



Technologies de l'information et télécommunication

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.

CAPABILITES

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.

ACTUALITÉS

Publications

New era for privacy and data breach Class Actions in the UK

12 May 2020

The recent decision in the Morrisons case and the judgment in Lloyd v Google have significant implications for the growth of privacy and data protection Class Actions in the UK. If this type of Class Action can progress, the risks for organisations who commit a data breach will be unprecedented.

Issue 2: The governance of IT systems - a board level issue

6 April 2020

[LESSONS LEARNED FROM *BATES V POST OFFICE* IN AN INCREASINGLY SOFTWARE DEPENDENT WORLD: “BUGS, ERRORS AND DEFECTS”](#)

In the latest judgment in the legal dispute Bates v Post Office, the judge was tasked with determining both the extent to which the ‘operation’ of the system employed by the Post Office across its post-master network was robust, and the effective cause of the electronic accounting shortfalls that had affected a number of Post Office branches.

Issue 1: The need for “robustness” and what this means

30 March 2020

[LESSONS LEARNED FROM *BATES V POST OFFICE* IN AN INCREASINGLY SOFTWARE DEPENDENT WORLD: “BUGS, ERRORS AND DEFECTS”](#)

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.

ACTUALITÉS

Sangeetha Punniyamoorthy named Chair of the Canadian IPT Group

20 MAY 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Sangeetha Punniyamoorthy has been appointed Chair of the Canadian Intellectual Property and Technology Group.

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

24 APR 2020

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

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 (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille un nouvel avocat, Raymond Bastedo

2 MAR 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille Raymond Bastedo à titre d'avocat au sein du groupe litiges, arbitrages et enquêtes du bureau de Calgary.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP accueille trois nouveaux associés

1 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille trois nouveaux ajouts au partenariat, à compter du 1er janvier 2020.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille un nouvel avocat Andrew MacGregor

4 DEC 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille Andrew MacGregor à titre d'avocat au sein du groupe litiges, arbitrages et enquêtes du bureau de Calgary.

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

14 NOV 2019

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

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille Stephen F. Gleave à titre d'associé

7 OCT 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. a le plaisir d'annoncer que Stephen Gleave s'est joint au cabinet à titre d'associé au bureau de Toronto. Stephen a une pratique de litige de droit commercial axée sur le droit de l'emploi.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. reconnue dans l'édition 2020 de Chambers Canada 2020

20 Sep 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. a le plaisir d'être reconnue comme leader de l'industrie dans l'édition 2020 de *Chambers Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille un nouvel avocat, Simon McCleary

9 SEPT 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille Simon McCleary à titre d'avocat au sein du groupe litiges, arbitrages et enquêtes du bureau de Toronto.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille une nouvelle avocate Brooke Stewart

3 SEP 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille Brooke Stewart à son bureau de Toronto à titre d'avocate au sein du groupe du droit de l'emploi.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille une nouvelle avocate, Adrienne Wong

3 SEP 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille Adrienne Wong à titre d'avocate au sein du groupe litiges, arbitrages et enquêtes du bureau de Calgary.

Les avocats de DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. sont reconnus dans l'édition 2020 de *Best Lawyers in Canada*

21 AUG 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. a le plaisir de voir 70 de ses avocats dans 34 domaines de pratique différents reconnus dans l'édition 2020 du guide *Best Lawyers in Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille une nouvelle avocate Emma Cosgrave

24 JUN 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille Emma Cosgrave à titre d'avocate au sein du groupe litiges, arbitrages et enquêtes du bureau de Toronto.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized as a leader in patent laws by IAM Patent 1000

12 JUN 2019

The 2019 edition of *IAM Patent 1000 - The World's Leading Patent Practitioners* has recognized DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and four members of its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) Group as leaders in the Canadian patent market.

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 (Canada) LLP ranked in 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that thirty-eight of the firm's lawyers have been recognized as leading practitioners in the 2019 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

Bretton Woods Avocats Canada se joint au bureau de DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. à Montréal

1 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. a le plaisir d'annoncer qu'une entente a été conclue avec Bretton Woods Avocats Canada (« Bretton Woods Canada »). À compter du 1er mai 2019, l'équipe de quatre avocats et d'une stagiaire de Bretton Woods Canada se joindra au bureau de DLA Piper Canada à Montréal. L'équipe apporte un agencement unique de capacité et d'expérience renforçant ainsi le bureau de Montréal et augmentant notre offre de service nationale dans le marché croissant de la conformité aux normes internationales, de la gestion du risqué et des enquêtes visant des sociétés.

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 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.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille une nouvelle avocate conseil Katrina Edgerton-McGhan

11 FEB 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. a le plaisir d'accueillir Katrina Edgerton-McGhan à titre d'avocate conseil au sein du groupe litiges, arbitrages et enquêtes du bureau de Calgary.

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 (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. est reconnue par le Legal 500 Canada en 2019

7 DEC 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. a le plaisir d'annoncer que 42 avocats dans 17 domaines de pratique ont été recommandés dans la dernière édition du *Legal 500 Canada*.

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 Canada s.e.n.c.r.l. reconnue dans l'édition 2019 de *Chambers Canada*

27 SEP 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. est heureuse d'être reconnue en tant que leader de l'industrie dans l'édition 2019 de *Chambers Canada*. Avec 34 avocats qui se sont distingués dans plus de 20 champs de pratique de droit, il s'agit de la meilleure performance de DLA Piper Canada à ce jour.

Soixante-douze avocats de DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. sont reconnus dans l'édition 2019 de *Best Lawyers in Canada*

22 AUG 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. est heureuse d'avoir augmenté encore une fois ses classements dans l'édition 2019 de *Best Lawyers*, avec près du tiers des avocats du cabinet qui se distinguent à titre de praticiens de premier plan au Canada dans plusieurs domaines de pratique clés.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille une nouvelle avocate, Ashley Boyes

7 AUG 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. est heureuse d'accueillir Ashley Boyes à titre d'avocate au sein du groupe litiges, arbitrages et enquêtes du bureau de Toronto.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille un nouvel avocat de litige, Stephen Kroeger

25 JUN 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. est heureuse d'accueillir Stephen Kroeger à titre d'avocat au sein du groupe litiges, arbitrages et enquêtes du bureau d'Edmonton.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. accueille une nouvelle avocate de litige Michelle Thomarat

28 MAY 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. est heureuse d'accueillir Michelle Thomarat à titre d'avocate au sein du groupe de litiges, arbitrage et enquêtes du bureau de Toronto.
