



## 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.

### CAPABILITES

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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

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- Acting in one of the largest pieces of IT litigation before the Technology & Construction Court involving claims and counterclaims totalling in excess of £400m.

### KEY CONTACTS

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- 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 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.

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### 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.

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#### 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.

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## Regulatory challenges for electronic communications operators offering IoT connectivity services

24 JAN 2018

A booming market with rising demand for connectivity and capacity.

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## Preparing for a payment card data breach: what should businesses do?

15 NOV 2017

In this article, DLA Piper's lawyers consider that there were an estimated 164 million payment cards in use in the UK in 2016 and how, with almost £4 billion being spent using contactless cards alone in April 2017 and new breach notice requirements coming into force soon, those involved (including card brands and merchants) need to consider how to respond to breaches, and potential alternatives to storing card data in the future. Payment card data is a major target of hackers.

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## Events

### Previous

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

7 MAR 2019

TechLaw Event Series

Amsterdam

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#### TechLaw Event - Online platforms - beyond playing innocence?

17 JAN 2019

TechLaw Event Series

Amsterdam

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#### TechLaw London 2018

5 DEC 2018

TechLaw Event Series

London

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#### TechLaw Event - Virtual Competition

22 NOV 2018

TechLaw Event Series

Amsterdam

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#### Middle East Tech Summit 2018: The Digital Imperative

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5 NOV 2018  
TechLaw Event Series  
Dubai

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### **TechLaw in Germany**

14 JUN 2018  
TechLaw Event Series  
Munich

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### **TechLaw Event - Blockchain**

27 MAR 2018  
TechLaw Event Series  
Amsterdam

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### **TechLaw London 2017**

22 NOV 2017  
TechLaw Event Series  
London

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### **TechLaw Australia 2017**

14 NOV 2017  
TechLaw Event Series  
Sydney

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## **NEWS**

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### **DLA Piper represents Applied Underwriters in defeat of three class certification motions**

19 August 2019

DLA Piper represented Applied Underwriters in its defeat of three separate motions for class certification arising out of a regulatory dispute over whether a reinsurance transaction adjunct to workers' compensation coverage was required to be filed with, among others, the California Department of Insurance.

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### **DLA Piper partner Andrew Hoffman named to the *Daily Journal's* Top 40 Under 40 list**

16 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Andrew Hoffman, a partner in the firm's Litigation practice, has been named to the *Daily Journal's* 2019 Top 40 Under 40 list honoring young California lawyers across a range of practice areas.

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## Six-partner group joins DLA Piper across key markets and practice groups from coast to coast

18 July 2019

DLA Piper announced today the addition of a six-partner group whose members will be part of the firm's Corporate, Intellectual Property and Technology, and Litigation practices. The partners will be based in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Silicon Valley and New York.

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## DLA Piper secures significant victory for Houston Casualty

3 July 2019

DLA Piper secured a significant victory for Houston Casualty in *Houston Casualty Co. v. Cavan Corp. of N.Y., et al.* before the New York State Supreme Court on June 27, 2019.

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## DLA Piper's Ilana Eisenstein named an *Unsung Hero* by the *Legal Intelligencer*

19 June 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Ilana Eisenstein, a Philadelphia-based partner and co-chair of the Appellate Advocacy practice, has been named to the *Legal Intelligencer* 2019 list of *Unsung Heroes*.

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## DLA Piper secures appellate victory for Petrobras America

18 June 2019

DLA Piper secured a victory on behalf of Petrobras America, Inc. in a long-running lawsuit against Vicinay Cadenas, S.A., a manufacturer of chains and accessories for the offshore industry.

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## Scott Weber joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in New York

10 June 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Scott Weber has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the New York office.

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## DLA Piper represents the Conrad Prebys Foundation in dismissal of derivative lawsuit

31 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented the Conrad Prebys Foundation, a charitable foundation started by late philanthropist and San Diego developer Conrad Prebys, in the successful dismissal of a lawsuit filed by Prebys' partner and former foundation board member.

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## **Kate Brown de Vejar and Lida Rodriguez-Taseff named to *Latinvex's* list of Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers**

23 MAY 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Kate Brown de Vejar and Lida Rodriguez-Taseff have been named to *Latinvex's* 2019 list of Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers.

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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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## **Carl Wessel joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Washington, DC**

22 APR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Carl Wessel has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

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## **DLA Piper represents Immunomedics in dismissal of class action lawsuit**

16 APR 2019

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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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## **Kathleen Birrane named to the *Daily Record's* 2019 Top 100 Women list**

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Kathleen Birrane, a partner in the firm's Litigation practice and Insurance sector, has been named to the *Daily Record's* 2019 Top 100 Women list.

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### **Peter Karanjia joins DLA Piper's Telecom and Appellate practices in Washington, DC**

4 MAR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Peter Karanjia has joined the firm's Telecom and Appellate practices 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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### **Stefanie Wayco joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Atlanta**

31 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Stefanie Wayco has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Atlanta.

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### **Former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice**

23 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Matt Denn, who has served as Delaware's attorney general since 2015, has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Wilmington.

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### **Terry Weiss joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Atlanta**

23 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Terry Weiss has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Atlanta.

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### **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.

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### **Two DLA Piper lawyers listed in *D Magazine's* 2019 Best Lawyers Under 40 list**

8 JAN 2019

Crystal Woods and James C. Bookhout were recently named to *D Magazine's* 2019 Best Lawyers Under 40 list, which recognizes outstanding young lawyers in Dallas.

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### **Eric Falkenberry named a *Law360* Data-Driven Lawyer for 2018**

5 DEC 2018

Eric Falkenberry has been named a *Law360* Data-Driven Lawyer for 2018.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper secures summary judgment victory on behalf of well-known economist in fraud lawsuit**

12 OCT 2018

DLA Piper won summary judgment on behalf of well-known economist Dr. Arthur Laffer, one of multiple defendants in a lawsuit alleging securities fraud and numerous other claims, and seeking more than US\$30 million in damages.

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### **R. Matthew Hiller joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Chicago**

9 OCT 2018

DLA Piper announced today that R. Matthew Hiller has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Chicago.

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### **Ellen Dew named to the *Daily Record's* 2018 Leading Women list**

5 OCT 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Ellen Dew, an associate in the firm's Litigation practice, has been named to the *Daily Record's* 2018 Leading Women List.

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### **Daniel Tobey joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Dallas**

19 SEP 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Daniel Tobey has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Dallas.

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### **Brooke Kim and Evan Parness named *Law360* Rising Stars**

16 AUG 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that *Law360* has named Brooke Kim and Evan Parness to its 2018 list of Rising Star attorneys.

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### **Angela Agrusa named to the *Los Angeles Business Journal* Top Litigators list**

15 AUG 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Angela Agrusa has been named as one of the Top Litigators by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*.

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### **Lida Rodriguez-Taseff joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Miami**

6 AUG 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Lida Rodriguez-Taseff has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Miami.

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### **Harout Samra of DLA Piper reappointed to Florida Third District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission**

1 AUG 2018

Harout Samra was reappointed by Florida Governor Rick Scott to serve on the Florida Third District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for a second term.

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### **DLA Piper wins significant victory for New York University**

31 JUL 2018

DLA Piper won a significant victory for its client, New York University (NYU), in an Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA)- related class action.

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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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### **Eric Falkenberry named to the Fastcase 50 list**

12 JUL 2018

Eric Falkenberry was named to the "Fastcase 50" list which honors "the smartest, most courageous innovators, techies, visionaries and leaders in the law."

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### **Kristi Kung joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Healthcare practices in Northern Virginia and Washington, DC**

27 JUN 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Kristi Kung has joined the firm's Litigation and Healthcare practices as a partner in Northern Virginia and Washington, DC.

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### **Levi Heath joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Los Angeles**

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Levi Heath has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Los Angeles.

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### **Robby Robertson joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Chicago**

12 JUN 2018

DLA Piper announced today that J. Robert "Robby" Robertson has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Chicago.

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### **DLA Piper secures victory for WebSpectator**

24 MAY 2018

DLA Piper secured a victory this week in its representation of WebSpectator Corporation, a Santa Monica-based company that pioneered online analytics and attention ad space, as the plaintiff before the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

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### **Angela Agrusa named to the *Daily Journal's* Top Women Lawyers in California list**

2 MAY 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Angela Agrusa, a Los Angeles-based partner in the firm's Litigation practice, has been named one of the Top Women Lawyers in California by the *Daily Journal*.

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### **Alva Mather joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Philadelphia**

30 APR 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Alva Mather has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Philadelphia.

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### **Angela Agrusa and Ann Lawrence named to *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2018 Most Influential Women Attorneys list**

26 APR 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Los Angeles-based partners Angela Agrusa and Ann Lawrence, global co-chair of the firm's Retail Industry sector, have both been selected for the Los Angeles Business Journal's 2018 Most Influential Women Attorneys list.

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### **DLA Piper wins significant victory for Maryland Reclamation Associates**

17 APR 2018

DLA Piper won a significant victory for its client, Maryland Reclamation Associates, Inc.(MRA), in a case filed against Harford County, Maryland, in the Harford County Circuit Court.

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### **DLA Piper adds Jason Lewis and Jason Hopkins to Litigation practice in Dallas**

5 APR 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Jason Lewis and Jason Hopkins have joined the firm's Litigation practice as partners in Dallas.

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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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### **Brett Ingerman named to the *Daily Record's* 2018 Leadership in Law list**

26 MAR 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Brett Ingerman, managing partner of the firm's Baltimore office, was named to the *Daily*

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### **Jeff Tsai joins DLA Piper's Litigation, White Collar and Investigations practices in California**

26 MAR 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Jeff Tsai has joined the firm's Litigation, White Collar and Investigations practices as a partner in California, based out of the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices.

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### **DLA Piper advises Timor-Leste on historic maritime treaty**

6 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has been advising the Government of Timor-Leste, for more than four years, on its historic maritime treaty with the Australian Government, signed today at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the successful outcome of a compulsory conciliation process.

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### **Former United States Magistrate Judge Andrew J. Peck to join Litigation practice in New York**

3 MAR 2018

DLA Piper announced today that former United States Magistrate Judge Andrew J. Peck will join the firm's Litigation practice as senior counsel in the New York office.

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### **DLA Piper files amicus brief with US Supreme Court in capital case**

20 FEB 2018

DLA Piper filed on a pro bono basis an amicus brief to urge the United States Supreme Court to grant the petition for certiorari for Eric Branch.

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### **DLA Piper expands in Dallas with addition of leading employment and litigation lawyers**

1 FEB 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Marc Katz and Isabel Crosby have joined the firm's Dallas office as partners in the Employment practice, and Rob Hoffman has joined as a partner in the Litigation practice.

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### **Businesses still not fully aware of Data Protection issues**

31 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has released its second Data Privacy Snapshot report, finding that once again, company global privacy programs have gaps in meeting increasingly demanding global privacy principles. Significantly, it appears that many companies are falling short of data protection obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which will start to apply from 25 May 2018.

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### **Joel Athey joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Los Angeles**

24 JAN 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Joel Athey has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Los Angeles.

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### **DLA Piper adds to Chicago Litigation practice with Amy Rubenstein and John Scholnick**

22 JAN 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Amy Rubenstein and John Scholnick have joined the firm's Litigation practice as partners in the Chicago office.

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### **Stephen Matthews joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in New Jersey**

17 JAN 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Stephen Matthews has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the Short Hills, New Jersey, office.

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### **DLA Piper represents UC Davis Health in settlement of lawsuit against Sacramento County**

14 DEC 2017

DLA Piper represented UC Davis Health and the Regents of the University of California in a recently settled lawsuit filed against Sacramento County over payment obligations for medical care provided to county indigent patients and jail inmates.

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### **DLA Piper's Paul A. Tiburzi elected Chairman of the Greater Baltimore Committee Board of Directors**

8 DEC 2017

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Paul A. Tiburzi has been unanimously elected as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC).

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### **Mark Waite joins DLA Piper as partner in Houston**

2 NOV 2017

DLA Piper announced today that Mark Waite has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Houston.

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### **Amy Rudd joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice as partner in Austin**

11 OCT 2017

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DLA Piper announced today that Amy Rudd has joined the firm's Litigation practice as partner in the Austin office.

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### **DLA Piper successfully represents NuVasive in shareholder derivative suit victory**

4 OCT 2017

DLA Piper successfully defended NuVasive, its board of directors and three officers of the company in a shareholder derivative suit.

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### **DLA Piper completes merger with Liner LLP**

2 OCT 2017

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that its combination with Liner LLP, a Los Angeles-based boutique law firm, is now effective.

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### **DLA Piper's Philadelphia office adds two new associates**

2 OCT 2017

DLA Piper today announced the addition of two new associates to the firm's Philadelphia office.

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### **DLA Piper announces healthcare enforcement response team**

26 SEP 2017

To better serve the healthcare sector, DLA Piper has established a team of experienced professionals to address governmental enforcement proceedings arising from activity by HEAT and other regulators.

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### **DLA Piper recognized as a litigation powerhouse by BTI Consulting**

14 SEP 2017

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as a "powerhouse" law firm for class actions and complex commercial litigation by BTI Consulting Group in its recently published *BTI Litigation Outlook 2018* report.

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### **Former Assistant to the US Solicitor General Ilana Eisenstein joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Philadelphia**

7 SEP 2017

DLA Piper today announced the addition of Ilana Eisenstein to the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Philadelphia.

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### **DLA Piper adds litigator Christopher Oprison in Miami**

22 AUG 2017

DLA Piper announced today that Christopher Oprison has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Miami.

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