunal instead of the B.C. Supreme Court. This new dispute resolution mechanism will have significant implications for those wishing to make a claim

against a society or its directors, as well societies themselves. This information bulletin addresses the scope of the CRT's expanded jurisdiction over "society claims" and highlights the key takeaways for those who may be impacted by these amendments.

English and US venture capital funds: key features

24 June 2019

Andrew Wylie (Partner and Head of Investment Funds, International) and Steven Yentzer (Managing Partner, Seattle) have recently written a practice note "English and US venture capital funds: key features" published on Thomson Reuters Practical Law UK on 6 June 2019.

Trump issues Executive Order on securing information and communications technology and services – key points

16 MAY 2019

The order is issued pursuant to the National Emergencies Act and the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the latter creating potential civil and criminal liability for those violating EOs and regulations issued under its authority - liabilities that can expand to include those who facilitate a violation.

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9 MAY 2019

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Washington state HB 1450 is signed into law, limiting enforceability of non-compete agreements – key takeaways

9 MAY 2019

The new prohibitions on non-compete agreements in Washington have the potential to greatly impact employers in the state both positively and negatively.

So you want to go digital...

11 APR 2019

This article assists businesses in identifying the core issues that must be addressed to ensure the legal sufficiency of transactions conducted on eSignature platforms.

Alberta Investor Tax Credit targets investment and job creation in non-traditional sectors

11 MAR 2019

The AITC offers a 30% tax credit to investors who provide equity capital to Alberta small businesses working on research, development or commercialization of new technology, new products or new processes. The tax credit is also provided to

businesses engaged in interactive digital media development, video post-production, digital animation or tourism.

DLA Piper in Latin America: 2018 in review

28 FEB 2019

While challenges always lie ahead, we are excited by the region's continuing growth.

Cautionary notes on gun-jumping in M&A negotiations

26 FEB 2019

CANADA IN FOCUS

When business competitors negotiate a potential merger or acquisition, they need to bear in mind the *Competition Act* (Canada). These rules are often overlooked.

2019 Proxy Season Hot Topics: Part 3 – SEC hedging rules, auditor report, Form 10-K changes

15 FEB 2019

2019 PROXY SEASON HOT TOPICS

New SEC hedging rules, changes to the auditor's report, changes to Form 10-K cover pages and exhibit hyperlinks.

Israel Group News

12 FEB 2019

ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

In this issue, the rise of the Data Protection Officer, plus news and coming events.

New record-keeping requirements under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*: A primer

30 JAN 2019

Beginning June 13, 2019, private corporations regulated under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* will be required to maintain a register of individuals who, directly or indirectly, have "significant control" over the corporation.

Alberta government to require operators to reduce crude oil and bitumen production

17 DEC 2018

CANADA IN FOCUS

The Alberta government announced new measures designed to temporarily reduce crude oil and bitumen production in the province, in order to deal with a historically high differential between Alberta oil and bitumen prices, and broader North American prices.

Top of mind: Litigation

10 DEC 2018

Our coverage of big compliance, enforcement and litigation issues that businesses are thinking about this quarter.

Global Anticorruption Newsletter

5 DEC 2018

DLA Piper's *Global Anticorruption Newsletter* offers practical guidance on complying with international bribery laws.

Do not keep quiet, do not collect \$50 million: An update on Alberta's new whistleblower policy

27 NOV 2018

On November 19, 2018 the Alberta Securities Commission announced the adoption of a new whistleblower program aimed at enhancing protections for whistleblowers in Alberta.

Proposed regulations eliminate major US tax impediments to utilizing foreign subsidiaries for credit support

14 NOV 2018

Potentially increasing the ability of US corporate borrowers to provide credit support in the form of guarantees by, and pledges of assets of, their foreign subsidiaries/CFCs.

New Regulatory Era on Virtual Assets Activities in Hong Kong

5 NOV 2018

On 1 November 2018, the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (SFC) issued a statement, "Statement on regulatory framework for virtual assets portfolios managers, fund distributors and trading platform operators" (VA Statement) and an accompanying circular "Circular to intermediaries - Distribution of virtual asset funds" (VA Distribution Circular) (collectively, the VA Circulars), to announce a new regulatory approach on virtual assets activities, virtual assets portfolio managers and their distribution of virtual assets investment products in Hong Kong.

Israel Group News

24 OCT 2018

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

In this issue, legal developments worldwide that affect this dynamic ecosystem.

Amendments to Canadian private placement reporting requirements come into force

19 OCT 2018

This bulletin highlights important aspects of the recent amendments to National Instrument 45-106 - *Prospectus Exemptions*, its related companion policy and Form 45-106F1, as they relate to reporting sales of securities in Canada under private placement

prospectus exemptions.

CFIUS pilot program mandates declarations for certain non-controlling investments in critical technologies

17 OCT 2018

The pilot program covers critical technologies in 27 industries.

New law adopted to facilitate division of Delaware LLCs

24 SEP 2018

Recent changes to the law governing Delaware LLCs will facilitate the division of Delaware LLCs and potentially provides a valuable new tool in corporate reorganizations involving this type of entity.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

14 SEP 2018

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, remote notarization – US state requirements, plus blockchain, the new stablecoin, the validity of esignatures, and more.

Argentina: new export duties in force; peso devaluation may impact inflation

13 SEP 2018

The Argentine executive branch has established new export duties with the goal of reducing Argentina's fiscal deficit. Meanwhile, the peso's recent devaluation is expected to have an impact on inflation.

Positive signs for issuers and the marketplace: Argentina economic briefing

7 SEP 2018

The financial press continues to portray Argentina as another merging-market casualty but, to the contrary, there are a number of positive financial signs, for investors, the country and the marketplace, in today's Argentine economy.

Canada's new income splitting tax rules and family trusts

29 AUG 2018

This is the fourth article in a series of articles examining the new Canadian federal legislation targeting income splitting that applies as of January 1, 2018. This article examines how the New Rules will affect the two main tax benefits provided by the following typical corporate structure involving a family trust.

What is a sealed bid?

1 AUG 2018

CANADA IN FOCUS

In bidding and tendering situations, or in competitive request for proposal (RFP) scenarios, owners frequently instruct bidders that bids or tenders are required to be submitted to the Owner "under seal", or that "sealed tenders are required". Unfortunately, confusion often arises because the term "seal" is used in three different contexts in the bidding and tendering world.

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26 JUL 2018

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Congress finalizes CFIUS reform bill to broaden national security reviews of foreign investments

25 JUL 2018

A summary of the major changes FIRRMA presents to the CFIUS review process.

Corporate reorganizations in the US: five key steps

24 JUL 2018

Corporate reorganizations can be complex and time-consuming. Here are five key tips to consider, taken from our US chapter of *Corporate Reorganisations*, part of the popular "Getting the Deal Through" Q&A comparative series.

Declinations for self-reporting on the rise under FCPA Pilot Program and Corporate Enforcement Policy

10 JUL 2018

The DOJ appears to be following through on its pledge to increase declinations in exchange for self-reporting potential FCPA violations.

Oil and gas licensing round now opened for Danish part of the North Sea

29 JUN 2018

The Ministry for Energy, Utilities and Climate has just opened for applications for licences for exploration and production of oil and gas (hydrocarbons) in the 8th Danish Licensing Round for the Danish North Sea area.

What Canada's new income-splitting rules mean for partnerships

27 MAR 2018

This is the third instalment in a series of articles examining the draft legislation and explanatory notes on Canada's new income-splitting rules, issued by the Department of Finance on December 13, 2017 and which are to be effective as of January 1, 2018. This instalment will explore what the new rules will mean for partnerships in Canada.

Canada announces new international tax measures

19 MAR 2018

The recently released Canadian federal budget includes certain international income tax measures that will impact both Canadians investing or carrying on business outside of Canada and foreigners investing or carrying on business in Canada. In this legal update we will summarize these proposals and their significance for key issues including: reporting requirements, reassessments, foreign accrual property income and in the case of foreign investment into Canada, anti-surplus stripping rules.

2018 Federal Budget proposals target private corporations earning investment income

7 MAR 2018

In July of 2017, the Canadian Department of Finance issued proposals to significantly increase the taxation of investment income earned by Canadian private corporations which would have made their use much less attractive. As a consequence of the public's concern with the overall thrust of the government's tax law amendments, the 2018 Budget issued on February 27, 2018 has largely eliminated the implementation of the July 2017 proposals. Instead the 2018 Budget contains two specific measures to address the government's concern with the tax deferral related to investment income in a private corporation.

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Bill C-69 represents an overhaul of the Federal environmental assessment process

16 FEB 2018

When the new Liberal government took power in 2015, one of its promises was to revamp the system of environmental assessment of major projects within Federal jurisdiction in Canada. Following on that promise, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, introduced Bill C-69 in the House of Commons on February 8th, 2018. Bill C-69 will radically restructure the way in which major projects, including major energy projects, are reviewed in Canada.

Canada's new income-splitting rules – Possible restructuring and the importance of the related business concept

25 JAN 2018

On July 18, 2017, the federal Minister of Finance, Bill Morneau, issued a news release indicating that the Department of Finance was setting out "Proposed policy responses to close loopholes and bring greater fairness to the tax system". The public was invited to provide comments by October 2, 2017 regarding the related proposed legislation. The response was overwhelming, with over 21,000 submissions made by members of the Canadian public.

2018 outlook for drugs and medical devices in China: regulatory reform fueled by innovation

18 JAN 2018

The year 2017 ended with a central government directive to reform the regulatory approval system for drugs and medical

devices and a subsequent flood of CFDA changes and proposed changes to the system, and we should see further regulatory reform in 2018 as the Chinese government continues to encourage domestic innovation in this sector.

Canada's revised income splitting tax rules (and why your minor child's capital gain may be converted into a taxable dividend)

27 DEC 2017

On July 18, 2017, the Canadian federal government released for consultation draft legislative proposals targeting income splitting strategies. In response to significant negative feedback received during the consultation period, the government released revised draft legislative proposals with respect to such strategies on December 13, 2017 (the "Proposals").

The Proposals are to apply as of January 1, 2018. If enacted, they will have a major impact on business structures that Canadian entrepreneurs have had in place for decades.

Restructuring Global Insight - Secured creditors, new pre-insolvency restructuring regime, and more

21 DEC 2017

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

Welcome to the 22nd edition of DLA Piper's Restructuring Global Insight and the final one of 2017.

United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights - lessons for business lawyers and their clients

20 DEC 2017

This year, the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights brought together businesses, governments and civil society to develop thinking and share best practice in this emerging area of law and practice. For businesses, a number of key themes continue to develop pushing respect for human rights and responsible business conduct further up the corporate agenda.

New Website and Social Media Requirements for Canadian Reporting Issuers

14 DEC 2017

This bulletin will highlight and discuss the recent developments affecting Canadian reporting issuers and their use of websites and social media. There are emerging concerns from Canadian securities regulators surrounding the use of social media and the proper disclosure of material information by reporting issuers.

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7 DEC 2017

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Attempt to implement pre-pack procedures in Belgium fails

18 OCT 2017

On 2 April 2017, a draft bill broadly addressing bankruptcy reform was submitted by the Belgian Government to the House of Representatives. While the bill was adopted in mid-July 2017 and will apply to insolvency proceedings opened on or after 1 May 2018, the attempt to include pre-pack procedures in the reform has failed.

Assigning liquidator rights to sue: what has been created?

18 OCT 2017

Following a suite of recent reforms to Australian insolvency laws, liquidators are now able to assign rights to sue, conferred on them personally by the Corporations Act.

The intersection of Federal Civil Enforcement: claims and healthcare restructurings

18 OCT 2017

It is well known that the healthcare industry as a whole has undergone significant changes, challenges and uncertainties in recent years... Taken together, these challenges have caused a number of healthcare companies to financially struggle and have resulted in a number of restructurings.

Restructuring Global Insight - Healthcare, consumer credit, and more

18 OCT 2017

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

In this edition, we start by looking at two highly regulated sectors: healthcare and consumer credit.

Trade secrets are more important, and trade secret litigation is more common

29 SEP 2017

What do you need to be considering to protect your company in this environment?

Global M&A Intelligence Report 2017

20 SEP 2017

The 2017 Global report is an analysis of over 1,000 private M&A deals over the last 3 years and offers a unique insight into current trends in M&A. The launch events provide an opportunity for key clients and contacts to network with other M&A professionals and discuss those findings.

Canadian Securities Administrators provide new guidance on cryptocurrency offerings and approve exemptive relief for Canadian ICO

1 SEP 2017

On August 24, 2017, Staff of the Canadian Securities Administrators (the "CSA") released CSA Staff Notice 46-307 - *Cryptocurrency Offerings* ("Staff Notice 46-307"). Staff Notice 46-307 follows the report of the Securities Exchange Commission in the United States regarding tokens as securities.

Public-Private Partnerships in Puerto Rico

21 MAR 2017

For those considering participating in P3s in Puerto Rico, this handbook summarizes the applicable legal framework and discusses why Puerto Rico is a favorable jurisdiction for entering into P3s.

Using representations and warranties insurance in global M&A deals: 8 questions and answers

16 FEB 2016

R&W insurance can offer both buyers and sellers the additional confidence often needed to close the deal. Such insurance may be especially useful in global M&A transactions, particularly in Latin America.

Slavery in the supply chain: new corporate reporting obligations for companies

9 DEC 2015

HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS SERIES

The UK's Modern Slavery Act 2015 is in force, imposing on companies new reporting requirements and new enforcement powers, including the creation of an Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner.

Plan now to use off-band communications during an incident response: key points

27 OCT 2015

A robust IR plan should include communications techniques that operate outside regular company communication methods.

International tax and withholding considerations for US companies and their directors

19 MAY 2015

Multinationals commonly elect boards with international representation; it is also common to convene board meetings outside the US. US companies that do either – or both – of these things must be mindful of any resulting US or foreign tax implications

A new test for Mexico's structural changes: antitrust reform – key points in one chart

16 JUN 2014

This entirely new framework should be carefully analyzed by investors in structuring their Mexico-related M&A transactions and managing their existing operations

Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure

11 JUL 2013

Cybersecurity and US federal public procurements: what contractors need to know

11 MAR 2013

Practical considerations for US federal contractors

Conflict mineral reporting rules impact many public companies: *new supply chain requirements and new Form SD*

19 Sep 2012

Understanding the new reporting requirements.

Confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements

22 JUN 2012

Federal agencies, Congress accelerate defense against cyber attacks – every private company will be affected

21 Mar 2012

Events

Previous

2019 Annual Assembly

30-31 MAY 2019

IPEM 2019

22-24 JAN 2019

Paris

Corporate Joint Ventures in the Media, Sport And Entertainment Sector

17 JAN 2019

Webinar

Canada & Israel: Weeding Out the New Regulatory, Legal and Public Market Landscapes

16 OCT 2018

Cantech Investment Conference 2018

31 JAN 2018

NEWS

DLA Piper Canada lawyers recognized in 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*

21 AUG 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 70 of our lawyers across 34 practice areas recognized in the 2020 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide.

DLA Piper advises Credible on merger with Fox

6 August 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX-listed US fintech company Credible Labs Inc. (ASX: CRD) on its AUD585 million proposed merger with NASDAQ listed Fox Corporation.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. in completion of acquisition by Universal mCloud Corp.

17 JUL 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. in completion of its acquisition by Universal mCloud Corp. in a three party transaction also involving Fulcrum Automation Technologies Ltd.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new partner Mark von Marksfeld

15 JUL 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Mark von Marksfeld has joined the firm as a partner in the Vancouver office. Mark practises primarily in the areas of banking and secured lending, commercial real estate, and mergers and acquisitions.

DLA Piper advises Jaja Finance on its £530m acquisition of Bank of Ireland's UK credit card business

12 July 2019

DLA Piper has advised digital finance company Jaja Finance Limited (Jaja) on the acquisition of Bank of Ireland's (The Bank) UK credit card portfolio.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP represented Acreage Holdings in USD\$3.4 billion arrangement with Canopy Growth

27 JUN 2019

Acreage Holdings, Inc., a leading U.S. multi-state cannabis operator, and Canopy Growth Corporation announced the implementation of an arrangement, pursuant to which Canopy Growth received the option to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares in the capital of Acreage Holdings. DLA Piper Canada represented Acreage Holdings in this transformative transaction within the global cannabis industry.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP represented Difference Capital Financial Inc. in \$110 Million acquisition of Mogo Finance Technology Inc.

26 JUNE 2019

Difference Capital Financial Inc. has completed its previously announced acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Mogo Finance Technology Inc. DLA Piper Canada represented the special committee of Difference Capital's board of directors, as lead deal counsel.

DLA Piper advises Tubi on IPO and ASX listing

21 June 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Tubi Limited (ASX: 2BE) on its AUD48.5 million initial public offering (IPO) and listing on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Josh Freedman

3 JUN 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Josh Freedman to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Corporate Group.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acting for Onex Corporation in \$5 billion acquisition of WestJet Airlines Ltd.

16 MAY 2019

On May 13, 2019, Onex Corporation announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement in which it will acquire all outstanding shares of WestJet Airlines Ltd. in an all-cash transaction valued at CDN \$5 billion.

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.

DLA Piper appoints new Head of Corporate for the Middle East, strengthening M&A capability

13 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has appointed Will Seivewright as a partner and Head of Corporate for the Middle East. Will joins the firm's Dubai office from Baker McKenzie. His practice focuses on M&A (both public and private), joint ventures, corporate restructurings, private equity and venture capital transactions in the UAE, broader Middle East and internationally.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP ranked in 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that thirty-eight of the firm's lawyers have been recognized as leading practitioners in the 2019 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

Bretton Woods Law Canada to join DLA Piper (Canada) LLP's Montréal office

1 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce it has reached an agreement with the Montréal office of Bretton Woods Law Canada. Effective May 1, 2019, Bretton Woods Canada's team of four lawyers and an articling student will join DLA Piper Canada's Montréal office.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acting for Difference Capital Financial Inc. in combination with Mogo Finance Technology Inc.

26 APR 2019

On April 15, 2019 Difference Capital Financial Inc. announced that it entered into an arrangement agreement pursuant to which it would acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Mogo Finance Technology Inc. DLA Piper Canada is representing the special committee of Difference Capital's board of directors, as lead counsel in this transaction.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acting for Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. in three-party transaction with Universal mCloud Corp. and Fulcrum Automation Technologies

26 APR 2019

Universal mCloud Corp., Fulcrum Automation Technologies and Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. have announced the signing of letters of intent for a transaction under which Autopro and Fulcrum will be acquired by mCloud for consideration of cash and shares. DLA Piper Canada is acting on behalf of Autopro in this three-party transaction.

DLA Piper represents Cowen and Canaccord Genuity as lead underwriters of Greenlane Holdings IPO

23 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Cowen and Company, LLC and Canaccord Genuity LLC as the lead underwriters in the recently completed upsized US\$102 million initial public offering of Greenlane Holdings (NASDAQ: GNLN).

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Natalie Prange

22 APR 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Natalie Prange to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Projects, Energy and Infrastructure Group.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Stephen Wintermute

25 MAR 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Stephen Wintermute to the firm's Vancouver office as an associate in the Securities & Capital Markets Group.

Advising Zetta Jet on foreign insolvency judgment in Singapore

19 MAR 2019

DLA Piper acted as international counsel to Zetta Jet Pte. Ltd. (a Singapore-incorporated company) ("Zetta Jet") and others, as applicants, in a seminal judgment on the recognition of foreign insolvency proceedings under the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency (as adopted in Singapore in 2017) (the "Singapore Model Law").

DLA Piper advises China Ping An Insurance Overseas (Holdings) Co. Ltd. on investment in GDS Holdings Limited

18 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented China Ping An Insurance Overseas (Holdings) Co. Ltd. (Ping An Overseas) in entering into a definitive agreement to make an equity investment in the NASDAQ listed GDS Holdings Limited (GDS), a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China. Ping An Overseas paid a subscription price of US\$150 million for convertible preferred shares in GDS.

DLA Piper advises Merlin Entertainments on the A\$174 million sale of Australian ski resorts

13 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Merlin Entertainments, a global leader in location based entertainment, on the A\$174 million sale of its Australian ski resorts, Hotham and Falls Creek, to US ski resort operator Vail Resorts, Inc.

DLA Piper advises Laureate on US\$28 million asset sale

6 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Baltimore-based and Nasdaq listed Laureate Education (NASDAQ:LAUR), the world's largest global network of higher education institutions, on the sale of Laureate's interest in Stamford International University (Stamford) to China YuHua Education Investment Limited (YuHua) (6169:HK).

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.

***Chambers Global* 2019 recommends DLA Piper (Canada) LLP**

19 FEB 2019

Nine DLA Piper (Canada) LLP practitioners have received rankings in the 2019 edition of *Chambers Global*, which conducts thousands of independent peer and client interviews every year to identify top legal talents from around the world.

DLA Piper advises Sequent Limited on its acquisition of Canadian software company Geosoft

19 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has advised Accel-KKR and its portfolio company, Sequent Limited ("Sequent"), in connection with Sequent's acquisition of Geosoft, a Canadian-based software company.

DLA Piper recognized as a leading private equity, venture capital and M&A firm in *PitchBook's* league tables

19 FEB 2019

For the second consecutive year, DLA Piper was the only firm to rank as one of the top five most active law firms for private equity, venture capital and M&A deal volume in *PitchBook's* 2018 global league tables report.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP featured in *Lexpert's* "Top 10 Deals of 2018"

18 FEB 2019

We are pleased to have acted on two of the transactions included in *Lexpert* magazine's "Top 10 Deals of 2018" and congratulate our clients on these standout transactions that have been deemed among the most impactful in the country last year.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for CDW Canada Corp. in its acquisition of Scalar Decisions Inc.

14 FEB 2019

DLA Piper Canada represented CDW Canada Corp. in its acquisition of Scalar Decisions Inc., a leading technology solutions provider in Canada.

DLA Piper advises Samsung Electronics on its investment in Verimi

1 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has advised Samsung Electronics on its investment in Verimi GmbH. Samsung Electronics joins a group of twelve international companies from a variety of industries. These include Allianz, Axel Springer, Bundesdruckerei, Core, Daimler, Deutsche Bahn, Deutsche Bank und Postbank, Deutsche Telekom, Lufthansa and Volkswagen Financial Services.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Patrick Burgess

1 FEB 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is delighted to announce that Patrick Burgess has joined our Calgary office as a senior energy counsel. Pat brings to the firm over 34 years of experience in all aspects of energy law, including domestic and international oil and gas, property acquisitions and dispositions, property exchanges and diverse joint venture transactions.

DLA Piper advises CIRCOR in US\$85 million sale of Reliability Services business to RelaDyne

28 JAN 2019

DLA Piper represented CIRCOR International, Inc., a provider of flow control solutions and other highly engineered products for the industrial, energy, aerospace and defense markets, in the sale of its Reliability Services business to an affiliate of RelaDyne LLC for approximately US\$85 million.

DLA Piper strengthens ASEAN Corporate and Finance offering with key partner hire

21 JAN 2019

DLA Piper has strengthened its Corporate and Finance offering with the appointment of Philip Lee as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in Singapore.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Jonathan Fraser

16 JAN 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Jonathan Fraser to the firm's Edmonton office as an associate in the Corporate group.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for TRG Group Benefits and Pensions Inc. in acquisition by Hub International Limited

14 JAN 2019

DLA Piper Canada acted on behalf of the seller, TRG Group Benefits and Pensions Inc., in its acquisition by Hub International Limited.

DLA Piper tops *Mergermarket*, *Thomson Reuters* league tables

9 JAN 2019

For the ninth consecutive year, DLA Piper earned the top legal advisor ranking globally for overall M&A deal volume, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP represents Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. and Sumitomo Corporation in the acquisition of the Pogo Gold Mine in Alaska by Northern Star Resources for US\$260 million

7 JAN 2019

On September 28, 2018, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. and Sumitomo Corp. completed the US\$260 million sale of the Pogo Gold Mine in Alaska to Northern Star Resources.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes four new partners

2 JAN 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes four new additions to the partnership, effective January 1, 2019.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized in 2019 *Legal 500 Canada* guide

7 DEC 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that 42 firm lawyers across 17 practice areas have been recommended in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Fabjola Gera

5 DEC 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Fabjola Gera to the firm's Edmonton office as an associate in the Corporate group.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Eamon Hurley

3 DEC 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Eamon Hurley to the firm's Calgary office as Counsel in the Corporate Group.

Catherine Gibson named one of Women's Executive Network 2018 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winner

22 NOV 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to congratulate Catherine Gibson, Managing Partner of the firm's Vancouver office, on being named a Women's Executive Network (WXN) 2018 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winner presented by KPMG.

Trevor Wong-Chor appointed Chair of Canadian Securities and Capital Markets Group

20 NOV 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Trevor Wong-Chor has been named Chair of the Securities & Capital Markets service group.

DLA Piper advises Webjet on purchase of Middle East headquartered Destinations of the World

7 November

DLA Piper has advised Australian online travel business Webjet Limited on its US\$ 173 million purchase of UAE based Destinations of the World and related fully underwritten entitlement offer. Destinations of the World was sold by Abu Dhabi based private equity fund Gulf Capital.

DLA Piper completes global compliance survey of initial coin offerings and securities token offerings

6 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has completed a global compliance survey of initial coin offerings (ICOs) and securities token offerings (STOs), identifying how governments and agencies in more than 70 jurisdictions define, regulate and tax tokens and associated transactions.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for Pinnacle Renewable Holdings Inc. in acquisition of 70% interest in Aliceville, Alabama wood pellet mill

19 OCT 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP, in conjunction with DLA Piper LLP (US), acted as lead counsel for Pinnacle Renewable Holdings Inc. in the acquisition of a 70% interest in an operating industrial wood pellet production facility located in Aliceville, Alabama from The Westervelt Company for approximately US\$37.1 million.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and DLA Piper Tokyo Partnership acted for Nippon Paper Industries Co., Ltd., Marubeni Corporation and Daishowa North America Corporation in the \$465 million acquisition of jointly owned Canadian pulp producer by Mercer International Inc.

12 OCT 2018

On October 4, 2018, Nippon Paper Industries Co., Ltd., Marubeni Corporation and Daishowa North America Corporation announced an agreement to sell the shares of the jointly owned Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd., to Mercer International Inc. DLA Piper Canada and DLA Piper Tokyo Partnership acted on behalf of the sellers.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP represents The Coca Cola Company in the sale of its Canadian bottling operations

9 OCT 2018

On October 1, 2018 Coca-Cola Canada Bottling Limited announced that it had acquired Coca-Cola Refreshments Canada from The Coca-Cola Company. DLA Piper (Canada) LLP, in conjunction with DLA Piper LLP (US), acted as lead M&A counsel to the The Coca-Cola Company through all stages of the transaction.

DLA Piper advises James Hardie Industries in its €400 million debut euro bond offering

4 OCT 2018

DLA Piper represented James Hardie Industries, a global manufacturer and marketer of fiber cement products, in its €400 million debut euro bond offering.

DLA Piper Canada recognized by *Chambers Canada* 2019

27 SEP 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to be recognized as an industry leader in the 2019 edition of *Chambers Canada*. With 34 lawyers recognized across 20 practices areas, this is DLA Piper Canada's strongest showing to date.

DLA Piper advises Palisade on acquisition of equity stake in HCL fiber optic cable business

14 September

DLA Piper has advised Palisade Investment Partners Limited (Palisade), on behalf of funds that it manages, on the acquisition of a significant equity stake with board representation in HCL Limited Partnership, HCL LP General Partner Limited and International Connectivity Services Limited.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for Carnival Corporation in the US \$290 million acquisition of the White Pass and Yukon Route from TWC Enterprises Limited

12 SEP 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP, in conjunction with DLA Piper LLP (US), acted for Carnival Corporation ("Carnival") in the US \$290 million acquisition of the White Pass and Yukon Route railway ("WPYR") from TWC Enterprises Limited.

DLA Piper's Africa practice triumphs at Africa Legal Awards

11 SEP 2018

DLA Piper Africa is proud to announce that its Zimbabwean member firm, Manokore Attorneys, took home the 'African Law Firm of the Year - Small Practice' award at The African Legal Awards, which took place on Friday 7 September 2018 at The Wanderers Club, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

DLA Piper Advises Riversdale Resources on its \$70 million strategic placement to Hancock

31 August

DLA Piper has advised Australian incorporated coal development company, Riversdale Resources ("Riversdale"), on its \$70 million placement to Hancock, resulting in Hancock's acquisition of a strategic stake in Riversdale. The investment values Riversdale at approximately \$500 million.

DLA Piper advises Baring Vostok on the acquisition of a minority stake in Belarusian software developer Itransition

23 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Baring Vostok, a private equity fund investing in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States, on its acquisition of a minority stake in Itransition, a leading Belarusian software solutions developer and full-spectrum IT services provider.

Best Lawyers in Canada 2019 recognizes 72 DLA Piper (Canada) LLP Lawyers

22 AUG 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to have once more increased its rankings in the 2019 edition of *Best Lawyers*, with close to one-third of the firm's lawyers recommended as leading practitioners in Canada across key practice areas.

DLA Piper advises Helios Technologies on acquisition of Custom Fluidpower

13 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Helios Technologies (Nasdaq: SNHY) on the 100% acquisition of Australian business Custom Fluidpower for AU\$35 million (approximately US\$26 million) on 1 August, 2018. The acquisition was funded using cash and shares of SNHY common stock.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for the seller of CUL Administration of Canada Ltd. in acquisition by Auto Financial Group

10 AUG 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP represented the seller of CUL Administration of Canada Ltd in its acquisition by Auto Financial Group ("AFG").

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Ashley Boyes

7 AUG 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Ashley Boyes to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations group.

DLA Piper advises Avison Young in investment by Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec

16 JUL 2018

DLA Piper represented Avison Young in connection with a CA\$250 million preferred equity investment in the firm by Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec.

DLA Piper advised Morrison & Co on AU\$6 billion funds management transfer

6 JUL 2018

DLA Piper has advised Morrison & Co (MCO) on the formal transition of its appointment as manager of Utilities Trust of Australia (UTA), effective 1 July 2018.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new partner Ilia Danef

3 JUL 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is delighted to announce that Ilia Danef has joined the firm as a partner in the Toronto office. Ilia brings with him an extensive finance practice with a focus on debt finance. He also regularly represents clients in corporate transactions and mergers and acquisitions in the projects, energy and infrastructure and the financial institutions sectors.

DLA Piper Africa welcomes Zimbabwe member firm

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper Africa has announced that leading Zimbabwean law firm, Manokore Attorneys, is joining as the member firm in Zimbabwe.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes associate Kevin Emamian

18 JUN 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Kevin Emamian to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Corporate and Real Estate groups.

DLA Piper boosts London Corporate practice with major partner hire

6 Jun 2018

DLA Piper today announces that Martin Nelson-Jones will be joining the firm as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in London.

Martin will be joining the firm from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, where he was a partner since 2001 and served as co-head of their global infrastructure and transport sector group. He specialises in M&A and has worked across a range of sectors, including energy and infrastructure. Martin advises both corporates and financial investors.

DLA Piper advises StackPath on its acquisition of Server Density

17 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has advised StackPath, a leading secure edge services platform provider headquartered in Dallas, TX, on its cross-border acquisition of Server Density.

DLA Piper to launch new office in Dublin with leading partner hire

15 MAY 2018

DLA Piper today announces that it will be opening an office in Dublin, Ireland, alongside the hire of partner David Carthy. The

new office will focus on the Financial Services, Technology and Life Sciences sectors initially.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Gargi Chopra

7 MAY 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Gargi Chopra to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Corporate group.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper advises FMO on JCM Power investment

26 MAR 2018

A cross-jurisdictional DLA Piper team from London and Toronto has assisted FMO (the Dutch development bank investing in growth and frontier markets) on its cornerstone investment into JCM Power.

DLA Piper advises Deutsche Bank on Paladin Restructuring

28 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised Deutsche Bank on its special situations investment in Australian listed Paladin Energy Limited (PEL), which holds substantial uranium and mining assets in Namibia, Malawi, Canada and certain Australian states.

***Chambers Global* 2018 recommends DLA Piper Canada**

20 FEB 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP professionals are once again featured in the latest edition of the *Chambers Global* guide.

DLA Piper recognized as a global and national leader in M&A, private equity and venture capital by *PitchBook*

16 FEB 2018

DLA Piper is one of the most active law firms for M&A, private equity and venture capital deal volume and was the **only** firm to rank in the top five of each category in *PitchBook's* 2017 global league tables report.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new partner Robbie Grossman

16 FEB 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Robbie Grossman as a partner in the Toronto office. Robbie brings with him a significant

cross border securities, M&A and corporate finance practice underscored by deep experience in acting for emerging issuers and public companies.

DLA Piper advises Cabinet Group on Funcom joint venture

9 FEB 2018

DLA Piper represented Cabinet Group LLC on tax and Norwegian law matters in its joint venture with Funcom N.V., a Norwegian developer, to establish Heroic Signatures.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Rohan Rajpal

6 FEB 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Rojan Rajpal to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Corporate Group.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP advises Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd. on \$125 million private placement of senior notes

26 JAN 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP represented Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd (TSX: TWM) in the issuance of \$125 million aggregate principal amount of 6.75% senior unsecured notes due 2022, by way of a private placement.

DLA Piper advises Immunomedics on royalty funding and stock purchase agreements with Royalty Pharma which raised an aggregate of US\$250 million

9 JAN 2018

DLA Piper represented Immunomedics, Inc., in the sale of tiered, sales-based royalty rights on global net sales of sacituzumab govitecan (IMMU-132) to Royalty Pharma for US\$175 million. Royalty Pharma has also purchased US\$75 million in common stock of Immunomedics, at US\$17.15 per share.

DLA Piper tops Mergermarket's global league table for eighth consecutive year

9 JAN 2018

For the eighth consecutive year, DLA Piper earned the top legal advisor ranking globally for overall M&A deal volume in 2017, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes six new partners

8 JAN 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is delighted to welcome six new additions to the partnership, effective January 1, 2018.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes important additions to the Restructuring group

31 DEC 2017

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is delighted to welcome Edmond Lamek as Partner and Danny Nunes as Associate Counsel to our national Restructuring group. Both Edmond and Danny will join our Toronto office.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP expands rankings in *Legal 500 Canada*

1 DEC 2017

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to have achieved its best showing to date in *Legal 500 Canada*, with 11 lawyers gaining new rankings in the newly released 2018 edition.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new restructuring partner Mike Weinczok

1 DEC 2017

Mike's practice encompasses all aspects of business restructuring, distress investing and commercial lending.

Sumitomo Metal Mining joint venture with IAMGOLD receives prestigious PDAC Award

30 NOV 2017

DLA Piper Canada acted for Sumitomo in the transaction which involved Sumitomo and IAMGOLD establishing a strategic joint venture concurrent with the acquisition by Sumitomo of a 30% participating interest in IAMGOLD's ownership of the Côté Gold Project in Ontario for USD \$195 million in June 2017.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new partner Charlie MacCready

23 OCT 2017

Charlie brings extensive Canadian and cross-border experience in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, securities, corporate and business law.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP increases rankings in *Chambers Canada 2018*

29 SEP 2017

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to be recognized for its expanding market leadership in the 2018 edition of *Chambers Canada*, garnering its highest number of rankings to date.

DLA Piper launches new platform for *Guide to Going Global* series

20 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has launched a new platform featuring its *Guide to Going Global* series, an online resource designed to help companies operating and growing their international businesses.
