



Defence

We are the only firm in the world that offers a top-tier global defence and security practice, as well as the ability to draw upon experienced defence, procurement and infrastructure lawyers throughout the world. We also draw from DLA Piper's broad range of resources to provide advice to the defence industry in the areas of international trade, export controls, corporate transactions, tax and employment.

The lawyers and consultants of DLA Piper offer comprehensive advice to the defence industry to assist clients in accomplishing their business, legal, and political goals. We understand the complexities of contracting with various national departments or ministries of defence and the legal structures and constraints of working with government departmental entities.

As a global firm, we have lawyers with substantial defence experience in Europe, the Eastern Bloc, the Middle East, Asia, Australia and the US.

As the team that delivered one of the first-ever PFIs in the UK defence sector in 1998, we are a longstanding major player in the defence market.

CAPABILITIES

Our capability covers:

- strategic alliances;
- procurement models;
- joint ventures;
- prime contracting;
- urgent operational requirements ('UORs');
- government owned, commercially operated structures;
- partnering;
- integrator models;
- security issues including security classifications, security aspects letters and security undertakings (some of our UK team are security cleared); and
- the complete spectrum of contractual models the defence government agencies use (for example, in the UK from DEFCONS, JSPs, SOPC4, Model ICT agreement and DEFFORMS).

EXPERIENCE

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RELATED SERVICES

- Public Private Partnerships and PFI

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- UK Military Air Traffic Control - advising Lockheed Martin's Fusion consortium on its bid for the £1.5bn UK Ministry of Defence's project for the design, construction and installation of military air traffic management capability and the provision of certain services in support thereof known as Project Marshall; and
 - Assisting a foreign buyer acquiring a US defence contractor to successfully meet the Exon-Florio requirements and maintain the acquired company's defence security clearances.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Ireland's NTR on PPA as part of financing of Swedish wind project

7 February 2020

DLA Piper has advised Irish renewable energy investment firm NTR on a power purchase agreement (PPA) with a European utility as part of its financing of 94MW of wind projects in Sweden and Finland. NTR acquired these portfolio projects, called VindIn, in 2019, a transaction in which DLA Piper also advised on.

Pressure on corporate responsibility driving deal flow in renewable energy sector

18 December 2019

Increased pressure on corporate companies to have better 'green' credentials and the end of Government incentives has seen the number of subsidy-free renewable energy projects increase by more than 1,000 per cent since 2013, according to research from global law firm DLA Piper, using data from inspiratia.

DLA Piper named Firm Of The Year for Projects, Energy & Natural Resources by Legal 500 UK Awards 2020

11 December 2019

DLA Piper has been named as 'Firm of The Year' for Projects, Energy & Natural Resources by the Legal 500 UK Awards 2020.

DLA Piper recognised at Partnerships Awards for its role on the Bridge Power Project in Ghana

10 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has been acknowledged for its role advising on the vendor financing for Stage 1 of the 400MW CCGT Bridge Power Project (the Bridge Project) in Ghana at the 2019 Partnerships Awards, held on 9 May 2019 in London.

DLA Piper advises the UK government on Heathrow expansion

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has successfully advised the Department for Transport (DfT) on the Heathrow expansion project for the new third runway.

DLA Piper boosts project finance offering with partner hire in London

3 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announces that project finance lawyer Nacim Bounouara has joined the firm as a partner in its Finance and Projects practice, based in London.

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 advises Ireland's NTR on acquisition of 200MW wind portfolio in Sweden and Finland

JAN 22 2019

DLA Piper has advised Irish renewable energy investment firm NTR on its acquisition of a portfolio of just over 200MW of operational and pre-construction onshore wind projects in Sweden and Finland.

DLA Piper expands new Dublin office with four-partner hire

9 JAN 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of four new partners from highly-regarded Irish firms to its newly opened Dublin office into four key practice areas of Finance and Projects (F&P), Corporate, Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) and Employment. These hires follow the appointment of Corporate partner David Carthy as Ireland Country Managing Partner in May 2018.

DLA Piper advises Element Power on the sale of part of its business to Norwegian energy group Statkraft

5 OCT 2018

DLA Piper has advised global renewable energy developer, Element Power, on the sale of its power projects and asset management business covering Ireland and the UK, to Statkraft, a Norwegian state-owned utility.

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 launches Renewable Energy in Africa Guide

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper's global Energy practice has today launched Renewable Energy in Africa, a major new guide for clients.

DLA Piper receives *Latin Lawyer* Deal of the Year award

25 APR 2018

DLA Piper received *Latin Lawyer's* Project Finance Deal of the Year award for its representation of Abengoa in the sale of a

combined cycle power plant to a consortium consisting of Macquarie Capital and Techint.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018

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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.

Stoneway Capital awarded *Project Finance International* 2017 Latin America Deal of the Year

23 MAR 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that their client, Stoneway Capital Corporation, was recognized by Project Finance International with the 2017 Latin America Deal of the Year award.

DLA Piper advises Timor-Leste on historic maritime treaty

6 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has been advising the Government of Timor-Leste, for more than four years, on its historic maritime treaty with the Australian Government, signed today at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the successful outcome of a compulsory conciliation process.

DLA Piper advises Rosatom on joint venture with Lagerwey to boost Russian wind industry

21 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised NovaWind, a Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation's unit responsible for new energy programmes in Russia, on its joint venture with Dutch turbine developer Lagerwey, to supply 388 turbines to Russian wind farms by 2022.
