



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

KEY CONTACTS

Bruno Giuffrè

Partner
Milan
T: +39 02 80 618 1
bruno.giuffre@dlapiper.com

Aidan M. McCormack

Partner
New York
T: +1 212 335 4750
aidan.mccormack@dlapiper.c

Michael P. Murphy

Partner
New York
T: +1 212 335 4755
michael.murphy@dlapiper.co

Peter Shelford

Partner
Bangkok
T: +66 2 686 8500
peter.shelford@dlapiper.com

Andrew Symons

Partner
London
T: +44 (0)20 7796
6580
andrew.symons@dlapiper.com

- 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.

DFS Circular Letter No. 1 requires life insurers to justify use of external data sources and models in life underwriting

19 FEB 2019

The Circular sets out two "principles" for life insurers to follow when using external data sources, algorithms or predictive models in underwriting or rating

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 hires new partners in Australia

23 April 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper today announces that leading tax disputes partner Paul McNab and litigation lawyer John Fogarty will be joining the firm in May.

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 makes heavy weight hires to boost its Litigation & Regulatory group

27 November 2019

DLA Piper announces the appointment of Bob Maynard and Caroline Pope as partners in its Litigation and Regulatory practice in London.

DLA Piper named Regulatory & Investigations Team of the Year

8 November 2019

DLA Piper has been named Regulatory & Investigations Team of the Year at the Legal Week Commercial Litigation and Arbitration Awards held at the Waldorf Hilton in London on 5 November.

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.

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 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 recognised at Legal 500 UK 2019 Awards

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has won two awards at this year's Legal 500 UK Awards, in a ceremony held on the 6th February at the Guildhall, London.

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.

Janet Legrand QC (Hon), presented with a lifetime achievement award at the British Legal Awards

30 NOV 2018

Janet Legrand QC (Hon), DLA Piper partner and Senior Elected Board Member, has been presented with the City of London Law Society Lifetime Achievement Award at the British Legal Awards 2018. Hosted by Legal Week, the ceremony was held on 29th November at Finsbury Square in London.

DLA Piper expands construction disputes team with London partner hire

30 NOV 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Anna Mills will be joining the firm as a partner in its Litigation & Arbitration practice based in London.

DLA Piper Hires High-Profile Litigator in Spain

5 NOV 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Borja de Obeso, will join the Madrid office as a partner in the Litigation & Regulatory practice.

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.

Janet Legrand QC (Hon) named Woman of the Year at the Law Society Excellence Awards

18 OCT 2018

DLA Piper partner and Senior Elected Board Member, Janet Legrand QC (Hon) has been named Woman Lawyer of the Year at the Law Society Excellence awards 2018, held on 17th October at Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

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.

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 acts for Daughters' Rights in application to ECHR over right to be elected to the House of Lords

17 JUL 2018

DLA Piper is acting for five daughters of hereditary peers who are taking the UK Government to the European Court of Human Rights over laws barring them from standing for election to the House of Lords.

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.
