



Franchise

DLA Piper's Franchise practice is a national and international leader in franchise law, having helped to shape the field from its inception. Many of the world's largest and most innovative restaurant chains, hotels, retailers, and service providers rely on us to help them successfully establish franchise or related distribution systems and navigate their expansion into new markets around the globe.

Our global Franchise practice is ranked tier one globally by all major legal directories. With lawyers located in all of the world's key jurisdictions, we are the leading law firm for businesses seeking counsel on franchising matters. For companies that are expanding nationally and for multinationals that are expanding their businesses across the globe, we are the go-to firm, having represented clients in franchise transactions in more than 100 countries. We have considerable experience in assisting established and emerging companies in a wide range of industries, from retail and fashion, food and beverage, and hospitality and leisure to high-technology, consumer, and professional services of all descriptions.

We serve as General Counsel to the International Franchise Association, the major trade association for the franchise industry. Additionally we are affiliate members of other national franchise associations in key global markets, including the British Franchise Association and its affiliation to the European Franchise Federation as well as the Germany Association for Distribution law. We also are closely affiliated with organizations in Australia, China, and Russia. We represent clients across the entire spectrum of businesses that have adopted franchising as a means of distribution and cover a broad scope of size and experience, from entrepreneurs and startup companies that are establishing new programs to the largest franchisors, manufacturers and distributors. Our clients manage franchise networks that range from dozens to thousands of outlets as well as trading globally through online and mobile media channels. While the majority of our clients are franchisors, we also represent multiple-outlet franchisees, area developers, and master franchisees. We also handle franchising joint ventures and a wide variety of franchise-related corporate, real estate, technology, data privacy, finance, environmental, tax, and other matters.

CAPABILITES

- Structuring and documenting franchise programs
- Advising companies on structuring alternative distribution relationships that avoid regulation

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VERWANTE DIENSTEN

- Antitrust and Competition
- Commercial Contracts
- Arbeitsrecht
- Finance
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- International Arbitration
- International Tax Counsel
- International Trade
- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate
- Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing

VERWANTE SECTOREN

- Industrials
- Biowetenschappen
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail

under franchise laws

• Technologie

- Preparing disclosure documents, counseling on applicable registration requirements and compliance with disclosure regulation
- Restructuring existing franchise relationships
- Franchise and dealership terminations and transfers and counseling on compliance with relationship regulation
- Representing franchise and distribution companies in litigation, arbitration, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution techniques
- Structuring advertising funds and developing advertising programs and materials
- Developing supply programs for franchisees
- Expansion into new markets through master franchising, area development relationships, joint ventures and other structures

EXPERIENCE

- Act as franchise counsel to one of the world's leading oil and gas companies on matters relating to its domestic and international mini market chains, and handled the sale of a refinery and related distribution and retail assets in a \$2.5 billion transaction
- Representing a major hotel franchisor in connection with its international franchise operations in nearly 50 countries. This multi-jurisdictional project involved DLA Piper's franchise lawyers advising on local contractual and regulatory issues in each jurisdiction
- Continuing representation in all international franchise matters for global icon fashion retailer which, like some other US brands, does not franchise in the US but is exploring the franchising technique to expand rapidly outside the US
- Served as franchise counsel to a private equity firm in its acquisition of a portfolio of leading food service brands, including some of the leading consumer brands. Provided ongoing counsel for domestic franchise activities and international franchise expansion

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Employee and independent contractor classification: Still the top legal issue in franchising

30 March 2021

Franchising rests on a basic premise that franchisees are independent contractors and not employees.

Understanding the OECD's guidance on the transfer pricing implications of the COVID-19 pandemic

5 January 2021

A practical look at the new OECD guidance.

Franchisor consolidations after COVID-19

22 December 2020

Consolidations will continue in an opportunistic way, but will be moderated by a recognition that consolidation can be risky.

Puerto Rico: Legal and practical aspects of international arbitration

26 October 2020

Parties benefit from this legal framework to solve their disputes when conducting business in Puerto Rico.

New Dutch Franchise Act poses challenges for franchisors

1 July 2020

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The legislation offers a number of protections to franchisees, which will be problematic for foreign franchisors who transact with well-established Dutch franchisees. The law will take effect on January 1, 2021, although it provides a two-year transition period for existing agreements.

Covid-19: Advertising guidance for brands (UK)

30 April 2020

The outbreak of COVID-19 is an unprecedented and rapidly-evolving challenge to businesses in all sectors. In the context of advertising, marketing and social media communications, the overwhelming regulatory focus has been on preventing the exploitation of consumers and on limiting the spread of misinformation.

Strengthening franchise systems post COVID-19: Strategic acquisitions

23 April 2020

For franchise companies looking for strategic opportunities, a discussion of transaction structures.

Puerto Rico's Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act is in force

16 April 2020

The Act will also apply in case of future epidemics in which the Puerto Rican government declares a state of emergency.

Hotel Management Agreements and COVID-19

15 April 2020

This note considers the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on hotel management agreements (HMAs), particularly HMAs which hotel owners have entered into with large upscale brands.

FDA COVID-19 updates for the food and beverage industry

13 April 2020

FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS

FDA issues guidance to serve as a food safety resource during the COVID-19 pandemic, plus other late-breaking developments in the food and beverage sector.

Contract analysis in a crisis: flowcharts

7 April 2020

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

Cost-cutting considerations in the time of COVID-19 (Part 3 – employment issues outside the US)

7 April 2020

A deeper dive into various cost-saving measures and their viability for employers outside the US.

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

6 April 2020

Certain frequently asked questions as well as practical guidance.

COVID-19: Key Questions Franchisors Are Asking

6 April 2020

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Succinct responses for franchise systems.

Beyond social distancing: What employers need to know to keep their workplaces safe and manage privacy obligations in the face of COVID-19

2 April 2020

Guidance from OSHA, EEO and CDC to help employers seeking to protect the health, safety and privacy of their on-site employees.

Coronavirus: Cybersecurity considerations for your newly remote workforce (United States)

31 March 2020

Cyber risk management involves balancing the productivity of a workforce with ensuring confidentiality, integrity and availability of the company's own systems and data, as well as that of their supply chain.

Coronavirus: DHS Response to COVID-19 - What US Employers Need to Know

29 March 2020

Key questions and answers related to the new DHS guidance.

Coronavirus: Cyber hygiene practices

25 March 2020

While the world is responding to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and individuals are increasingly focused on personal hygiene and social distancing, augmenting cyber hygiene efforts at home and at work are increasing in importance too.

Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures (Part 2 – Employment issues outside the US)

25 March 2020

A general overview of key employment issues to consider outside of the US in light of COVID-19.

Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures in the US - Part 1

25 March 2020

Key employment-related issues for US-based employers in relation to cost-saving measures due to COVID-19.

Hotels and hospitals may find new partnerships to solve for bed capacity issues and vacancies

25 March 2020

The impacts of COVID-19 upon the hospitality sector as well as hospital systems and the healthcare industry have been sudden and dramatic.

COVID-19 and food – FDA position (United States)

19 March 2020

For help considering potential impacts of FDA touchpoints.

Coronavirus: Federal government stimulus response – Massive stimulus package may move through US Congress at “warp speed”

19 March 2020

The economic stimulus package taking shape may be the biggest one ever.

US employee benefits and the coronavirus

17 March 2020

Some of the many benefit plan issues that employers are facing.

Coronavirus: Congress expected to pass expanded paid leave (United States)

16 March 2020

The paid leave requirements in the current version of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

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

13 March 2020

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

Brazil's new Franchising Law allows parties to settle their disputes by arbitration

27 January 2020

The new framework aims to allow the expansion of franchising in Brazil through more legal certainty, transparency and simplification.

Different countries, different circumstances . . . but both require attention

8 January 2020

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Franchisors seeking to expand into Saudi Arabia will face significant regulatory hurdles, and those eyeing Indonesia will generally find a more relaxed regulatory regime.

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

19 August 2019

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

Law à la Mode: Beauty Trends: 5 Key Beauty M&A deals; Street art and fashion; Word from the industry's mouth; The rise in innovative retail services; and more

20 MAY 2019

[LAW À LA MODE](#)

The Moroccan editorial team is delighted to bring you the 28th edition of Law à la Mode, the legal magazine produced by DLA Piper's Consumer Goods & Retail Sector Group for clients and contacts of the firm worldwide.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) May 2019

15 MAY 2019

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) is our biannual publication designed to report on worldwide development in intellectual property and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

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COVID-19 – legal considerations for restarting a franchise system

4 May 2020 | 2:00 - 3:00 ET

Webinar

NIEUWS

DLA Piper's Luxembourg team enters World Trademark Review ranking

25 February 2021

Our Luxembourg office is pleased to announce that we have been ranked as a recommended law firm in the World Trademark Review.

DLA Piper advised Box Inc who will acquire SignRequest

10 February 2021

We are delighted to have advised Box Inc, who entered into a definitive agreement to acquire SignRequest, a cloud-based electronic signature company.

New intellectual property partner joins DLA Piper's intellectual property and technology practice in Paris

11 January 2021

DLA Piper is appointing Frank Valentin as partner to its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) Practice in Paris, joining with a team of four others on 15 January.

DLA Piper advises ATI Global on GBP170 million acquisition of Groundsure

21 January 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ATI Global on its GBP170 million acquisition of UK based location intelligence business Groundsure, a leading supplier of environmental searches, data, mapping and reports for the UK property market, from Ascential plc (Ascential) (LSE: ASCL).

EUR272.5m in fines imposed by European regulators under GDPR - Survey by international law firm DLA Piper

19 January 2021

EUR272.5 million (about USD332.4 million / GBP245.3 million) of fines have been imposed for a wide range of infringements of Europe's tough data protection laws according to international law firm DLA Piper.

DLA Piper advises Wipro Limited on the acquisition of METRO-NOM GmbH and METRO Systems Romania

4 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised Wipro Limited, a leading global information technology, consulting, and business process services company, on the acquisition of METRO AG's IT units – METRO-NOM GmbH in Germany and METRO Systems Romania S.R.L.

DLA Piper advises Nemetschek on acquisition of DEXMA by subsidiary Spacewell

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Nemetschek group, one of the world's leading software providers for the Architecture, Engineering, Construction and Owner-operated (AECO) industry, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in DEXMA by its subsidiary Spacewell.

DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group on the acquisition of gaming company Sandbox Interactive

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Stillfront Group AB, a leading free-to-play gaming studios company, on the acquisition of Sandbox Interactive GmbH, a rapidly growing and highly profitable gaming company based in Berlin and developer and publisher of the popular cross-platform free-to-play sandbox MMORPG Albion Online. The sellers are the four co-founders of Sandbox.

DLA Piper advises EQT Ventures on a seed round in tech start-up Wonder

15 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised EQT Ventures on its investment in Berlin-based tech start-up Wonder in a 9 million Euro seed round. In addition to EQT Ventures, other backers include Blueyard.

Over three-quarters of investors expect Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) investment to increase over next 24 months

3 December 2020

- **Nearly one quarter (23%) of investors believe pandemic has led to a higher FTTP project roll-out**
 - **Germany, the UK and Poland are the most attractive locations for future FTTP investment, with low penetration levels, high end-user demand, and government incentives**
 - **84% of respondents expect infrastructure funds to be most active in acquiring FTTP operators over the next 24 months**
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DLA Piper and Aldersgate DLS launch TOKO, a fast, secure and cost effective solution for buying and selling high value assets using blockchain technology

5 November 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper in collaboration with Aldersgate DLS (Digital Ledger Solutions), has launched TOKO, a unique tokenisation engine and vital component in the digital asset ecosystem. Developed with Aldersgate DLS, TOKO provides smart contract functionality and digital asset creation functionality and assurance.

DLA Piper advises GM Cruise on acquisition of Astyx

8 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised GM Cruise Holdings LLC (GM Cruise) in connection with the acquisition of Astyx GmbH (Astyx) from Zukunft Ventures GmbH, a subsidiary of ZF Friedrichshafen AG, and the founders of Astyx.

New partner joins DLA Piper's Intellectual Property and Technology practice in London

27 May 2020

DLA Piper is appointing Sophie Lessar as partner to its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) Practice in London. She joins on 1 June.

New partner joins DLA Piper's Intellectual Property and Technology practice in London

1 May 2020

DLA Piper is appointing Deborah Bould as partner to its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) Practice in London, joining on 11th May.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.

DLA Piper advises Guala Closures Group on the acquisition of the assets of Germany's Closurelogic

6 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Guala Closures Group, one of the world leaders in the production of security closures for spirits and aluminium closures for wines, as well as one of the major world producer and distributor of aluminium closures for the beverage industry, on the acquisition of the activities of Closurelogic GmbH, the German producer specialised in the aluminium closures.

Financial Times ranks DLA Piper among the most innovative law firms in Europe

13 September 2019

DLA Piper has been recognised as one of the top 10 most innovative law firms in Europe at the Financial Times' 2019 European Innovative Lawyers report, an annual ranking assessing lawyers on their innovation both for clients and in their own businesses.

DLA Piper advises Tirona on the acquisition of a stake in CashCape

5 September 2019

DLA Piper has advised Tirona Ltd. on the acquisition of a 25 percent stake in the fintech app CashCape.

DLA Piper continues Irish expansion with appointment of four new partners

4 September 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of four new partners to its recently opened Dublin office into four key practice areas of Finance and Projects (F&P), Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT), Tax and Real Estate. The new partners will be joined by three legal directors, as part of the firm's ongoing expansion in Ireland.

DLA Piper advises Bauer Media on acquisition of Camilyo Online Ltd.

5 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Bauer Media Group on the acquisition of Israeli Camilyo Online Ltd., a provider of online-based white-labeled services for online-service provider and their small and medium businesses-clients. The transaction is the second recent acquisition by Bauer Media Group of a provider of online-based white-labeled services and part of Bauer Media Group's new business growth strategy in its business area in SME marketing and sales services.

DLA Piper advises Allianz Real Estate on the acquisition of EDGE Hafencity in Hamburg

2 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Allianz Real Estate on its acquisition of the office property EDGE Hafencity as part of an off-market forward deal. EDGE Hafencity Hamburg will be a 15-storey building with a total lettable area of approximately 22,500 sqm.

DLA Piper to advise ITW Global Leaders' Forum on blockchain-based telecoms platform

2 July 2019

DLA Piper has been appointed to advise the ITW (International Telecoms Week) Global Leaders' Forum (GLF) on the launch of a special purpose vehicle that will develop a live, blockchain-based platform.

DLA Piper advises Rolls-Royce on acquisition of Siemens' eAircraft business

21 June 2019

DLA Piper has advised Rolls-Royce plc on the acquisition of Siemens' electric and hybrid-electric aerospace propulsion activities, eAircraft. The acquisition will accelerate the delivery of Rolls-Royce's electrification strategy and boost its ambition to play a major role in the "third era" of aviation. The completion of the transaction is expected in late 2019, following a period of employee

consultation.

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.
