



## Finance

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We share knowledge and skills in deals involving, for example, lending and borrowing, debt securities, derivatives, funds, portfolios and FinTech solutions, as well as energy, infrastructure and other projects.

### INSIGHTS

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#### Publications

##### **EMIR Refit: How market participants should prepare for the upcoming changes**

24 MAY 2019

The amending regulation to the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (also known as EMIR 2.1 or EMIR Refit) will introduce several key changes to the regulation of EU derivatives from next month. On 14 May 2019, the Council of the EU adopted the amended regulation and confirmed that the final text is expected to be signed in the coming weeks, with the amending regulation entering into force 20 days after its publication in the Official Journal of the EU.

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##### **UK's payment systems regulator delays the implementation of confirmation of payee**

23 MAY 2019

On 9 May 2019, the UK's Payment Systems Regulator (PSR) published a Consultation Paper announcing a delay of the implementation deadline of 'Confirmation of Payee' (CoP). You may access the Consultation Paper here. CoP, was due to come into force by 1 April 2019 but will now be pushed back until 31 December 2019.

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### RELATED SERVICES

- International Corporate Reorganizations

## European Supervisory Authorities propose the regulation of third party cloud service providers

13 MAY 2019

On 10 April 2019, the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) published a Joint Advice on the need for legislative improvements relating to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) risk management in the EU financial sector (Joint Advice). The three ESAs are the European Banking Authority (EBA), the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA). The Joint Advice includes, among other things, a recommendation addressed to the EU Commission to establish a framework for the oversight and monitoring of 'critical' cloud services providers.

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## Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 16, 2019

9 MAY 2019

### FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES

As ever, regulatory change, technology and modernization of financial systems play a big role and we have attempted to pick out a few areas that may be of particular interest, including the recent Securitization Regulation, Brexit and the European loan markets, UK mortgage uncertainty, issues with holding digital assets and ISDA agreements.

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## Proposed amendments to Canada's anti-money laundering regulations aim to close loop holes

15 APR 2019

Long-awaited amendments to Canada's anti-money laundering regulations are set to come into effect this coming fall. A number of deficiencies in the regulations had been previously identified in reports by inter-governmental agency, the Financial Action Task Force, and the US State Department.

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## FDIC highlights common deficiencies in technology vendor contracts

5 APR 2019

An indicator that not only the FDIC but other regulators may focus more intently on ambiguity of roles and rights in bank contracts during future examinations.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

30 APR 2019

### ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

In this issue, Washington state moves closer to E-SIGN, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

29 MAR 2019

### **ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS**

In this issue, the new prepaid rule may affect virtual currency wallet providers, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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## **Brexit News**

21 MAR 2019

The Italian Government has confirmed that a new law decree containing urgent measures in case of a "no-deal Brexit" has been approved during the Council of Ministries of 20 March 2019.

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## **Exchange International: Financial Services Regulation Newsletter**

21 MAR 2019

### **EXCHANGE - INTERNATIONAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION NEWSLETTER SERIES**

DLA Piper's Financial Services International Regulatory team welcomes you to the thirty eighth edition of "Exchange – International" – our international newsletter designed to keep you informed of regulatory developments in the financial services sector.

This issue includes updates from the European Union, as well as contributions from the UK, Luxembourg, the US and International developments.

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## **FCA fines UBS AG £27.6 million for transaction reporting failure**

20 MAR 2019

On 19 March 2019, the FCA announced that UBS AG (UBS) has been fined £27,599,400 for failings relating to 135.8 million transaction reports between November 2007 and May 2017. A transaction report involves submitting data to the FCA that contains information relating to an individual financial market transaction. The FCA's rules on transaction reporting, previously based in the first Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID), have, from 3 January 2018, been applied by the second Markets in Financial Instruments Directive. Each report includes information about the financial instrument traded, the firm undertaking the trade, the buyer and seller, and the date and time of the trade.

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## **Finalised Guidance on Statements of Responsibility and responsibilities maps for FCA firms under SM&CR**

20 MAR 2019

On 8th March the FCA published its Final Guidance on Statements of Responsibilities (SoRs) and responsibilities maps under the Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SM&CR). The Final Guidance builds on the FCA's SM&CR guidance for solo-regulated firms published in July 2018 and followed the FCA's consultation on the subject in October 2018. It aims to give FCA solo-regulated firms practical assistance and information on preparing SoRs and responsibilities maps prior to the roll out of the new rules in December 2019.

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## **Operational resilience and its failures in the financial services sector**

18 MAR 2019

In August 2018 the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) mandated banks start publishing information relating to major operational and security incidents. According to recent BBC findings, the data published so far show that big banks experience typically one outage per month. Between April and December, major UK banks suffered more than ten shutdowns. Barclays, followed by Lloyds, have reported the highest number of incidents.

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### **FCA publishes findings on consumer attitudes and awareness of cryptoassets**

12 MAR 2019

On 7th March 2019, the FCA published two pieces of research it had commissioned on consumers' attitudes and awareness of cryptoassets. "Cryptoassets" generally refer to cryptocurrencies (like Bitcoin) as well as other digital assets secured cryptographically.

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### **European Banking Authority publishes opinion on deposit protection in the event of a no-deal Brexit**

7 MAR 2019

On 1 March 2019, the European Banking Authority (EBA) published an Opinion on deposit protection issues arising from the UK's withdrawal from the EU (Opinion). The Opinion seeks to ensure that depositors in the EU are adequately protected also in a no-deal scenario. Most importantly, it recommends that EU branches of UK credit institutions should be required to join local EU Deposit Guarantee Schemes (DGSs) subject to the requirements of national law.

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### **ESMA adopts recognition decision regarding Euroclear in preparation for a no-deal Brexit**

7 MAR 2019

On 1 March 2019, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) announced that it will recognise Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited (Euroclear) as a third country Central Securities Depository (CSD), in the event of a no-deal Brexit (Recognition Decision). Euroclear, which is the CSD in the UK, also services Irish securities. The Recognition Decision will allow Euroclear to continue offering its services in the EU and will help avoid disruption for the Irish securities market.

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### **FCA encourages asset managers to transition to alternative risk-free rates**

1 MAR 2019

On 21 February 2019, Megan Butler, the FCA's Executive Director of Supervision: Investment, Wholesale and Specialists delivered a speech on firms' ongoing transition from the use of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) to overnight risk-free rates (RFRs).

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### **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.

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### **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

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28 FEB 2019

## **ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS**

In this issue, digitally complying with data breach notification laws, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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### **Global Financial Innovation Network formally launches**

8 FEB 2019

The Global Financial Innovation Network (GFIN) launched officially in January 2019. The GFIN is an international network of financial services regulators and relevant organisations, designed to support regulatory collaboration and cross-border testing of innovative products and technologies in the financial services sector.

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### **FCA Statement on Cryptocurrency Derivatives**

7 FEB 2019

On 6 April 2018, the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published a statement on its website regarding the regulatory treatment of cryptocurrencies and derivative instruments associated with them.

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### **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

31 JAN 2019

## **ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS**

In this issue, Fairness by Design, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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### **Government shutdown ends; CFTC announces resumption of normal operations**

29 JAN 2019

FTC will be updating the public and market participants over the coming days about the status of various agency activities.

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### **Government shutdown ends; SEC and CFTC may resume normal operations**

28 JAN 2019

The SEC divisions and offices strive to transition to normal operations.

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### **FCA proposes to exclude heads of legal as senior managers under SM&CR**

28 JAN 2019

On 23rd January the FCA published a Consultation Paper 19/4 outlining several amendments to the Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SM&CR) for banking firms, insurers and FSMA-authorized solo-regulated firms. The FCA hopes that the proposals will ensure the effectiveness of the SM&CR and support its objectives of reducing harm to consumers and strengthening market integrity.

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## **US and Australian regulators enter into FinTech cooperation agreement**

24 JAN 2019

At the heart of the agreement is a desire to enhance mutual understanding about FinTech regulatory issues, identify market developments, promote innovation and encourage use of technology in market oversight.

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## **FCA publishes its refreshed values and conflict of interests policy**

22 JAN 2019

On 3 January 2019, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published a short Reference Guide clarifying its Values and Core Skills (Reference Guide). On 2 January 2019, the FCA also published its Conflict of Interests Policy, which replaces and supersedes its Code of Conduct, with effect from 1 January 2019.

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## **FCA follows US regulators in warning firms over manufactured credit events in its latest Market Watch**

22 JAN 2019

Two and a half years since the Market Abuse Regulation (Regulation 596/2014) (MAR) came into effect, the FCA released the 58th edition of its Market Watch newsletter on 17 December 2018 (Newsletter) commenting on the latest developments on market conduct and transaction reporting.

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## **ESMA and EBA approach to Crypto-Assets**

21 JAN 2019

On 9 January 2019, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) and the European Banking Authority (EBA) published Advice and a Report, respectively, on the regulatory treatment of assets secured cryptographically (crypto-assets).

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## **From inception to today: the development of commodity position limits in the United States**

17 JAN 2019

In this sweeping overview, we explore the legislative history of the commodity position limit rules and the bona fide hedge exemption.

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## **Government shutdown's impact on SEC expands to administrative proceedings**

16 JAN 2019

SEC halts all administrative proceedings until further notice due to the shutdown.

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## **FCA consultation paper and policy statement on regulatory technical standards under PSD2**

15 JAN 2019

On 19 December 2018, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published Consultation Paper 18/44 which proposed to make Regulatory Technical Standards for Strong Customer Authentication and common and secure open standards of communication, for the purposes of contingency planning in the event of a no-deal Brexit (Consultation Paper).

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## **EEA firms and investment funds can now notify under Temporary Permissions Regime**

10 JAN 2018

The notification window to enter the Temporary Permissions Regime (TPR) opened on 7 January 2019 and will close at the end of 28 March 2019. In the event of a 'no deal' Brexit, the TPR allows inbound passporting EEA firms and investment funds to continue carrying out regulated business in the UK for a limited period of time, while working towards obtaining authorisation or recognition.

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## **SEC, CFTC implement plans for the government shutdown**

9 JAN 2019

Those who have business before the SEC or the CFTC should expect delays for the duration of the government shutdown and plan accordingly.

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## **2018: the year in privacy**

3 JAN 2019

A landmark year in state consumer privacy legislation.

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## **European Commission "No Deal" Contingency Plan - Financial Services Implications**

20 DEC 2018

On 19 December, the European Commission began implementing its "no deal" Brexit Contingency Action Plan. This came in the context of the continued uncertainty surrounding the ratification of the Withdrawal Agreement agreed between the EU and the UK on 25 November 2018 and last week's call by the European Council (Article 50) to intensify preparedness work against the backdrop of a potential "no deal" Brexit.

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## **Data Protection: What should financial services firms do in the event of a no-deal Brexit?**

20 DEC 2018

On 13 December 2018, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) published a Policy Statement clarifying how a 'no-deal' Brexit will affect UK data protection law. On the same day, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) published detailed guidance as well as a six-steps practical guide advising firms on how to prepare for a no-deal scenario.

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## **Energy, Infrastructure and Projects Global Insight Issue 1, 2018**

19 DEC 2018

Welcome to DLA Piper's Energy and Infrastructure Projects Global Insight. In this and twice-yearly issues of Global Insight, we seek to share the knowledge we've gained and put the spotlight on some of the most innovative, market-leading transactions we have been involved in.

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### **PRA and BoE consult on the Resolvability Assessment Framework**

19 DEC 2018

The Bank of England and the Prudential Regulation Authority have published two consultation papers to outline their proposed Resolvability Assessment Framework for banks. The regime is designed to ensure that banks are, and are able to demonstrate that they are, resolvable.

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### **PPP projects in Latin America: resolving disputes through investor-state arbitration**

18 DEC 2018

Investors in public-private partnership projects in Latin America may be able to settle disputes around the projects via investor-state arbitration.

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### **APPs en América Latina: resolución de disputas a través de arbitraje inversor-estado**

18 DEC 2018

Medidas de protección de la inversión pueden encontrarse en los contratos de APP, pero también en el derecho internacional.

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### **Commission refers Luxembourg to the Court of Justice for not completely implementing MLD4**

17 DEC 2018

On 8 November 2018, the European Commission referred Luxembourg to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) for failing to fully transpose the fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive (MLD4) into national law. On the same day, the Commission also sent Estonia a reasoned opinion and Denmark a letter of formal notice to assess compliance with MLD4.

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14 DEC 2018

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### **EBA Finalises guidelines on the contingency mechanism exemption under PSD2**

13 DEC 2018

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Article 98(1) of the Second Payments Services Directive (EU) 2015/2366 (PSD2) requires the European Banking Authority (EBA) to develop Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) on Strong Customer Authentication and common and secure communications (SCA).

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### **FSB progress report on decline in correspondent banking**

5 DEC 2018

On 16 November 2018, the Financial Stability Board (FSB) published its data report on correspondent banking as well as a progress report to the G20 Summit on the FSB action plan to assess and address the decline in corresponding banking.

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### **ESMA renews intervention measures on Binary Options and Contracts for Difference**

30 NOV 2018

On 9 November 2018, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) renewed the prohibition of the marketing, distribution and sale of binary options to retail clients for another three-month period, starting from 2 January 2019.

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### **The FCA proposes to impose a price cap on the rent-to-own sector**

29 NOV 2018

The FCA has been tackling issues in the rent-to-own (RTO) sector since it took over regulation of consumer credit in 2014. The FCA has already implemented a number of changes in the sector, including requiring more transparency when firms are disclosing the cash value of goods, the amount of interest to be paid, and total cost to customers. RTO firms were also required to make substantial improvements in the way they assess creditworthiness and deal with customers in financial difficulty.

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### **Central Securities Depositories Regulation**

29 NOV 2018

Following the financial crisis, the Central Securities Depositories Regulation (CSDR) became a part of the EU regulatory reform agenda. The purpose of the CSDR is to harmonize the settlement process and ensure consistency across the EU in relation to the regulation of Central Securities Depositories (CSDs). It aims to increase confidence in the financial markets and provide a safer and more efficient environment for the settlement of securities.

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### **Financial Stability Board progress report on reforming major interest rate benchmarks**

28 NOV 2018

On 14 November 2018, the Financial Stability Board (FSB) published a progress report on the implementation of its 2014 recommendations to reform major interest rate benchmarks as well as on its more recent work to improve contractual robustness in relation to the risk of discontinuation of major interest-rate benchmarks (Progress Report).

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### **FSB appoints new Chair and Vice Chair**

28 NOV 2018

On 26 November 2018, Plenary of the Financial Stability Board (FSB) unanimously agreed to appoint Randal K. Quarles,

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Governor and Vice Chairman for Supervision at the US Federal Reserve, as its new Chair and Klaas Knot, President of De Nederlandsche Bank, as Vice Chair.

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### **New withholding tax regime in Poland from 2019**

26 NOV 2018

Under the 2019 corporate income tax (CIT) reform in Poland there is a substantial review of the withholding tax (WHT) regime, in particular the way WHT exemptions or reduced rates can be applied.

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### **Spanish mortgage stamp duty now in the lenders' court**

21 NOV 2018

In Spain the granting and creation of a mortgage levies the so-called Tax on the Transfer of Assets and Stamp Duty (Impuesto sobre Transmisiones Patrimoniales y Actos Jurídicos Documentados), on the stamp duty modality (the "Stamp Duty"), at a rate which ranges -depending on the region (Comunidad Autónoma)- from 0.5% to 1.5% over the total amount secured by the mortgage granted.

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### **HM Treasury consults on breathing space scheme and statutory debt repayment plan**

20 NOV 2018

On 29 October 2018, HM Treasury published a consultation paper on a breathing space scheme and a statutory debt repayment plan, which were both part of the government's 2017 manifesto commitments.

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### **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

20 NOV 2018

#### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

In this issue, delay in the full implementation of the Stress Capital Buffer (SCB), Quarles face Congressional questioning.

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### **FSB welcomes IAIS proposed insurance systemic risk framework**

20 NOV 2018

Last week, the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) published for consultation its proposed holistic framework for the assessment and mitigation of systemic risk in the insurance sector.

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### **EU Commission refers Slovenia and Spain to the Court of Justice for non-implementation of MiFID II**

19 NOV 2018

The Second Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2014/65/EU (MiFID II) was required to come into force across all EU Member States on 3 January 2018. Some Member States however have not yet transposed MiFID II in full into their national law.

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## **Financial services implications of Brexit Withdrawal Agreement**

16 NOV 2018

On 14 November 2018, the European Commission and the United Kingdom's negotiators reached an agreement on the entirety of the Withdrawal Agreement of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (Withdrawal Agreement). They also agreed on an outline of the political declaration on the future EU-UK relationship (Outline Declaration); a more detailed declaration will be published in due course.

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## **The IRS Issues First Batch of Proposed Opportunity Fund Regulations**

14 NOV 2018

The Proposed OZ Regulations make it feasible to start launching Opportunity Funds.

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## **The Impact of MiFID II on Dark Pools so far**

13 NOV 2018

We are now 11 months after the application of the legislative framework known as the second Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2014/65/EU (MiFID II) across the European Union.

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## **Securities and Markets Stakeholder Group Report on Initial Coin Offerings and crypto-assets**

13 NOV 2018

On 19 October 2018, the Securities and Markets Stakeholder Group (SMSG) published its Own Initiative Report advising the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) on Initial Coin Offerings (ICOs) and crypto-assets (Report). In its Report the SMSG examines whether and, if so, how crypto-assets should be regulated and advises ESMA on the next steps it should take to mitigate the relevant risks, focusing particularly on investor protection issues.

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## **EEA Firms can notify under Temporary Permissions Regime from 7 January**

12 NOV 2018

On 7 November 2018, the PRA published a notice for EEA firms looking to make notifications under the temporary permission, followed by a similar notice issued by the FCA issued two days subsequent.

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## **FCA Policy Statement on SME access to the Financial Ombudsman Service**

8 NOV 2018

On 16 October 2018, the FCA published Policy Statement 18/21 on the access of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) (Policy Statement). The Policy Statement publishes rules that will extend the FOS eligibility scope, allowing larger SMEs, charities and trusts, as well as personal guarantors of loans to a business to access the service.

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## **FCA report on money laundering and terrorist financing in the e-money sector**

7 NOV 2018

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On 3 October 2018, the FCA published a thematic review on money laundering and terrorist financing in the e-money sector (Thematic Review). This review was conducted to better understand how Electronic Money Institutions (EMIs) assess and mitigate money laundering-related risks.

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### **Bank of England and Prudential Regulation Authority approach to Brexit**

6 NOV 2018

On 25 October 2018, the Bank of England (BoE) and the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), preparing for a "no-deal" Brexit scenario, published a series of consultation papers (Consultation Package) with proposed amendments to the financial services legislation under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (EUWA).

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### **European Commission Publishes 2019 Work Programme**

5 NOV 2018

Currently, 45 legislative proposals are pending for adoption before the European Parliament and the Council. The Commission aims to reach an agreement on these proposals, to the extent possible, before the European Elections in May 2019. The Commission will also address outstanding challenges and present new initiatives to promote the future of Europe. The Work Program includes 15 new initiatives and 10 new evaluations as part of the regulatory fitness and performance (REFIT) programme, in order to review existing legislation and ensure that it remains fit for purpose. The Commission also suggests to withdraw or repeal 17 pending proposals and existing laws.

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### **How the Regulators will use the Senior Managers and Certification Regimes across the financial services industry**

1 NOV 2018

On 25 October 2018, the Chief Executive Officer of the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) Sam Woods delivered an important speech at the Mansion House City Banquet.

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### **Anti-money laundering bulletin - Autumn 2018**

31 OCT 2018

In this issue we provide updates on anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing news, both in the UK and internationally, covering the period from July 2018 to October 2018.

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### **How technical touchpoints can ensnare foreign cryptocurrency companies**

29 OCT 2018

Useful guideposts for overseas companies assessing whether they are exposed to US securities laws.

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### **Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 15, 2018**

26 OCT 2018

#### **FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES**

As the wave of regulatory change from earlier in the year appears to have calmed for the time being, in this issue we look at

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variety of issues from markets across the globe, including opportunities in the Italian CDO market, insolvency reform in Australia and new mortgage asset lenders and the impact of FinTech on warehouse and future flow arrangements. We also explore the proposed framework for a post-Brexit partnership in financial services.

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## **Israel Group News**

24 OCT 2018

### **ISRAEL GROUP NEWS**

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

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## **European parliament adopts resolution on distributed ledger technologies and blockchains**

22 OCT 2018

On 3 October 2018, the European Parliament adopted a non-legislative resolution on distributed ledger technology (DLT) and blockchain. The resolution discusses potential benefits from the application of DLT in various sectors of the economy, including financial services, and sets out the suggested regulatory approach.

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## **Pay.UK announced as the new name for the UK's retail payments authority**

22 OCT 2018

On 18 October 2018, the New Payment System Operator (NPSO), the leading retail payments authority in the UK, was renamed and rebranded as Pay.UK.

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## **HM Treasury proposal for temporary recognition of EU passporting firms post-Brexit**

19 OCT 2018

On 8 October 2018, HM Treasury published a proposal to provide the Bank of England (BoE), the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) (together the UK Regulators) with temporary transitional powers in the event that the UK leaves the EU without an implementation period.

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## **FCA publishes consultation paper on illiquid assets and open-ended funds**

18 OCT 2018

On 8 October 2018, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published Consultation Paper CP18/27 (Consultation Paper) on open-ended funds and illiquid assets. The Consultation Paper provides feedback to Discussion Paper DP17/1 and builds on the updated Recommendations on Liquidity Risk Management for Collective Investment Schemes (CISs) of the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), published in February 2018.

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## **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.

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## **FCA guidance on statements of responsibilities and responsibilities maps under the SM&CR**

16 OCT 2018

On 11 October 2018, the FCA published a guidance consultation (GC18/4) on statements of responsibilities (SoR) and responsibilities maps under the Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SM&CR). The purpose of the guidance was to give practical assistance and information to solo-regulated firms, who will be required to prepare these documents from 9 December 2019 when the SM&CR extends to all FCA authorised firms.

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## **ESMA Letter to European Commission on MIFID II and MIFIR third-country regimes**

11 OCT 2018

On 1 October 2018, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) published a letter, dated 26 September 2018, from Steven Majoor, ESMA Chair, addressed to Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice President of the European Commission.

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## **HM Treasury adopts draft Markets in Financial Instruments (amendment) (EU exit) Regulations 2018**

10 OCT 2018

On 5 October 2018, HM Treasury published a draft statutory instrument on the Markets in Financial Instruments (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (Draft Statutory Instrument) as well as an explanatory note. The Draft Statutory Instrument seeks to ensure that the second Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID II) and Markets in Financial Instruments.

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## **Let's simplify the SEC's recent "disclosure update and simplification" rules**

27 SEP 2018

The amendments are extensive but, despite that, the changes that matter to most companies are fairly simple.

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26 SEP 2018

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## **ISDA 2018 US Resolution Stay Protocol – key questions and answers**

25 SEP 2018

The effect and operation of the US Protocol and action steps regarding the adherence process and compliance deadlines.

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## **Podcast: How technology is transforming financial services**

21 SEP 2018

Martin Bartlam, International Group Head of Finance & Projects and FinTech Global Co-Chair at DLA Piper, is joined today by Chet Behl, group general council of the New Payment System Operator and Khalid Talukder from IFX Payments to discuss digital transformation in financial services.

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## **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.

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## **Remote notarization: authentication requirements, by US state**

14 SEP 2018

A high-level summary of remote notarization laws by US state.

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## **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.

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## **Announcing COMPASS – our newly automated compliance assessment tool**

4 SEP 2018

COMPASS, DLA Piper's newly automated compliance assessment tool, helps to ensure that your company's compliance program meets or exceeds all legal and regulatory requirements as well as industry best practices.

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## **\$1.2B order entered against Petroleos de Venezuela: Q&As for PDVSA and Citgo commodity commercial and trading counterparties**

25 SEP 2018

In light of this order, how should counter-parties now approach their commodity-related contracts with PDVSA and CITGO?

*This article has also been published by Lexis Nexis in Pratt's Journal of Bankruptcy Law.*

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## **EPA Audit Program looks to add efficiency and certainty to upstream oil and gas acquisitions – top points**

27 AUG 2018

The New Audit Agreement offers certainty through clearly defined penalty mitigation and a standard template, and it is fully transferable to any subsequent owner.

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## **FIRRMA, reforming CFIUS process, is signed into law**

13 AUG 2018

FIRRMA will now broadly take effect with respect to any covered transaction whose review or investigation is initiated on or after August 13, 2018.

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## **EBA publishes Opinion on strong customer authentication**

7 AUG 2018

On 13 June 2018, the European Banking Authority (EBA) published an important Opinion and a Consultation Paper arising from the far-reaching consequence of the second Payment Services Directive (EU) 2015/2366 (PSD 2).

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## **OCC supplements process for fintechs seeking to become Special Purpose National Banks: key takeaways**

7 AUG 2018

An SPNB will be subject to the laws, rules, regulations and federal supervision that apply to all national banks as well as additional requirements, meaning that becoming an SPNB is a very substantial undertaking.

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## **Israel Group News**

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.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

23 JUL 2018

### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

This regular publication from DLA Piper aims to help companies identify significant news and legal developments impacting digital transactions.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

18 JUL 2018

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

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## ISDA publishes French and Irish master law agreements

5 JUL 2018

FinBrief posting - DLA Piper's global hub for updates and discussion on the legal issues important to finance and markets and their regulation

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## OECD releases new guidance on the application of the transactional profit split method under BEPS Actions 10

3 JUL 2018

The Guidance will likely continue the uncertainty for taxpayers as they develop and maintain their transfer pricing policies.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

2 JUL 2018

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

The Fed objected to the capital plan of Deutsche Bank USA, issued conditional non-objections to Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and State Street, and issued no objections to the plans of the other 31 banks it evaluated.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

29 JUN 2018

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, is your website ADA compliant? Plus news on federal and state law, federal and state regulatory activities, fresh judicial precedent and more.

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## Is your website ADA compliant? A brief look at the current legal status

29 JUN 2018

Websites too face regulatory issues around compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other rules involving accessibility and accommodation.

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## **FinTech Collaboration Brochure**

28 JUN 2018

An overview of the disruption brought about by FinTech and how financial institutions are looking to leverage the increased choice, agility and innovation these alternatives to the traditional financial offerings bring.

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## **Supreme Court rules SEC ALJs unconstitutionally appointed**

27 JUN 2018

Re-litigation of ALJ decisions pending before the SEC and casting doubt on the appointments of other agency ALJs.

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## **Shades of Green in Financing: A Discussion on Green Bonds and Green Loans**

25 JUN 2018

In this article Joywin Mathew examines the latest trends in green financing including the latest developments relating to green bonds and green loans and the relevant legal issues.

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## **Treasury publishes responses to call for evidence on implementation of problem debt breathing space scheme**

20 JUNE 2018

On 19 June 2018, the Treasury published its call for evidence response (Response) in respect of the government's proposed 2017 manifesto pledge to introduce a 'breathing space scheme' for serious problem debt (Scheme). The call for evidence for the Scheme was published in October 2017 (Call for Evidence), and the Response summarises the feedback received from over 80 unique respondents. A consultation paper is expected later in the summer with proposals for the Scheme.

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## **The rise of the "Crypto Czar," the fall of a "blockchain evangelist," and other crypto developments**

12 JUNE 2018

Three legal developments and their implications for the blockchain and cryptocurrency communities.

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## **Exchange International - Financial Services Regulation Newsletter**

29 MAY 2018

### **[EXCHANGE - INTERNATIONAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION NEWSLETTER SERIES](#)**

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## **How one New York court is shaping the future of cryptocurrency regulation**

17 MAY 2018

Cases with far-reaching implications for the cryptocurrency regulatory landscape.

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## US to re-impose sanctions on Iran as it withdraws from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

9 MAY 2018

President Trump has signed a presidential memorandum directing his Administration to immediately begin the process of re-imposing sanctions related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, targeting critical parts of Iran's economy, among them its energy, petrochemical and financial sectors.

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## SEC proposes rules and interpretations to protect retail investors

2 MAY 2018

A close look at each component of the SEC's retail investor protection proposal.

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## SEC proposes "regulation best interest" rule package, including new disclosure form and investment adviser conduct interpretation

24 APR 2018

The rule package is designed to "enhance the quality and transparency of investors' relationships with investment advisers and broker-dealers."

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## Crypto industry sweep: ICOs and token offerings under increasing scrutiny by US regulators

18 APR 2018

Recent enforcement developments targeting the cryptocurrency community, and the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

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## Fifth Circuit opinion invalidating fiduciary rule creates circuit split; SEC moves forward on fiduciary rule proposals

17 APR 2018

Conflicting opinions among the circuits have created a quandary for firms that provide investment-related information to plans. Meanwhile, the SEC is preparing its fiduciary regulation proposal.

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## Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 14, 2018

11 APR 2018

### [FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)

2018 brings a wealth of regulatory change which has been long in the making and is now finding its way into the law of European Member States, including for the time being, the UK. In this issue we look at the impact of a number of important new regulatory frameworks for capital markets transactions in the EU, including how the securitization regulations will effect CLOs and proposed RTS on risk retention and homogeneity. We also reflect on MiFid II, which came into effect on 3 January 2018 presenting a second overhaul of the European financial system.

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## FinTech in Mauritius – a ‘disruptive’ innovation

11 APR 2018

An analysis of the origination, growth and perception of FinTech

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## LIBOR no more

11 APR 2018

Developments in the proposed replacement of LIBOR

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## STS the EBA proposed RTS on risk retention

11 APR 2018

Largely a continuation of the existing position, but ‘sole purpose’ is explained

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## The Securitization Regulation takes effect how does it affect CLOs

11 APR 2018

This article looks at the Securitization Regulation that came into effect on 17 January 2018 and some of the implications for the CLO market

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## Banking Disputes Review - April 2018

4 APR 2018

### [BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY](#)

Welcome to the latest edition of our Banking Disputes Review, a collection of recent articles on cases and legal developments of interest to those working in the Financial Services Sector.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

2 APR 2018

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Who is John Williams? Should bank executives be on the hook for regulatory fines? Should large banks be subject to bankruptcy?

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 7, No. 6

22 MAR 2018

### [THE FINANCIAL REPORT SERIES](#)

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

19 MAR 2018

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue: the US Senate votes to roll back many post-crisis rules, but it's far from a done deal; meanwhile, the House passes a series of stand-alone deregulatory measures.

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 7, No. 5

8 MAR 2018

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 7, No. 4

22 FEB 2018

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20 FEB 2018

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 7, No. 3

8 FEB 2018

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

5 FEB 2018

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 7, No. 2

25 JAN 2018

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

23 JAN 2018

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## TechLaw Podcast: ICOs, blockchain and the investment revolution

12 JAN 2018

### [TECHLAW PODCAST SERIES](#)

A look at how ICOs and blockchains are transforming the investment landscape - covering tokens, the ERC20 standard and the regulatory environment. With Ethereum Lead Developer Fabian Vogesteller and DLA Piper partner Martin Bartlam

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 7, No. 1

11 JAN 2018

### [THE FINANCIAL REPORT SERIES](#)

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## TechLaw Podcast: Crowdfunding with Seedrs and Deloitte

8 JAN 2018

### [TECHLAW PODCAST SERIES](#)

Crowdfunding is an increasingly popular alternative source of capital for enterprises at all stages of growth. As this phenomenon continues to gain momentum, organisations looking to utilize it for finance need to be aware of the challenges and key regulations. This podcast explores the current crowdfunding arena, the key challenges to overcome, and the future evolution of the crowdfunding sphere.

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## 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.

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## *Israel Group News*

7 DEC 2017

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 22

7 DEC 2017

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## TechLaw Podcast: The Future of Fintech (Part 2)

18 NOV 2017

### [TECHLAW PODCAST SERIES](#)

The second of this two-part set explores the challenges and risks of digital transformation in the financial sector. How are financial institutions re-designing their business models to retain customers in a digital world?

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## TechLaw Podcast: The Future of FinTech (Part 1)

17 NOV 2017

### [TECHLAW PODCAST SERIES](#)

The first in a two-part set explores the key issues surrounding diversity and policy in the financial services sector. Part one focuses on access to a diverse workforce during a fast-paced market and the changing regulatory landscape from a policy perspective.

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## Exchange International - Financial Services Regulation Newsletter

15 NOV 2017

### [EXCHANGE - INTERNATIONAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION NEWSLETTER SERIES](#)

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## FINRA Rule 4210 is changing: six key questions

13 NOV 2017

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority published a rule change in 2016 that imposes margin requirements on broker-dealers across the universe of covered agency transactions (CATs), including "To Be Announced" (or TBA) transactions and other forward-settling fixed-income transactions.

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 21

9 NOV 2017

### [THE FINANCIAL REPORT SERIES](#)

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## President expected to nominate Jerome Powell to succeed Janet Yellen as Federal Reserve chair

1 NOV 2017

Powell's expected confirmation provides certainty that the Fed will be supportive of meaningful reform within the existing regulatory structure – but will not seek, and would likely not be supportive of, dramatic alterations.

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## Congress overturns CFPB's Arbitration Rule

1 NOV 2017

One of the year's more significant victories for Congressional Republicans in their efforts to roll back financial regulations and diminish the CFPB's authority.

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## SEC provides relief to US firms attempting to comply with EU MiFID II's research "unbundling" provisions

31 OCT 2017

Balancing the requirements of US regulations with new requirements being imposed by the European Union.

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### The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 20

26 OCT 2017

#### [THE FINANCIAL REPORT SERIES](#)

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## Are banks ready for the Internet of Things revolution?

16 OCT 2017

In the second of our two part series, DLA Piper's lawyers consider how the Internet of Things will lead to new legal issues.

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## FINRA revises and restructures registration and exam requirements

12 OCT 2017

Under the new regime, all new representative-level personnel will be required to pass a general knowledge exam known as the Securities Industry Essentials (SIE) exam, and one or more revised versions of the representative-level qualification exams.

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## Are banks ready for the Internet of Things revolution?

13 OCT 2017

In the first of a two part series, DLA Piper's lawyers consider whether banks are ready for the Internet of Things revolution and how related developments are set to alter business models in the financial services sector.

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### The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 19

12 OCT 2017

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### The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 18

28 SEP 2017

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## Changes to the Italian securitization law let Italian SPVs grant loans to debtors

27 SEP 2017

A summary of the amendments to the Italian securitization law which may help the sale of impaired receivables

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## European securitization market debate surrounds Article 17

27 SEP 2017

An opinion piece on the EU's proposed Article 17 of the Securitization Regulation (Article 17) which would ban self-certified residential mortgages being part of existing STS and non-STs RMBS portfolios

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## ICOs are more than a token gesture

27 SEP 2017

An assessment of some of the key considerations for issuers of and investors in ICOs

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## Structurers consider the prospect of variation margin rules for ABS swaps

27 SEP 2017

An analysis of the European Commission's proposal to introduce EMIR variation margin into ABS swaps

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## Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 13, 2017

27 SEP 2017

### [FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)

This issue of Finance and Markets Global Insight reflects the ongoing evolution of global financial markets as financiers and businesses continue to grapple with the two key themes of innovation and regulation. There's discussion on the implantation of the revised regulatory framework for derivatives and securitization, as structurers deal with variation margin implantation, and debate around Article 17 of the Securitization Regulation concerning the exclusion of self-certified mortgages. We see how the Nordics are implanting PSD 2 and look at European Central Bank guidance to banks on dealing with non-performing loans. We also weigh up the booming initial coin offerings market, and consider the European Commission's consultation on the impact of FinTech and its role in driving a more competitive and innovative European financial sector. This issue also reports on a new set of framework principles for social bonds to encourage interest in environmental, social and ethically sound investments, the European Union's plan for retail financial services and the FX Global Code. It also brings a US perspective on the risks inherent in trade and commodity finance.

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 17

15 SEP 2017

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## In the latest issue of *Israel Group News*

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11 SEP 2017

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### **The FX global code - indirect regulatory effect**

29 AUG 2017

#### **[BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY](#)**

In recent years, misconduct revelations in relation to foreign exchange trading have dogged the FX market. Billions in fines have been levied by the Financial Conduct Authority and other global regulators against market players, significantly damaging trust in the FX market.

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### **The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 16**

24 AUG 2017

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### **Exchange - August 2017**

17 AUG 2017

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### **The Financial Report, Volume 6, Number 15**

10 AUG 2017

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### **Initial Coin Offerings – something new under the regulatory sun?**

7 AUG 2017

An Initial Coin Offering (**ICO**) is a process by which an organisation raises funds, using block chain technology, through the offer and sale of cryptographically secured digital tokens. Purchasers may use fiat currency (such as NZ or US dollars) or virtual currencies (such as BitCoin or Ether) to buy these digital tokens. Once they are issued, the tokens can usually be traded in secondary markets using virtual currency exchanges.

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### **Colorado adopts new cybersecurity rules applicable to broker-dealers and investment advisors: key features**

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31 JUL 2017

There is ample flexibility under the rules allowing brokers-dealers and investment advisors to tailor their compliance based upon their business.

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### **The Financial Report, Volume 6, Number 14**

27 JUL 2017

#### **THE FINANCIAL REPORT SERIES**

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### **Paths to social risk reform for the Hong Kong financial markets**

25 JUL 2017

Why the Hong Kong investment community should prioritize social risk reform and what we can do today.

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### **DLA Piper's NYDFS Cybersecurity Risk Assessment Accelerator: helping you prepare**

24 JUL 2017

The financial services and insurance sectors are facing the need to comply with the New York Department of Financial Services cybersecurity regulation, the most specific cybersecurity regulation in the country to apply to companies that are not critical infrastructure operators. The first deadline for carrying out the regulation's required "foundational risk assessment" is August 28, 2017.

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### **Second Circuit clarifies law of insider trading in reversing convictions of remote tippees**

11 DEC 2014

The decision is likely to have implications for the type of insider trading prosecutions that are brought in the future and how the litigants will prosecute and defend those cases

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### **The Financial Report, Volume 3, Number 22**

11 DEC 2014

#### **THE FINANCIAL REPORT SERIES**

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### **CFPB announces final Arbitration Agreements Rule: what it prohibits, what it requires, and what's next**

19 JUL 2017

The result of the CFPB rule may be a wholesale abandonment of arbitration provisions by banks and financial services companies.

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## Claims management companies face stronger regulation

17 JUL 2017

### [BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY](#)

Tighter regulation of Claims Management Companies is edging closer as the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill makes its way through parliament.

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## The Financial Report, Volume 6, Number 13

13 JUL 2017

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## The Financial Report, Volume 6, Number 12

22 JUN 2017

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## New Pre-Action Protocol for Debt Claims in force from 1 October 2017. Are you ready?

22 JUN 2017

### [BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY](#)

After a lengthy consultation period, the Pre-Action Protocol for Debt Claims has now been finalised and will come into force on 1 October 2017. This protocol will apply to lenders who are seeking payment of a debt from an individual/ sole trader, as a debtor or guarantor. Now is the time to update your systems and procedures to accommodate the new protocol requirements.

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## European Acquisition Finance Debt Report 2017

15 JUN 2017

Welcome to DLA Piper's European Acquisition Finance Debt report 2017. This report, now in its eighth year, presents detailed results of our survey of 300 participants active in the European acquisition finance debt market. It also includes extracts from interviews with senior dealmakers.

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## Treasury's framework to relax and "improve" the Volcker Rule: key recommended changes

13 JUN 2017

Many of the recommendations can be accomplished by regulation and without legislative action.

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## **Tax incentives in Puerto Rico: a quick introduction**

13 JUN 2017

Puerto Rico offers a spectrum of economic incentives aiming to promote many key industries. This handbook offers a quick look at ten of the most significant of these incentives.

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## **The Financial Report, Volume 6, Number 11**

8 JUN 2017

### **THE FINANCIAL REPORT SERIES**

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## **DOL bulletin: Fiduciary Rule will take effect June 9**

6 JUNE 2017

The Fiduciary Rule will take effect on June 9, 2017, but with enforcement of certain portions delayed until January 1, 2018.

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## **Lowick Rose LLP (in liquidation) v Swynson Ltd - claimant unable to recover damages from negligent professional where losses suffered by related third party**

5 JUN 2017

### **BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY**

Lenders contemplating claims against negligent professionals should think carefully about the impact the refinancing of loans might have on potential recoveries. This recent Supreme Court decision, which prevented both a lender and its ultimate owner from recovering over £15 million in damages from an accountancy firm which had admitted liability in negligence, serves as a cautionary tale.

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## **Illinois Senate passes "privilege tax"**

31 MAY 2017

A 20 percent tax on fees earned by partnerships and S corporations engaged in the business of conducting "investment management services."

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## **Blockchain: UK regulator asks for input as it addresses emerging business models**

13 APR 2017

Financial Conduct Authority discussion paper seeks views by July 17 on the potential for future development of distributed ledger technology in the markets it regulates

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## **Japan exempts virtual currencies from consumption tax**

31 MAR 2017

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Comparable treatment can be found in Europe, where EU member states exempt virtual currencies from taxation as a result of a CJEU ruling.

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### **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.

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### **Interval Funds - at the Intersection of Liquidity, Transparency, and Valuation**

1 MAR 2017

What can interval funds do that other pooled investment vehicles in the marketplace cannot do (or must do differently)?

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### **NYDFS announces final cybersecurity rules for financial services sector: key takeaways**

22 FEB 2017

The Final Rule's reach is very broad and presents operational challenges. It may prompt other states to enact their own rules.

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### **The OCC confirms special purpose national bank charters for fintech companies**

5 DEC 2016

Three primary factors motivated the OCC's decision to move forward and make special purpose national charters available to fintech companies.

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### **Brexit and MiFID II implementation in the UK – impacts on foreign markets**

14 SEP 2016

Brexit prompts legal uncertainty regarding the implementation of pending EU financial regulations.

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### **European Commission tackles financing risks linked to virtual currencies**

13 SEP 2016

The proposal seeks to bring greater transparency to the virtual currency market in the European Union by imposing customer due diligence requirements on certain market participants, now considered "obligated entities."

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### **Can blockchain live up to the hype?**

28 JUL 2016

Is blockchain the revolutionary technology that will rewrite the rules for the finance industry, identifying authenticity and verifying payment flows that arise at a business-to-business level or between business and consumers and peer-to-peer? The consequences of the blockchain evolution would significantly open the field for technology platforms and reduce operational costs.

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## **Global Financial Markets Insight - Issue 10, 2016**

28 JUL 2016

### **FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES**

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union in a so-called Brexit referendum. The exit result was a surprise for many working in the finance sector. The change will impact the position of the UK under critical legislation such as the Capital Requirements Regulation, European Market Infrastructure Regulation, Market Abuse Regulation and many other Regulations and Treaties applicable in the UK. We will also see a change as to the role of the UK in significant market initiatives such as the Capital Markets Union. It is likely that these changes will present both threats and opportunities. Until policy is clearer, we will comment on some of the existing challenges caused by EMIR and similar EU Regulations.

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## **US and EU reach an important agreement on CCP global equivalence: how will it affect you?**

10 MAY 2016

This historic agreement allows market participants to use clearing infrastructures in both the US and Europe and assures a level playing field for US and EU CCPs.

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## **The blockchain revolution, smart contracts and financial transactions**

26 APR 2016

Blockchain-based smart contracts have enormous potential to streamline financial transactions and reduce counterparty risks.

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## **What to watch for in 2016 in financial regulation: important changes to AML rules for investment advisers coming this year**

10 FEB 2016

### **FINANCIAL REGULATORY ALERT SERIES**

FINCEN's proposed rule scopes certain investment advisers into the definition of "financial institution" and subjects them to certain requirements under the anti-money laundering program and Bank Secrecy Act.

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## **Mixed feelings: China censures bitcoin while Hong Kong embraces it**

4 JUL 2014

Last December, bitcoin prices plummeted by nearly half, after Chinese authorities banned all financial institutions and payment processor companies in China from engaging in bitcoin-related business, denominating prices in bitcoins, and providing bitcoin trading, settlement, clearing or other linked financial products and services.

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## **Historic reform in Mexico clears the way for foreign investment in energy sector: 5 key aspects**

19 DEC 2013

A clear roadmap for the regulation of hydrocarbons

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## **Dodd-Frank affects private companies too: practice points to note**

3 DEC 2013

For private companies reviewing their governance structures in a post Dodd-Frank world, a capsule of the Act's relevant provisions

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## **Six federal agencies revise proposed rule on risk retention, removing controversial provisions**

29 AUG 2013

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## **SEC lifts general solicitation ban, proposes changes to Reg D, approves "bad actor" rules**

19 JUL 2013

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## **Mexico announces new transportation and telecommunications investment program**

17 JUL 2013

The program will include highways, bridges, train systems, urban BRT systems, seaports and airports, as well as better telecom services

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## **CFTC approves final cross-border guidance of the swap provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act**

12 JUL 2013

The Final Guidance aims to set forth the CFTC's policy on the application of the swap provisions of the Commodities Exchange Act to cross-border activities

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## **European Commission and CFTC announce a path forward on cross-border regulation of OTC derivatives**

11 JUL 2013

A high-level joint understanding

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## **US commits \$7B to ambitious Power Africa initiative**

2 JUL 2013

A new initiative aiming to double access to power in sub-Saharan Africa

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## **EPA reduces natural gas GHG emission estimates; Pennsylvania reaffirms property law on "minerals"**

16 MAY 2013

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### **Preparing for EMIR and Dodd-Frank: Our capabilities**

8 MAY 2013

The European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR) has been in force since 16 August 2012, however, in the first few weeks of 2013, the detailed technical rules implementing the regulation were finalised and came into force on 15 March 2013.

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### **With long-awaited trading rules, SEC positions itself as an extraterritorial regulator**

6 MAR 2013

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### **How are the US & EU reforming the rating agencies?**

14 Aug 2012

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### **The final countdown: Dodd-Frank compliance to begin as SEC and CFTC issue key rules re swaps activities**

11 Jul 2012

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### **CFTC issues two proposals affecting those engaging in swaps activities**

10 Jul 2012

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### **CFTC issues the first of the two rules that will shape the post-Dodd-Frank world**

19 Apr 2012

On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission met and issued the first of the two “pillar” rules that will shape the landscape of the CFTC’s regulation of swaps under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

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### **FSOC approves final rule on systematically important nonbank financial firms**

5 Apr 2012

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### **Would registration with the SEC harm US private equity advisors' global competitiveness?**

22 Mar 2012

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### **Did Dodd-Frank hit or miss the securitization bull's eye?**

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29 Feb 2012

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**CFTC final rule adopts LSOC model for cleared swaps collateral**

8 Feb 2012

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**Are you ready for FATCA? IRS notice provides transitional rules, but deadlines remain tight**

26 Jul 2011

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**Federal agencies release rules for risk retention under Dodd-Frank**

4 Apr 2011

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**Federal Reserve issues proposed rule on debit interchange fees and network restrictions**

17 Dec 2010

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**SEC proposes rules on shareholder approval of executive compensation, golden parachute payments**

26 Oct 2010

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**Federal banking agencies adopt final rules implementing the SAFE Act**

2 Aug 2010

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**SEC begins Dodd-Frank rulemaking with new open process**

28 Jul 2010

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**Dodd-Frank Act aims to fundamentally change trading of OTC derivatives**

26 Jul 2010

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**Dodd-Frank Act: regulators to take center stage in wake of sweeping financial services legislation**

21 Jul 2010

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**Senator Dodd introduces revised financial services reform bill**

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18 Mar 2010

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## Events

### Upcoming

#### **19th Annual IA Compliance: Master Emerging Challenges conference**

16 SEP 2019  
Philadelphia

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### Previous

#### **SFIG Vegas 2019**

24 - 27 FEB 2019  
Las Vegas

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#### **Football Club Financing**

29 NOV 2018  
Webinar

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#### **All Things Crypto: The Evolving Landscape**

7 NOV 2018  
New York

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#### **How blockchain technology will impact how we do business**

25 OCT 2018  
Baltimore

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#### **ACC-SFBA Corporate Securities Committee Meeting**

4 OCT 2018  
ACC-SFBA Corporate Securities Committee Meeting  
Palo Alto

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#### **ACC-SFBA Corporate Securities Committee Meeting**

3 OCT 2018  
ACC-SFBA Corporate Securities Committee Meeting  
San Francisco

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### **2018 Tax and Financial Real Estate Summit**

10 MAY 2018  
Los Angeles

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### **Global capital flows - the new world**

15 NOV 2017  
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### **DLA Piper advised on Puerto Libertad financing that received MIREC 2019 Project of the Year award**

24 MAY 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm represented Acciona Energía and Grupo BioFields, now known as Grupo Alego, global energy companies operating in the renewable energy sector, in their strategic financing of Puerto Libertad, a transaction that recently received MIREC's Project of the Year award for 2019.

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### **DLA Piper advises underwriters in US\$90 million underwritten follow-on offering for The Lovesac Company**

23 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented the underwriters in a follow-on public offering of 2.5 million shares of common stock of The Lovesac Company (NASDAQ: LOVE).

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### **DLA Piper represents Locana in US\$55 million Series A financing**

23 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented Locana, Inc. in a US\$55 million round of Series A financing led by ARCH Venture Partners, with participation from existing investors Temasek and Lightstone Ventures.

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### **DLA Piper advises Alsea on bond placement**

21 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented Alsea S.A.B. de C.V., a Mexico City-based operator of quick service restaurants, coffee shops and casual dining establishments in Latin America and Spain, in obtaining authorization from the Mexican National Banking and

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Securities Commission (CNBV) to issue a revolving registered public offering of short and long term senior notes valued at US\$523 million (MX\$10 billion), as well as conducting the first and second bond placements for a total amount of MX\$4 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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### **Mariana Lozza and Nicolas Teijeiro join DLA Piper Argentina**

14 MAY 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Shorenstein in purchase and financing of office, retail and parking at MiamiCentral Station**

13 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented Shorenstein in the purchase and financing of the 2MC North Office Element and the 3MC Office, Retail and Parking Elements within MiamiCentral Station, a nine-acre mixed-use railroad station development complex known as Virgin MiamiCentral in downtown Miami.

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### **Jasmine Zacharias joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in Miami**

13 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Jasmine Zacharias has joined the firm's Finance practice as a partner in the Miami office.

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### **John D. Reiss joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in New York**

2 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today that John D. Reiss has joined the firm's Finance practice as a partner in New York.

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

30 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announced that 158 of the firm's lawyers and 64 of its practices were ranked in *Chambers USA's* 2019 guide.

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### **DLA Piper advises Riverwood Capital in its Series F investment in Sauce Labs Inc.**

9 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Riverwood Capital in its Series F investment in Sauce Labs Inc., a California-based provider of cloud-based mobile and web-testing platforms. In conjunction with the funding, Jeff Parks from Riverwood Capital will join the Sauce Labs Board of Directors.

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### **DLA Piper advises Tilson Technology Management in SDC Capital Partners' US\$100 million investment**

9 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Tilson Technology Management in the completed transaction through which funds managed by SDC Capital Partners, LLC will invest US\$100 million in the company.

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### **Six DLA Piper lawyers named to *Variety's* 2019 Legal Impact Report**

9 APR 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that six of its lawyers have been selected for the 2019 *Variety* Legal Impact Report highlighting the top attorneys in the entertainment business.

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### **DLA Piper advises Vivo Capital as lead investor in Series D financing for MacuLogix**

8 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Vivo Capital, LLC as the lead investor in US\$38.7 million Series D financing for MacuLogix, Inc., a Harrisburg, Pennsylvania-based company providing eye care professionals with tools to diagnose and treat patients with age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

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### **DLA Piper advises Custom Ink in its recapitalization by Great Hill Partners**

5 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Custom Ink, a leader in custom apparel for groups, companies and communities, in its recapitalization by private equity firm Great Hill Partners.

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### **DLA Piper advises Natixis, New York Branch as arranger, agent and issuing bank with respect to a US\$50 million secured letter of credit facility for Canadian Solar subsidiary, Recurrent Energy**

3 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Natixis, New York Branch in its roles as arranger, agent and issuing bank with respect to a US\$50 million secured letter of credit facility for subsidiaries of Recurrent Energy, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian Solar Inc.

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## **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.

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## **Tom Ara named to *Hollywood Reporter's* 2019 Power Lawyers list**

28 MAR 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Tom K. Ara has been named to the *Hollywood Reporter's* 2019 Power Lawyers list, which highlights the 100 top attorneys in Hollywood.

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## **Conor Houlihan joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in Dublin**

27 MAR 2019

DLA Piper today announces that Conor Houlihan has joined the firm's newly opened Dublin office. Conor will be leading the firm's Finance practice in Ireland.

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## **DLA Piper advises CIT Bank, SMBC, Rabobank and ING on third round of financing for innovative California battery storage portfolios**

27 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented CIT Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch and ING Capital LLC in a third round of financing for the continuing expansion and development of a fleet of battery energy storage systems in Southern California for Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc. and affiliates, bringing combined CIT-led debt financings for the projects to more than US\$160 million.

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## **DLA Piper advises Alsea on financing related to €575 million acquisition of Grupo Vips**

27 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented Alsea S.A.B. de C.V., a Mexico City-based operator of quick service restaurants, coffee shops and casual dining establishments in Latin America and Spain, in the financing related to its €575 million acquisition of Spanish restaurant group Grupo Vips.

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## **Evelyn Kim joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in San Francisco**

20 MAR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Evelyn Kim has joined the firm's Finance practice as a partner in San Francisco.

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## **DLA Piper's Eric Wang named a 2019 Rainmaker by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association**

15 MAR 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Eric Wang, a Silicon Valley-based partner who is co-chair of the Northern California Corporate and Finance practice, has been named by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) to its list of Rainmakers for 2019.

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## **DLA Piper hosts leading business and diplomacy conference**

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper's London office has hosted the Annual Conference of the International Diplomatic and Business Exchange (IBDE).

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## **DLA Piper advises Stack Infrastructure, Inc. in its inaugural securitization, an US\$850 million issuance of asset-backed secured notes**

13 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented Stack Infrastructure, Inc. (Stack), a wholesale data center company, in its inaugural securitization, an US\$850 million issuance of asset-backed secured notes. The notes are secured by pledged mortgages, deeds of trust and/or deeds to secure debt and the rights under certain tenant leases.

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## **Mary Dunbar joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in Washington, DC**

4 MAR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Mary Dunbar has joined the firm's Finance practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper advises Summit Infrastructure Group in its majority recapitalization by SDC Capital Partners**

11 JAN 2019

DLA Piper represented Summit Infrastructure Group, Inc., a network solutions and bandwidth infrastructure provider, in its majority recapitalization by SDC Capital Partners.

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## **DLA Piper advises CIT Bank, Rabobank and SMBC on financing for innovative California battery storage**

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7 JAN 2019

DLA Piper represented CIT Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch in the US\$100 million project financing and refinancing of the continuing expansion and development of a landmark fleet of behind-the-meter battery energy storage systems in Southern California for Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc. and affiliates.

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### **J.A. Glaccum joins DLA Piper's Corporate practice in Washington, DC**

2 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that J.A. Glaccum has joined the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

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### **DLA Piper represents Securly in Series B financing led by Defy Partners and Owl Ventures**

28 DEC 2018

DLA Piper represented Securly, Inc. in a US\$16 million round of Series B financing led by Defy Partners, along with participation by Owl Ventures.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises LaSalle Investment Management in the acquisition of Latitude Management Real Estate Investors**

2 NOV 2018

DLA Piper represented LaSalle Investment Management (LaSalle) in the agreement to make a majority acquisition of the US\$1.2 billion debt fund business of Latitude Management Real Estate Investors (Latitude).

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### **Seasoned entertainment and media attorneys Tom Ara and Robert Sherman join DLA Piper as co-chairs of Entertainment Finance practice, Ara to chair Entertainment Transactions practice**

25 OCT 2018

DLA Piper announced today that accomplished attorneys Tom Ara and Robert Sherman have joined the firm to lead the Entertainment Finance and Transactions practices based out of the firm's Century City office in Los Angeles.

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### **DLA Piper partner John Grady receives ADISA President's Award**

18 OCT 2018

John Grady, a partner in DLA Piper's Philadelphia office and former president of the Alternative & Direct Investment Securities Association (ADISA), received the ADISA President's Award at the 2018 ADISA annual conference.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises LaSalle Hotel Properties in merger with Pebblebrook Hotel Trust for estimated US\$5.2 billion**

14 SEP 2018

DLA Piper represented LaSalle Hotel Properties (NYSE: LHO) in a definitive merger agreement under which Pebblebrook Hotel Trust (NYSE: PEB) will acquire 100% of LaSalle's outstanding common shares.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Maryland Proton Treatment Center in US\$277.4 million tax-exempt municipal bond financing**

6 SEP 2018

DLA Piper represented Maryland Proton Therapy Center (MPTC) in its US\$277.4 million tax-exempt municipal bond financing.

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### **DLA Piper advises Franklin Templeton Investments in its Series E investment into Optoro, Inc.**

2 AUG 2018

DLA Piper represented Franklin Templeton Investments in connection with its investment into Optoro, Inc.

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### **DLA Piper and cooperative firm lawyers recognized by the Latin American Corporate Counsel Association**

17 JUL 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the Latin American Corporate Counsel Association have included eleven firm and cooperative firm attorneys on their list of Latin America's leading business lawyers.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper represents Roth Capital Partners as lead underwriter of The Lovesac Company IPO**

3 JUL 2018

DLA Piper represented Roth Capital Partners, LLC as the lead underwriter in the recently completed US\$64.4 million initial public offering of The Lovesac Company (NASDAQ: LOVE).

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### **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.

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### **CIT Bank's Project Financing of Macquarie Capital's Electrodes Holding, LLC Behind-the-Meter Battery Storage Portfolio recognized by *IJGlobal* as the 2017 North American Energy Storage Deal of the Year**

26 MAR 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that CIT Bank's project financing of Macquarie Capital's Electrodes Holding, LLC Behind-the-Meter Battery Storage Portfolio has been named the 2017 North American Energy Storage Deal of the Year by *IJGlobal*.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Industrious on recent round of Series C financing**

22 MAR 2018

DLA Piper represented Industrious in the recent closure of a US\$80 million Series C financing round co-led by Riverwood Capital

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and Fifth Wall ventures.

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### **Eric Peterman joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in New York**

23 FEB 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Eric Peterman has joined the firm's Finance practice in New York.

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### **DLA Piper advises Softbank Vision Fund in investment in Wag Labs, Inc.**

7 FEB 2018

DLA Piper represented SoftBank Vision Fund in connection with its US\$300 million investment in Wag Labs, Inc., a Los Angeles-based startup that provides on-demand mobile dog care services.

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### **DLA Piper lawyers and practices were highlighted in the 2017 directory of Who's Who Legal**

22 DEC 2017

DLA Piper is pleased to announce *Who's Who Legal* designated us as both the Real Estate Firm of the Year and the Franchise Firm of the Year for 2017.

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### **DLA Piper advises Forge Energy LLC in US\$946 million sale of assets to Oasis Petroleum**

13 DEC 2017

DLA Piper represented oil and gas exploration and production company Forge Energy LLC in the sale of 20,300 net acres in the Delaware Basin to Oasis Petroleum Inc. in a US\$946 million transaction comprised of cash and stock.

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### **DLA Piper advises Goldman Sachs in US\$102 million sale of 15 industrial properties**

5 DEC 2017

DLA Piper represented Goldman Sachs in the sale of a real estate portfolio consisting of 15 industrial properties for US\$102 million to Plymouth Industrial REIT.

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### **DLA Piper advises Stoneway Capital on \$165 million financing for combined-cycle power generation project in Argentina**

22 NOV 2017

DLA Piper announced today that it represented Canadian investor Stoneway Capital Corporation on two significant transactions, completed on November 15, 2017, related to the construction of a combined-cycle power plant in the province of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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## **DLA Piper launches Finance Rules of the World**

2 Nov 2017

DLA Piper's global Finance & Projects practice has today launched Finance Rules of the World, a knowledge site for clients, which summarizes key legal questions and answers to be considered when initially looking at financing or investing in particular jurisdictions.

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## **William Candelaria joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in New York**

1 NOV 2017

DLA Piper announced that William Candelaria has joined the firm's Finance practice as a partner in the New York office.

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## **DLA Piper and the firm's Latin America relationship firms recognized in IFLR 1000 2018 rankings**

16 OCT 2017

DLA Piper and the firm's Latin America relationship firms have been once again recognized by the IFLR 1000 in the publication's 2018 rankings of the world's leading financial and corporate law firms and lawyers.

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## **DLA Piper represents Vivo Capital in equity financing of Harmony Biosciences, LLC**

13 OCT 2017

DLA Piper represented healthcare-focused investment firm Vivo Capital as the lead investor in a US\$270 million equity financing of Harmony Biosciences, LLC, a biopharmaceutical company that develops orphan and rare disease therapies.

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## **DLA Piper named one of the most innovative law firms in Europe by the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Europe Report 2017**

6 OCT 2017

DLA Piper is one of the top five most innovative law firms in Europe according to the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Europe report 2017.

Now in its twelfth year, the FT Innovative Lawyers Report assesses lawyers on their innovation both for clients and in their own businesses. It is one of the top legal rankings in Europe and the accompanying awards are widely regarded as the best researched in the market.

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**DLA Piper advises on Places for People Treasury plc of its unlimited AU\$ MTN Programme listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and AU\$150 million issuance**

6 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has acted on the listing by Places for People Treasury plc of its unlimited AU\$ MTN Programme on the Australian Securities Exchange and first issuance of AU\$150 million of notes thereunder.

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**DLA Piper partner Kevin Gooch named to Emory University's 40 Under Forty list**

23 Aug 2017

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Kevin Gooch, a partner in the firm's Atlanta office, has been named to Emory University's inaugural "40 Under Forty" list highlighting outstanding alumni that have made a significant impact in business, research, leadership, public service and philanthropic endeavors. The list appears in the summer 2017 edition of *Emory Magazine*.

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**Kevin Gooch joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in Atlanta**

24 JUL 2017

DLA Piper announced today that Kevin Gooch has joined the firm's Finance practice as a partner in Atlanta.

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