



## Emerging Growth and Venture Capital

With lawyers across the US and globally who focus on venture capital and private equity, DLA Piper is strategically positioned to serve and support emerging growth companies and venture capital and other institutional investors wherever they do business.

In today's challenging venture capital environment, clients often need help accessing the right sources of finance and optimizing their potential for raising capital.

At DLA Piper, we have teams of lawyers dedicated to helping founders, entrepreneurs, startups, emerging growth companies, whether in the technology, life science, healthcare, consumer or entertainment industries, and angel and venture capital funds, corporate strategic investors and other institutional investors with their venture capital or other strategic transactions. Our global platform means we are well placed to represent clients investing abroad and portfolio companies going global. In the US, our geographic reach and experience is vast.

In the last three years, we have completed over 2,000 financings totaling nearly US\$33 billion. Drawing on this strong track record, we use our extensive network of angel, venture and corporate investors to connect clients to capital.

### CAPABILITES

We formulate sophisticated, practical and creative legal solutions for our emerging growth clients. We provide insight that allows us to develop entrepreneurs into leaders of successful businesses, including advice concerning business problems they should anticipate and how they can overcome them. We have a broad suite of legal services that can help emerging growth clients grow and adjust to new business challenges. In addition to our leading corporate practice, we also provide such critical services as intellectual property advice, board of director training, corporate governance, government affairs, international tax, securities counseling, and M&A and IPO planning.

DLA Piper is ranked by *Chambers USA* in Emerging Growth and Venture Capital in all major and mid markets. Unlike many competitors in the sector, our Emerging Growth and Venture Capital practice is not limited to a few geographic markets. Rather, we provide deep, broad coverage, with a nationwide presence in more markets than other law firms and *Chambers*-ranked lawyers on the ground in 20 cities.

### EXPERIENCE

#### KEY CONTACTS

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## Awards and Rankings

- #1 Global M&A deal volume for the last eleven years (*Mergermarket 2010-2020*)
- #1 European M&A by deal volume (*Mergermarket 2013-2020*)
- #2 Americas M&A by deal volume (*Mergermarket 2020*)
- #1 Most active law firm in Europe for private equity deals (*PitchBook 2020*)
- #3 Most active law firm globally for private equity deals (*PitchBook 2020*)
- Top three most active law firm for combined global deal volume in private equity, venture capital and M&A (*PitchBook 2020*)
- #2 most active law firm in fund formation for private capital funds with less than \$50M AUM (*Prequin Service Providers in Alternative Assets Special Report, December 2019*)
- #3 most active law firm in fund formation for private capital funds with \$50M - \$99M AUM (*Prequin Service Providers in Alternative Assets Special Report, December 2019*)
- #3 Global Private Equity - Buyouts & Exits combined by deal volume (*Mergermarket 2018-2020*)
- According to data collected by PitchBook, DLA Piper represented more investors than any other law firm in 2020, and has represented the most investors for nine consecutive years

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### CVCA model documents: Use freely and with caution

22 March 2021

For early stage companies and small businesses, one of the key factors to successful growth is securing adequate, appropriate funding. Particularly for those with immediate and long-term growth potential, venture capital is a very common form of private early stage financing. The term "venture capital" will be one which is familiar to most entrepreneurs, however the structure that such an early stage investment may take is not always as easily known.

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#### Wyoming takes a step ahead to clarify the legal status of decentralized autonomous organizations

22 March 2021

If the bill becomes official law, Wyoming will be the first US state to clarify the legal status of a DAO.

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#### Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 November 2020

### BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

IMF issues report on regulatory framework for CBDs and GSCs, SEC invites feedback on application of custody rule to digital assets.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 October 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

SDNY finds Kin token is a security; unpacking the DOJ's cryptocurrency guidance – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## New CFIUS regulations change mandatory filing requirements and increase the importance of US export controls

30 September 2020

The new rule modifies the criteria that trigger a mandatory filing with CFIUS, potentially subjecting more transactions to mandatory CFIUS review.

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## BC Government announces new sales programs for the cannabis industry in 2021 and 2022

22 September 2020

On September 20, 2020, the Government of British Columbia announced three new sales programs to benefit the B.C. cannabis industry. The programs are aimed at providing small-scale producers, rural communities, and Indigenous businesses with greater access to non-medical cannabis retailers and consumers.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 August 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

California appellate court affirms judgment for Coinbase in lawsuit over Bitcoin Gold – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## First emerging technologies identified and controlled for export in the EAR

26 June 2020

The designation also makes these a "critical technology," giving CFIUS jurisdiction over foreign investments in US businesses that engage with these items.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends June 2020

18 June 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

World Economic Forum announces Presidio Principles as a foundation of blockchain ecosystem design – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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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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## Chinese and other emerging market companies listed in the US face increased scrutiny from Congress and Nasdaq

27 May 2020

Within a span of two days, the US Senate, House and Nasdaq each took steps to safeguard investors in the US capital markets.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

20 May 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

California may limit application of securities laws to tokens, French court says bitcoins are fungible assets – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## Coronavirus: the federal government is working quickly to fund the efforts of small business to recover from the global crisis: electronic signatures are permitted

13 May 2020

Electronic signatures are permitted as part of the Paycheck Protection Program and Main Street Lending Program.

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## COVID-19: National security risks lead to expanded global foreign direct investment reviews

11 May

Key developments in global FDI review regimes.

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## CARES Act and eligibility under the Paycheck Protection Program

6 May 2020

The CARES Act does not expressly exclude debtors in bankruptcy from eligibility for PPP loans; however, it grants the SBA broad rulemaking authority.

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## Main Street Lending Program: Federal Reserve expands scope and eligibility for small and mid-size business loans

5 May 2020

The revised Main Street Lending Program will allow larger companies and businesses with more pre-existing debt access to loans.

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## Israel Group News May 2020

4 May 2020

### ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

Providing access to valuable business resources in real time.

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#### Relief for startups from COVID-19: do I qualify for funding?

4 MAY 2020

As COVID-19 continues to impact the Canadian economy, a number of financial support initiatives have been announced by provincial and federal governments to aid small and medium sized businesses (SMEs). While business may have slowed down for many SMEs, it is likely operational costs have not and many of these aid programs have been introduced in recognition of this fact.

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#### Portfolio company risk analysis during COVID-19

20 April 2020

An overview of certain material issues for PE firms and portfolio companies to consider when conducting financial risk analyses.

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#### COVID-19: Private equity and venture capital fund considerations (Australia)

17 April 2020

This article adds some local Australian considerations to the factors raised by our US colleagues in funds management. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic presents significant challenges for private equity and venture capital fund sponsors and investment managers- from additional risk disclosures being required, questions around fund sponsors' ability to refer to track record generated in different circumstances, through to daily operational issues like the difficulty of generating a reliable fund NAV where markets are disrupted, and the requirement to keep providing management services under difficult circumstances. We discuss some of them here.

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#### BDC launches matching investment program to support Canadian venture capital-backed companies affected by COVID-19

15 APR 2020

On April 9, 2020, BDC Capital, the investment arm of the Business Development Bank of Canada, announced that it had launched the BDC Capital Bridge Financing Program to support Canadian venture-backed companies impacted by COVID-19.

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#### Main Street Lending Program: Federal Reserve unveils emergency lending facilities for small and mid-size businesses up to 10,000 employees

13 April 2020

The Fed announces new steps it is taking to provide loans to assist employers of various sizes, as well as to strengthen the ability of state and local governments to deliver critical services during the pandemic.

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#### 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.

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### **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security (CARES) Act payroll tax relief provisions – a quick look for nonprofits and microenterprises**

7 April 2020

The Employee Retention Tax Credit is intended to help the cash flow of employers whose business operations have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

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### **COVID-19 and the "essential business" designation: Practical guidance for businesses that fall in the gray area between "essential" and "non-essential"**

6 April 2020

Certain frequently asked questions as well as practical guidance.

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### **COVID-19's impact on portfolio company financing**

3 April 2020

An overview of financing considerations for portfolio companies of PE firms to address market challenges created by the COVID-19 crisis.

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### **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

25 March 2020

#### **[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

The age of viral outbreaks – key contract considerations in a post-COVID-19 world, plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments around blockchain and digital transformation.

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### **SBA to provide disaster assistance loans for small businesses impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19) (United States)**

24 March 2020

The Small Business Administration has authorized Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million in assistance to help small businesses and other organizations that have been financially impacted as a direct result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) since January 31, 2020.

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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19): ten practical steps for global employers, right now (Global)**

13 March 2020

These steps are not based on laws of any one jurisdiction but rather are designed to provide a global employer with themes to consider, understanding that what may be suitable for each employer may vary greatly depending on the employer's unique

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circumstances.

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## **Israel Group News February 2020**

10 February 2020

### **ISRAEL GROUP NEWS**

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

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## **Argentina suspends Promotional Regime of the Knowledge-based Economy**

28 January 2020

The regime aims to promote digital, information and communication technologies and the highly skilled human capital that creates and advances those technologies.

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## **Taxation of cryptocurrency: reporting charitable contributions in the US and new developments in the UK**

16 January 2020

Charities that accept donations of cryptocurrency face a number of administrative challenges; plus new guidance from HMRC.

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## **Commerce imposes export licensing requirement on geospatial imagery software**

8 January 2020

Companies that produce, design, test, manufacture, fabricate, or develop a software described in the new controls may now be operating within the category of "critical technologies" as defined in CFIUS regulations.

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## **Congressional hearing to focus on facial recognition and national security**

12 December 2019

### **AI OUTLOOK**

Technologies controlled by foreign governments and their implications for privacy and national security are expected to be a major topic.

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## **Israel Group News November 2019**

18 November 2019

In this issue, IP considerations in augmented reality and virtual reality, plus our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

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## **Argentina: Promotional Regime of the Knowledge-based Economy comes into force 1.1.2020 – key points**

7 November 2019

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The new tax regime seeks to put Argentina at the forefront of the knowledge economy in Latin America.

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### **Hikvision and other Chinese companies added to the Entity List**

10 October 2019

The list includes Chinese companies in the video surveillance, artificial intelligence, voice recognition, deep learning and other technology fields.

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### **Israel Group News August 2019**

7 August 2019

#### **[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)**

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### **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.

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### **Israel Group News May 2019**

9 MAY 2019

#### **[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)**

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## **[Events](#)**

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#### **CVC strategy: Lessons from 2020, strategic considerations for 2021**

18 March 2021 | 12:00 – 1:00 ET

Webinar

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#### **Axis Tel Aviv**

17 March 2021

Webinar

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## NEWS

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### **Daniel Kenney and Derek Sigel named Co-Chairs of the Canadian Capital Markets group**

9 April 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Dan Kenney and Derek Sigel have been named Co-Chairs of the Canadian firm's Capital Markets group.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Nahal Iranpour**

6 April 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Nahal Iranpour to the firm's Vancouver office as an associate in the Securities and Capital Markets Group.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Joseph Furness**

15 March 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Joe Furness to the firm's Vancouver office as an associate in the Securities and Capital Markets Group.

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### **DLA Piper Canada acted for Brixton Metals on USD\$44.5 million joint venture agreement on Hog Heaven copper-silver-gold project**

5 March 2021

On March 2, 2021, Brixton Metals Corporation (TSX: BBB, OTCQB: BBBXF) announced that it had signed a USD\$44.5 million definitive earn-in agreement with High Power Exploration Inc.

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### **DLA Piper Canada's Capital Markets group has fast-paced start to 2021**

3 March 2021

Assisting on close to \$1 billion in deals in key growth sectors since the beginning of the year, our Capital Markets team has had a fast-paced start to 2021.

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### **DLA Piper Canada advises Nova Royalty on \$25 million at-the-market equity program**

1 March 2021

On February 26, 2021, Nova Royalty Corp. (TSXV: NOVR) announced that it had entered into an equity distribution agreement with BMO Nesbit Burns Inc. and PI Financial Corp. (together, the "Agents") to establish an at-the-market equity program. DLA Piper Canada acted for Nova in this transaction.

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### **Ted Maduri named a Lexology Legal Influencer**

22 February 2021

Ted Maduri from our Toronto office has been named a Legal Influencer for Q4 2020 by Lexology, a leading global provider of legal content. One of only 10 lawyers chosen for the Q4 cycle, Ted was recognized as an influencer in the Corporate field.

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### **DLA Piper Canada advising Nova Royalty on royalty purchase agreement for Vizcachitas project and \$28 million loan facility with Beedie Capital**

11 February 2021

On February 10, 2021, Nova Royalty Corp. announced that it had entered into a royalty purchase agreement to acquire a net smelter return royalty on part of the Vizcachitas Project in Chile. DLA Piper Canada acted for Nova in this transaction as well as a loan agreement with Beedie Capital for the acquisition of new royalties.

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### **DLA Piper Canada advising on seed financings for emerging companies in the technology and biotech sectors**

8 February 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP has advised a number of up-and-coming companies in the technology and biotech sectors on corporate finance transactions intended to help them reach their strategic goals.

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### **DLA Piper advises Manulife on its acquisition of 39 Martin Place**

29 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised international financial services group Manulife Financial Corporation on its 50/50 joint venture with Investa Commercial Property Fund ("ICPF") to acquire the right to a 100% interest in 39 Martin Place, Sydney from Macquarie Group Limited (ASX: MQG).

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### **DLA Piper Canada represented the underwriters in offering of common shares for Converge Technology Solutions**

21 January 2021

On January 15, 2021, Converge Technology Solutions Corp. announced the closing of an offering of common shares for \$86.4 million. DLA Piper Canada acted as Canadian counsel to the underwriters in connection with the offering.

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### **DLA Piper Canada advised Tier1 Financial Solutions on its acquisition of Alessa**

19 January 2021

On January 14, 2021, Tier1 Financial Solutions, a leading provider of client relationship management ("CRM") solutions, announced that it had acquired Alessa, a compliance and financial crime prevention solution software company. DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted as legal advisor to Tier1 on this transaction.

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### **DLA Piper advises Zip on investment in Twisto Payments**

19 January 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX listed Zip Co Limited (ASX: Z1P), a leading player in the digital retail finance and payments industry, on its investment in Twisto Payments a.s, a leading payments platform based in the Czech Republic and Poland.

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## **DLA Piper tops list for global M&A deal volume for 11th straight year**

7 January 2021

For the 11th consecutive year, DLA Piper was the highest-ranked legal advisor in the world for M&A deal volume, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables.

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## **Franco Trasolini appointed Managing Partner of Vancouver office**

31 December 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that, effective January 1, 2021, Franco Trasolini will become the Office Managing Partner of the Vancouver office.

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## **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes associate Matthew Demeo**

30 November 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Matthew Demeo to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Employment and Labour group.

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## **DLA Piper Canada acted for Reunion Foods in Series A financing**

30 November 2020

On November 13, 2020, Reunion Foods Inc. closed a \$8 million Series A financing. The financing was led by a new investor, Forage Capital Partners, alongside Export Development Canada and included substantial support from existing investor, Whitecap Venture Partners. DLA Piper Canada was pleased to have acted for Reunion Foods on this transaction.

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## **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized in the 2021 edition of the *Legal 500 Canada***

13 November 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and its lawyers have been recognized as industry leaders across multiple practice areas in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

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## **DLA Piper advises Space Capital on investment in technology start-up bliq**

27 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised US venture capital investor Space Capital on its investments in German technology start-up, bliq. The investment was part of bliq's Series Seed 2 financing round.

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## **DLA Piper represented Acreage Holdings in implementation of amended arrangement with Canopy Growth**

6 October 2020

On September 23, 2020, Canopy Growth Corporation and Acreage Holdings, Inc. announced the implementation of Acreage's

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previously-announced amended arrangement under section 288 of the *Business Corporations Act*.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP joins Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Ontario Premier Doug Ford in congratulating Sumitomo Metal Mining on official ground-breaking for Côté Gold Project**

15 September 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP congratulates our valued client, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd., together with its joint venture partner, IAMGOLD Corporation, on the occasion of the official ground-breaking ceremony at the Côté Gold Project.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Canada* 2021**

10 September 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 25 of our lawyers recognized across 16 practice areas in the 2021 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for DIF Capital Partners in 900 MW Canadian power project investment**

31 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted on behalf of DIF Capital Partners in connection with its investment in the 900-megawatt Cascade Power Project. DIF will invest in the construction of Cascade together with joint equity sponsors OPTrust and Axium Infrastructure.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP gold sponsor of Spring Activator's 2020 Impact Investor Challenge**

31 AUG 2020

DLA Piper Canada is pleased to be a Gold Sponsor and Legal Partner for Spring Activator's Impact Investor Challenge. The Impact Challenge connects local impact investors, key players in the Vancouver startup ecosystem, and emerging mission-driven companies. DLA Piper Canada lawyers will be the sole legal team providing legal advice to the program's investors.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP launches Black and Indigenous Business Law Clinic**

28 AUG 2020

DLA Piper Canada is pleased to announce the launch of a pro bono business law clinic dedicated to providing Black and Indigenous businesses with corporate and commercial legal advice.

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### **DLA Piper Canada increases rankings in 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada***

28 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 79 of our lawyers across 35 practice areas recognized in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide, resulting in our best showing with the guide since its inception.

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### **DLA Piper advises AS Roma in its sale to The Friedkin Group for €591 million**

17 August 2020

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DLA Piper represented AS Roma SPV, LLC, the majority shareholder of Italian soccer club AS Roma, in the sale of its controlling interest in the team and certain related assets to The Friedkin Group, Inc., in a transaction valued at €591 million.

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### **DLA Piper advises Syngenta on the acquisition of South African Sensako Group**

17 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Swiss-based Syngenta Group on its acquisition of Sensako Group, a South African seeds company engaged in the breeding and the commercialization of agronomic crops.

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### **DLA Piper Canada advised Askott Entertainment in its acquisition by FansUnite Entertainment**

12 AUG 2020

FansUnite Entertainment Inc., a sports and entertainment company listed on the Canadian Stock Exchange, has completed its acquisition of Askott Entertainment Inc. Askott is a Vancouver based software development company operating since 2013, which focuses on creating both B2B and B2C betting products in the rapidly growing esports industry.

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### **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the sale of MIS software provider CERM**

6 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of CERM, a global provider of Management Information System (MIS) software for the printing industry, in a Management Buyout (MBO).

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP congratulates Sumitomo Metal Mining on USD1.4 billion construction decision for Côté Gold Project**

28 JUL 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP congratulates our valued client Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. on its announcement on July 21, 2020 of the USD1.4 billion construction decision to build the Côté Gold Project in Ontario with its joint venture partner, IAMGOLD Corporation.

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### **DLA Piper advises Episode Six on its USD7 million Series A financing**

22 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Episode Six, a next-generation financial technology provider, on its recent USD7 million Series A funding. The round was led by HSBC and includes investments from Mastercard and SBI Investment Co., Ltd., which first invested in Episode Six through its FinTech Business Innovation Fund in 2017.

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### **Sandra Mah recognized in the 2020 Lawyer Monthly Women in Law Awards**

23 JUL 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Sandra Mah has been recognized in the 2020 Lawyer Monthly Women in Law Awards for her outstanding contribution and expertise in the area of Corporate Tax.

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## **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Partner Denis G. Silva to the Vancouver office**

13 JUL 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is delighted to announce that Denis G. Silva has joined the firm as a Partner in the Vancouver office. Denis focuses his practice on corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions and has extensive experience advising public and private clients in the mining, technology and financial sectors on a full range of business law matters.

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## **DLA Piper advises Katoen Natie on the acquisition of Nijhof Wassink**

7 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Katoen Natie, an international logistics service provider and port operator, on the acquisition of the warehousing activities of Nijhof-Wassink in Poland, a family-owned company specialising in logistics.

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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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## **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP increases rankings in the 2020 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory***

24 APR 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that we have significantly increased the number of lawyers ranked as leading practitioners in the 2020 edition of the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory.

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## **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for DIF Infra 3 Canada in sale to Innisfree**

31 MAR 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted on behalf of DIF Infra 3 Canada Ltd. in connection with its sale to Innisfree of DIF Infra 3 Canada Ltd's interest in ISL Health (Victoria) General Partnership, effective March 30, 2020.

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## **DLA Piper Canada acting for Charlotte's Web in proposed acquisition of Abacus Health**

24 MAR 2020

On March 23, 2020, Charlotte's Web Holdings, Inc. announced that they have entered into a definitive arrangement agreement with Abacus Health Products, Inc. in which Charlotte's Web would acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Abacus. DLA Piper Canada is pleased to be acting for Charlotte's Web on this transaction.

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## **DLA Piper Canada significantly expands Startups, Emerging Companies and Technology practice**

16 MAR 2020

With the addition of six new lawyers to our Vancouver office since the beginning of 2020, DLA Piper Canada has significantly expanded upon its capabilities in the Startups, Emerging Companies and Technology practice.

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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 (Canada) LLP featured in Lexpert's "Top 10 Deals of 2019"**

26 FEB 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to have acted on two of the transactions included in Lexpert magazine's "Top 10 Deals of 2019."

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### **DLA Piper only firm in top five for private equity, venture capital and M&A for third consecutive year**

25 February 2020

DLA Piper was the only firm to rank among the top five most active law firms for global deal volume in each of private equity, venture capital and M&A.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Global* 2020**

20 FEB 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and nine of its practitioners have been recognized in the 2020 edition of *Chambers Global*.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Becky Rock to the Vancouver Office**

18 FEB 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Becky Rock has joined the firm as an Associate in the Vancouver office.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Partner Michael E. Reid to the Vancouver office**

1 FEB 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Mike Reid has joined the firm as a Partner in the Vancouver office. Mike practises technology-related business law, with a particular focus on corporate, commercial and information technology matters.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for G&W Distillery in acquisition by Labatt**

29 JAN 2020

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DLA Piper Canada acted on behalf of the vendors in connection with the acquisition of Goodridge & Williams Distillery by Labatt Breweries of Canada, effective January 27, 2020.

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#### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Maneesha Dakha to the Vancouver office**

29 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Maneesha Dakha has joined the firm as an Associate in the Vancouver office. Maneesha practises corporate/commercial law and assists clients with general corporate commercial matters, purchase and sale transactions, mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters.

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#### **DLA Piper advises GS Engineering & Construction in its EUR140 million acquisition of Danwood Holding from Enterprise Investors**

28 January 2020

DLA Piper advised GS Engineering & Construction, a leading global construction company based in South Korea, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Danwood Holding from Polish Enterprise Fund VII, a private equity fund managed by Enterprise Investors. The value of the transaction is EUR140 million.

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#### **DLA Piper Canada advised Granite Oil in its transaction with International Petroleum Corporation**

24 JAN 2020

On January 20, 2020 Granite Oil Corp. announced that it had entered in an arrangement agreement with International Petroleum Corporation providing for the acquisition by IPC of the issued and outstanding shares of Granite Oil for cash consideration of \$0.95 per Share. DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted as legal advisor to Granite Oil for the transaction.

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#### **DLA Piper acting for Pinnacle Renewable Energy in partnership with Westervelt to develop pellet plant in the US Southeast**

20 JAN 2020

Pinnacle Renewable Energy Inc. has entered into a partnership with The Westervelt Company and Two Rivers Lumber Co., LLC to develop a new industrial wood pellet production facility in Demopolis, Alabama. DLA Piper are acting as counsel to Pinnacle.

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#### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Tyson Gratton**

13 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Tyson Gratton to the firm's Vancouver office as an associate in the Corporate group. Tyson's practice focuses primarily on assisting emerging and growth stage companies manage corporate governance matters, negotiate contracts and licensing agreements, navigate growth financing, and facilitate routine corporate commercial matters.

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#### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Morgan McDonald to the Vancouver office**

8 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Morgan T. McDonald has joined the firm as Counsel in the Vancouver office. Morgan's practice is focussed on assisting founders, startup and growth companies in the technology sector, including software,

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gaming, ecommerce and related technology facing businesses and emerging markets including artificial intelligence, cloud computing and privacy.

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### **DLA Piper tops list for global M&A deal volume for tenth straight year**

8 January 2020

For the tenth consecutive year, DLA Piper was the highest ranked legal advisor in the world for M&A deal volume, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Partner Ryan J. Black**

1 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Ryan Black has joined the firm as Partner in the Vancouver office. Ryan practises technology-related corporate law, with a particular focus on internet technologies, ecommerce, video games and esports.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes three new partners**

1 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes three new additions to the partnership, effective January 1, 2020.

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### **Jarrod Isfeld appointed Office Managing Partner of the Calgary office**

1 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that, effective January 1, 2020, Jarrod Isfeld will become the Office Managing Partner of the Calgary office.

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### **Onex Corporation completes acquisition of WestJet Airlines Ltd.**

19 DEC 2019

Onex Corporation and WestJet Airlines Ltd. announced on December 11, 2019 that they have completed their previously announced purchase agreement valued at approximately \$5 billion including assumed debt. DLA Piper Canada acted as counsel for Onex Corporation on various aspects of what is the largest private equity purchase of an airline in aviation history, including with respect to aviation law, financing matters and corporate law matters.

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### **DLA Piper Canada advises Beanfield Technologies in its acquisition by Digital Colony**

20 NOV 2019

Digital Colony Capital, Inc. acquired Canadian independent bandwidth infrastructure provider Beanfield Technologies for an undisclosed amount. DLA Piper Canada acted as legal advisor to Beanfield.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recommended in the 2020 edition of the *Legal 500 Canada***

14 NOV 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP has been recommended across a broad range of practice areas in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

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### **Russel Drew named a 2019 Lexpert Rising Star**

8 NOV 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Russel Drew from the firm's Toronto office has been named a 2019 Lexpert Rising Star.

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### **DLA Piper advises Seequent Limited on its acquisition of GEOSLOPE**

4 NOV 2019

DLA Piper has advised Accel-KKR and its portfolio company, Seequent Limited, in connection with its acquisition of GEOSLOPE International Ltd., a Canadian-based company that creates integrated, geotechnical analysis software.

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### **DLA Piper's cross-border team advises Althea on capital raising and acquisition of Peak Processing Solutions**

18 October 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX listed medicinal cannabis company, Althea Group Holdings Ltd (ASX: AGH), on its acquisition of Canadian extraction and contract manufacturing company Peak Processing Solutions, together with Althea's associated AUD30 million capital raising.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Partner Alex C. Roberts**

10 OCT 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Alex Roberts has joined the firm as Partner in the Toronto office.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Associate Counsel Alan Monk**

1 OCT 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Alan Monk has rejoined the firm as Associate Counsel in the Vancouver office. Alan has a broad-based corporate/commercial practice with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and securities law.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Canada* 2020**

20 Sep 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to be recognized as an industry leader in the 2020 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Lee K. Axford**

16 SEP 2019

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

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## **DLA Piper adviseert The Carlyle Group bij investering in HSO Group**

6 September 2019

DLA Piper heeft The Carlyle Group geadviseerd bij de investering in HSO Group. Het eigen vermogen voor de investering kwam van Carlyle European Technology Partners III Fund (CETP), een fonds van EUR635 miljoen dat investeert in technologiegerichte bedrijven in Europa en de VS.

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## **DLA Piper advises The Carlyle Group on its investment in HSO Group**

6 September 2019

DLA Piper has advised The Carlyle Group on its investment in HSO Group. Equity for the investment is provided by Carlyle European Technology Partners III Fund (CETP), a EUR635 million fund that invests in technology-focused companies in Europe and the US.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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

12 July 2019

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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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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).

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### **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.

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### **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.

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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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### **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.

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### **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*.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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).

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### **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.

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