



Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes

Our Insurance and Reinsurance team is experienced in handling complex, large-scale insurance and reinsurance disputes. We regularly represent insurers and reinsurers in all forms of dispute resolution—litigation, arbitration and alternate dispute resolution—as well as provide counsel including coverage analyses, claim monitoring and assistance with policy drafting and regulatory issues.

The team is particularly skilled in high-stakes and cross-border dispute work and has extensive experience addressing and resolving such issues.

CAPABILITIES

Areas of focus for our team include:

- Property & Energy Insurance
- Casualty Claims
- Environmental Liability Insurance
- D&O and other Financial Lines Claims
- Political Risk
- Employers Liability
- Public Liability
- Professional Liability including Errors & Omissions
- Contingent and Entertainment Insurance
- Transportation Insurance

EXPERIENCE

- Representing a global reinsurer in a successful New York arbitration, arising from a large European pharmaceutical loss
- Representing 38 reinsurers in a \$1.5 billion claim arising from the Queensland Floods
- Representing insurers with respect to two litigations and four arbitrations regarding major liability claims against the insured arising from a mine in the US
- Representing insurers in a major dispute in the run-off sector involving allegations of fraud in the management of two US companies

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- Representing the international reinsurance markets in connection with a physical damage, business interruption and reinsurance coverage claim of \$50 million arising out of a catastrophic open cast mining loss in southern Africa
- Representing reinsurers in respect of a Machinery Breakdown mining loss in Peru; claim valued at over \$400 million
- Representing insurers in an insurance and reinsurance coverage dispute on a \$50 million satellite claim by a Russian cedent with the reinsurance contract subject to arbitration under French law in Geneva
- Representing Lloyd's syndicates in connection with D&O claims arising out of litigation in Australia following the collapse of FAI Insurances Limited
- Representing insurers on contingent business interruption claims in many scenarios, including a severed electrical service line in the Hudson River, an oil pipeline explosion in Russia, civil authority closures at airports and ports following 9/11, the catastrophic floods in Thailand in 2011 and Sandy-related losses
- Representing All Risk Insurers and Reinsurers in relation to political risk cover arising from the Red Shirt protests in Thailand in 2010 which led to the burning of 38 buildings including Asia's largest shopping mall, with claims exceeding US\$500 million

INSIGHTS

Publications

Brexit for the insurance sector: No-deal regimes in the UK and Europe

17 September 2019

INSURANCE HORIZONS

This guide has been prepared by DLA Piper's insurance regulation team to provide a high level overview of post-Brexit regimes that are being implemented in key EU markets, and in the UK. It is intended to help insurers and intermediaries with their planning in the run up to a possible no-deal Brexit.

New proposed tax regulations affecting certain PFICs – foreign reinsurance companies take note

7 August 2019

While the new proposed regulations present compliance issues for foreign reinsurance companies, there are planning opportunities to be explored.

Brexit: What comes next for insurers?

17 MAY 2019

INSURANCE HORIZONS

Uncertainty continues. The UK and the EU have not yet concluded a withdrawal agreement. It is possible they will do so before the latest extension to the UK's notice period, which expires on 31 October 2019, and that there will then be an implementation period during which the UK will remain in the EEA single market before leaving at the end of 2020, or later.

Insurance Regulation at a Crossroads: Lessons Learned from the Last Ten Years

5 SEP 2018

Insurance regulators are at an important juncture and have the chance to chart their course for the near to mid-term.

NEWS

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 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 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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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.

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 launches guide to navigating dispute resolution in the Middle East

22 OCT 2018

DLA Piper has today launched Dispute Resolution in the Middle East, an interactive online guide designed to assist clients in navigating the disputes process in the Middle East region.

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 welcomes senior insurance hire

3 SEP 2018

DLA Piper has announced the hire of leading international insurance and reinsurance partner, Rebecca Hopkirk.
