



IT and Telecoms Disputes

IT and telecommunication services are business critical. It is of paramount importance for businesses to have at their disposal lawyers who understand the IT and telecoms sector, are experienced in handling large-scale commercial, regulatory and competition disputes and who can deliver value for money.

We have a large and dedicated international team of lawyers who work to resolve telecommunications and technology disputes and cover the complete range of cases in the sector worldwide.

We are fully experienced in all methods of dispute resolution including litigation, international arbitration, mediation and expert determination. All of our lawyers are trained in alternative dispute resolution and are skilled at identifying all available opportunities to resolve disputes.

CAPABILITIES

We advise clients on the complete range of cases in the IT and telecommunications sector including:

- Large scale contractual disputes
- Disputes over performance issues on major projects
- Interconnection and pricing disputes
- Litigation arising out of the termination of telecommunications and IT contracts
- Regulatory and competition disputes
- Freezing injunctions and search orders
- Outsourcing and public procurement disputes
- Major software disputes
- Insurance disputes
- Disputes involving the Internet and the conduct of e-business

EXPERIENCE

- Acting in one of the largest pieces of IT litigation before the Technology & Construction Court involving claims and counterclaims totalling in excess of £400m.
- Providing a bespoke litigation managed service to a global telecoms company around the world including resolving disputes in Egypt, Nigeria, Australia, Singapore, Taiwan and Venezuela.
- Advising a Government body in connection with a failure of a business critical IT System and resolving by mediation.
- Advising an Israeli telecoms company in respect of the failed launch of a satellite over Africa.
- Advising an international telecoms company in Denmark against a company in the US (allegations included premium rate and long firm

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fraud) by way of International Arbitration

- Acting for a global IT supplier regarding a failed implementation of IT services and telecoms equipment in the Congo.
- Advising several telecoms companies by way of simultaneous consolidated action against a telecoms group suspected of fraud (including proceedings in Ireland, Switzerland and Madeira).
- Acting for a global technology company against a provider of subsea cables in Asia following an outage affecting a significant part of its network.
- Advising NHS Connecting for Health on various contractual disputes relating to the implementation for the NHS of the £12.8 billion National Programme for IT including advising on the termination of a £1.4 billion contract and the subsequent on-going arbitration proceedings.
- Advising a Government Department concerning a significant IT programme in relation to contracts with a number of major international IT suppliers engaged on the program.
- Acting for a major telecoms operator in a claim against an Isle of Man telecoms company for in excess of £6 million for the payment of Operation and Maintenance fees payable under a 20 year contract for the provision of circuits across Europe and advising on the termination of the contract.
- Acting on behalf of a distributor for the incumbent national telecommunications services provider in bringing claims for several million UK pounds in relation to commission payments which were being withheld on the basis of retrospective amendments to the terms of business and what we argued was anticompetitive behaviour.
- Acting for a multinational telecom company in a stream of regulatory and competition disputes for alleged discriminatory pricing and margin squeeze in the market for fixed-to-mobile interconnection services.
- Assisting a telecom company in several disputes in Italy before the National Regulatory Authority regarding numbering, calls and SMS origination and termination services, and pricing.

AKTUELLES

Veröffentlichungen

Lessons learned from Bates v Post Office in an increasingly software dependent world: “Bugs, errors and defects”

30 March 2020

As businesses process and store increasingly vast volumes of data, so the reliability and robustness of their IT infrastructure becomes increasingly critical. The recent decision in Bates and others v Post Office Ltd is a salutary reminder that IT the systems in place can be far from infallible.

Corporations need to remain vigilant amidst the rise of cyberattacks and cyberfrauds

2 December 2019

Recent figures show that Hong Kong and China remain the top destinations of fraudulent funds, most of which are the result of cyberfrauds. Read our article which gives helpful tips on how to avoid falling victim to these attacks.

Recent Landmark Case on Comparative Advertising in Hong Kong

12 OCT 2018

On 5 September 2018, the Hong Kong Court of First Instance handed down a significant win to Hong Kong Broadband Network Limited (HKBN) in dismissing a trade mark infringement claim brought against it by the PCCW-HKT group (PCCW). The case is the first decision the Hong Kong Court has made on section 21 of the Trade Mark Ordinance (Cap. 559) (TMO) and provided important guidance on the use of trademarks in the context of comparative advertising.

HKBN was represented by the legal team from DLA Piper Hong Kong led by May Ng, Partner, assisted by Queenie Chan, Associate.

DLA Piper's new toolkit to proactively manage IT Development Projects

7 JUN 2018

DLA Piper are pleased to present the launch of a new IT Development Project Healthcheck toolkit to assist our clients to efficiently manage their projects, identify and assess risks and avoid disputes.

Powers of the SFO in an Internet age

15 MAY 2018

Is the cloud the limit? Reviewing the powers of the UK's Serious Fraud Office in the Internet age

Seminare und Veranstaltungen

Vergangene

TechLaw

5 March 2020

TechLaw Event Series
Sydney

TechLaw

3 March 2020

TechLaw Event Series
Melbourne

TechLaw Event - "M&A for the New Digital Economy"

7 MAR 2019

TechLaw Event Series
Amsterdam

TechLaw Event - Online platforms - beyond playing innocence?

17 JAN 2019

TechLaw Event Series
Amsterdam

TechLaw London 2018

5 DEC 2018

TechLaw Event Series
London

TechLaw Event - Virtual Competition

22 NOV 2018
TechLaw Event Series
Amsterdam

Middle East Tech Summit 2018: The Digital Imperative

5 NOV 2018
TechLaw Event Series
Dubai

TechLaw in Germany

14 JUN 2018
TechLaw Event Series
München

NEWS

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 appoints Head of Global Government Affairs team

6 March 2020

DLA Piper announces the strengthening of its Global Government Affairs team with the appointment of Richard Sterneberg who will head up the team in its Brussels office. Richard brings with him over 20 years of experience working in Brussels as a global government affairs expert.

DLA Piper launches its Global Litigation Guide

3 December 2019

DLA Piper has launched its 'Global Litigation Guide', which covers aspects of civil litigation in 30 jurisdictions worldwide.

DLA Piper continues to boost CEE region capability with new hires in Poland

5 September 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of eight new lawyers in its Warsaw office into three key practice areas of Corporate, Finance & Projects (F&P) and Litigation & Regulatory. These hires follow the recent appointment of corporate partners Marek Sawicki and Jakub Marcinkowski from CMS.

Best Lawyers Handelsblatt empfiehlt 45 Anwälte von DLA Piper im Ranking Deutschlands beste Anwälte

28 June 2019

Auch in diesem Jahr hat der US-Verlag Best Lawyers wieder zahlreiche Anwälte von DLA Piper in Deutschland in unterschiedlichen Rechtsgebieten ausgezeichnet. Waren es im vergangenen Jahr noch 26 Partner und Anwälte, so empfiehlt Best Lawyers in diesem Jahr insgesamt 45 Partner und Anwälte.

DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

DLA Piper establishes Litigation Regulatory offering in Dublin with partner hire

18 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Caoimhe Clarkin as a Litigation & Regulatory partner in the firm's Dublin office. This is the seventh partner hire for DLA Piper in Dublin this year.

DLA Piper strengthens Intellectual Property and Technology offering in Russia

18 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announces that Julianna Tabastajewa will be joining the firm as a counsel in its Intellectual Property and Technology practice based in Moscow. Her practice focuses on IP protection and litigation in the area of pharmaceutical, competition and, media law, as well as franchising.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

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

DLA Piper verstärkt den Bereich Wirtschaftsstrafrecht und interne Untersuchungen mit Partner Dr. Emanuel Ballo

28 FEB 2019

DLA Piper hat mit Dr. Emanuel Ballo (36) einen neuen Partner für den Bereich Wirtschaftsstrafrecht und interne Untersuchungen gewinnen können.

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.

Prof. Dr. Ludger Giesberts als Sachverständiger vor dem Umweltausschuss des Deutschen Bundestages

1 FEB 2019

Am 30. Januar 2019 fand in den Räumlichkeiten des Bundestages eine Öffentliche Anhörung durch den Bundestagsausschuss für Umwelt, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit statt.

Kate Brown de Vejar joins DLA Piper as global co-chair of International Arbitration

22 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Kate Brown de Vejar has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Mexico City and New York.

DLA Piper and IKM Advocates secure victory for the Republic of Kenya defeating a US\$2 billion ICSID claim

24 OCT 2018

In a decisive victory for the Republic of Kenya, DLA Piper and DLA Piper Africa member firm, IKM Advocates, have successfully defeated the claim estimated to be worth US\$2 billion in arbitration proceedings brought by a mining investor, Cortec Mining Kenya Limited. The claim was brought under the bilateral investment treaty (BIT) between the UK and Kenya dated 13 September 1999. The arbitration took place under the auspices of the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), with the hearing taking place in Dubai in January 2018. The Tribunal issued its award on 22 October 2018.

DLA Piper berät exceet Gruppe bei Verkauf von AEMtec GmbH

27 SEP 2018

DLA Piper hat die exceet Group AG beim Verkauf des Berliner Mikro- und Optoelektronik Unternehmens AEMtec GmbH an die Mellifera Neunundzwanzigste Beteiligungsgesellschaft beraten.

DLA Piper hosts inaugural Afghanistan-UK Business Conference

18 SEP 2018

DLA Piper's London office yesterday hosted the first Afghanistan-UK Business Conference, organised by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in London and the International Chamber of Commerce in Afghanistan. The event, aimed at further enhancing Afghanistan-UK bilateral business, trade and investment relations, was attended by over 100 participants including public and private sector leaders, potential investors, NGOs and consultants, amongst others.

DLA Piper's GTGA team named Sanctions Law Firm of the year 2018

27 JUL 2018

DLA Piper's Global Trade and Government Affairs (GTGA) team has been named Sanctions Law Firm of the year, Europe, at this year's WorldECR Awards.

DLA Piper hires financial services and insurance sector team in Belgium

2 JUL 2018

DLA Piper in Antwerp has today been joined by a team of financial services and insurance sector lawyers from Baker McKenzie.

DLA Piper erringt für Transatel Erfolg vor BNetzA in Grundsatzverfahren zum regulierten Großkundenroaming im Bereich Internet-of-Things

20 JUN 2018

DLA Piper hat für den französischen Telekommunikationsanbieter Transatel SA einen Erfolg in einem telekommunikationsrechtlichen Streitbeilegungsverfahren vor der Bundesnetzagentur (BNetzA) errungen. Die BNetzA hat in diesem Grundsatzverfahren den deutschen Mobilfunknetzbetreiber Telefónica Germany GmbH & Co. OHG dazu verpflichtet, Transatel den Entwurf eines Vertrags über den Zugang zum regulierten Großkundenroaming vorzulegen.
