



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.

California Supreme Court: notice-prejudice rule in first-party insurance contract is a fundamental public policy that can trump a choice-of-law provision

5 September 2019

The decision holds, in the first-party pollution coverage context, that the notice-prejudice rule is a fundamental public policy in California.

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.

NEWS

Securities litigator Melanie Walker joins DLA Piper in Los Angeles

1 March 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Melanie Walker has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner based in Los Angeles.

Two DLA Piper lawyers listed in *D Magazine's* 2021 Best Lawyers Under 40 list

13 January 2021

Crystal Woods, a partner in DLA Piper's Employment practice, and James C. Bookhout, an associate in the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice, were recently named to *D Magazine's* 2021 Best Lawyers Under 40 list, which recognizes outstanding young lawyers in Dallas.

Buffy Mims joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice in Washington, DC

11 January 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Buffy Mims has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

Matthew Matule joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice in Boston

11 January 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Matthew Matule has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner in Boston.

Retired Judge Andrew Peck appointed as Judicial Emeritus member of Sedona Conference Working Group 1 Steering Committee

5 January 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that former United States Magistrate Judge Andrew J. Peck has been appointed by The Sedona Conference as a Judicial Emeritus member of the Steering Committee of Working Group 1 (WG1), effective January 2021.

Raj N. Shah named to *Crain's Chicago Business* 2020 Notable Minorities in Accounting, Consulting & Law list

17 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Raj N. Shah, co-managing partner of the firm's Chicago office, has been named to *Crain's Chicago Business's* 2020 Notable Minorities in Accounting, Consulting & Law list recognizing 56 professionals who have "overcome challenges and bias to rise to the top of their professions."

DLA Piper shortlisted by the *Financial Times* for five FT North America Innovative Lawyers awards

8 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce it has been shortlisted by the *Financial Times* for five FT North America Innovative Lawyers 2020 awards.

DLA Piper wins TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year

8 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that they have received the TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year for their representation of T-Mobile and Deutsche Telekom in the T-Mobile-Sprint merger.

DLA Piper named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards

30 October 2020

DLA Piper has been named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards, in a ceremony which took place on Thursday 29 October.

DLA Piper announces launch of Compliance Atlas app

27 October 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce the launch of the Compliance Atlas app, a mobile solution built to meet the policy needs of modern-day companies.

Katie Hausfeld and Kerry Johnson named to *Crain's Chicago Business* Notable Women in Law list

8 September 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Katie Hausfeld and Kerry Johnson have been named to *Crain's Chicago Business's* Notable Women in Law list.

Loren Brown named to the *National Law Journal's* 2020 list of Winning Litigators

1 September 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Loren Brown has been named a 2020 Winning Litigator by the *National Law Journal*.

DLA Piper achieves appellate victory for cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase in lawsuit over Bitcoin Gold

13 August 2020

DLA Piper won a significant appellate victory on behalf of global cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase, defeating a lawsuit alleging that the exchange violated various obligations to users when it refused to support or provide access to the forked cryptocurrency Bitcoin Gold.

Former Congressman Jim Greenwood joins DLA Piper as senior policy advisor, adding significant strength to growing life sciences policy and regulatory group

4 August 2020

DLA Piper announced today that former US Representative Jim Greenwood has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a senior policy advisor based in Washington, DC.

DLA Piper arbitration practice recognized as world leading by Global Arbitration Review

14 July 2020

DLA Piper has been recognized once again as having one of the world's leading international arbitration practices.

John Gibson joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice in Los Angeles

14 July 2020

DLA Piper announced that John Gibson has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner in Los Angeles.

Law firms collaborate on industry first to accelerate tech adoption in international arbitration

2 July 2020

DLA Piper is amongst six international law firms which have developed a Protocol to help deliver a globally consistent approach to the use of online case management platforms in international arbitration.

DLA Piper represents Axogen in dismissal of securities class action lawsuit

22 April 2020

DLA Piper represented Axogen, Inc. in the dismissal of a securities class action lawsuit filed in the US District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Donna Thiel joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice and Healthcare sector in Washington, DC

11 May 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Donna Thiel has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice and Healthcare sector as a partner in Washington, DC.

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition

8 May 2020

DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 172 lawyer rankings and 71 practice rankings in *Chambers USA's* 2020 guide.

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.

Daniel Garen joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice in Washington, DC

22 April 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Daniel Garen has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

John Phillips joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Northern California

26 March 2020

DLA Piper announced today that John Phillips has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Northern California, based in the San Francisco office.

Ronald N. Brown, III joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Wilmington

19 March 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Ronald N. Brown, III has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the Wilmington office.

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's Jonathan Haray named 2020 Criminal Law Trailblazer by the National Law Journal

7 March 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Jonathan Haray, a Litigation partner in the firm's Washington, DC office, has been named by the *National Law Journal* as a 2020 Criminal Law Trailblazer.

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.

Keelin Kavanagh, Arthur Hoffmann and David Jaroslaw join DLA Piper's Litigation practice in New York

12 February 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Keelin Kavanagh, Arthur Hoffmann and David Jaroslaw have joined the firm's Litigation practice as partners in New York.

Craig Waugh joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Phoenix

11 February 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Craig Waugh has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Phoenix.

Matthew Miller, Robert Nolan and Michael Fluhr join DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Northern California

10 February 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Matthew Miller and Robert Nolan have joined the firm's Litigation practice as partners in Northern California, based in the San Francisco office, and Michael Fluhr has joined as of counsel, also based in San Francisco.

James C. Bookhout of DLA Piper listed in *D Magazine's* 2020 Best Lawyers Under 40 list

7 February 2020

James C. Bookhout was recently named to *D Magazine's* 2020 Best Lawyers Under 40 list, which recognizes outstanding young lawyers in Dallas.

Michael Hazzard joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Washington, DC

4 February 2020

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

Nicholas Klein joins DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory practice in Washington, DC

3 February 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Nicholas Klein has joined the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice as of counsel in the Washington, DC office.

Christopher Mikson joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Philadelphia and Washington, DC

23 January 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Christopher Mikson has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Philadelphia and Washington, DC.

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.

Scott Wilson joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in New York

2 December 2019

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

DLA Piper achieves victory for California Institute of Technology

26 November 2019

DLA Piper recently represented the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in the dismissal of a case filed by David Lillie, an employee of Caltech subcontractor ManTech International, which alleged defamation and a number of other causes.

DLA Piper achieves trial victory for Applied Underwriters

22 November 2019

DLA Piper recently represented Applied Underwriters, Inc. in a bench trial victory in California state court.

DLA Piper achieves victory for Maryland Reclamation Associates

6 November 2019

DLA Piper recently achieved a victory for its client, Maryland Reclamation Associates, Inc. (MRA), in a case filed against Harford County, Maryland.

34 DLA Piper lawyers in nine countries ranked among The World's Leading Patent Professionals

30 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals 2019 has named 34 DLA Piper lawyers from nine countries to its list of top patent professionals – representing an increase for the firm in numbers of both lawyers and countries.

DLA Piper's Angela Agrusa named the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* Leaders in Law 2019 Litigation Attorney of the Year

29 OCT 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Angela Agrusa, Los Angeles-based co-head of Business and Commercial Litigation and co-chair of the Food and Beverage sector, has been named the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* Leaders in Law 2019 Litigation Attorney of the Year.

Jonathan Sablone joins Litigation practice in Boston

15 October 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Jonathan Sablone has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the Boston office.

DLA Piper partner Isabelle Ord honored by Western Bankers Association

11 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Isabelle Ord, co-chair of the firm's Class Action Litigation practice and co-leader of the LIBOR Transition practice, has received the Franzel Award from the Western Bankers Association.

Tamany Vinson Bentz named to the *Daily Journals* list of Top Trade Secrets Lawyers

9 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Tamany Vinson Bentz, a Los Angeles-based partner in the IPT Litigation practice, has been named to the *Daily Journal's* 2019 list of Top Trade Secrets Lawyers.

DLA Piper announces launch of LIBOR Transition practice

23 September 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its LIBOR Transition practice, which will focus on assisting companies with impact assessment and advising on benchmark reform implementation across multiple jurisdictions and products.

Abigail Reardon appointed chair of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the First Department of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court

5 September 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Abigail Reardon, a partner in the firm's New York office, has been appointed by the First Department of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court to serve as a chair of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the First Department.

George G. Demos joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Northern California

3 September 2019

DLA Piper announced today that George G. Demos has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Northern California based in the Sacramento office.

Paul Hemmersbaugh joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice as chair of Transportation Regulatory group

3 September 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Paul Hemmersbaugh has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner and chair of its transportation regulatory and litigation group, in Washington, DC.

DLA Piper's Angela Agrusa named to the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers

27 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Angela Agrusa has been named to the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers.

DLA Piper's Michael Garfinkel named to the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers

27 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Michael Garfinkel has been named to the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2019 list of Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers.

Edward Hanover to join DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Northern California

26 August 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Edward Hanover will join the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Northern California based in the Silicon Valley office.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

DLA Piper represents Immunomedics in dismissal of class action lawsuit

16 APR 2019

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.

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.
