



Intellectual Property and Technology

DLA Piper is one of the most widely recognized providers of a full range of commercial, intellectual property law, privacy, sourcing and technology law services for leading businesses worldwide.

Our lawyers provide both litigation-related (contentious) and strategic commercial advice to a wide range of industry sectors, helping clients from emerging technology and pharmaceutical companies to established banks and financial institutions achieve their objectives wherever they do business.

Our IPT practice encompasses nearly 500 dedicated lawyers in more than 24 countries, with particular strength in key global markets. Intellectual property and technology law is at the core of any major business transaction or strategic dispute and has become one of the most critical legal areas as companies continue to expand and protect their technologies, brands, products, data and services around the globe.

Our group is recognized worldwide by legal directories and industry members as one of the leading groups of its kind, seamlessly combining multi-jurisdictional reach with local knowledge and experience.

INSIGHTS

Publications

So you want to go digital...

April 2021

This article assists businesses in identifying the core issues that must be addressed to ensure the legal sufficiency of transactions conducted on eSignature platforms.

Employee and independent contractor classification: Still the top legal issue in franchising

30 March 2021

Franchising rests on a basic premise that franchisees are independent contractors and not employees.

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Non-fungible tokens: Emerging issues in the emerging marketplace

30 March 2021

Any digital asset, or a right in an underlying asset, can be tokenized to make an NFT.

Recognized as a leading IP defense firm in the United States

30 March 2021

In its 2021 *Law Firms Activity Report*, Lex Machina has named DLA Piper among the leading intellectual property defense firms in the United States.

Supreme Court Corner

30 March 2021

Numerous amici in *American Axle* urge the Supreme Court to take the case; update on *USPTO v. Booking.com*.

The Lanham Act's makeover – Congress gives new clarity and tools to trademark owners and applicants

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The Trademark Modernization Act of 2020 gives new certainty for litigants and new tools for challenging current registrations.

The Pharmaceutical Corner

30 March 2021

The opinion may render functional claiming more difficult, but functional claims that follow its guidance may still have an important role to play in pharmaceutical patents.

Understanding the USPTO guidance on patenting AI technologies

30 March 2021

The USPTO guidance opens the door for applicants to obtain patent protection for their AI technologies.

Washington, DC grows telecoms capabilities with a new arrival

30 March 2021

Tony Lin has joined our Washington, DC office and award-winning Telecom group, bringing his vast experience in satellite and communications law.

Episode 15: Comprehensive New E-Commerce Rules Introduced

23 March 2021

NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY

Operators of e-commerce platforms, websites and apps in China, and those using third party e-commerce, social media or livestreaming platforms to sell their products and services in China, must update their operations, services and systems in advance of wide-ranging new rules.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

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Wyoming moves to clarify legal status of DAOs; court dismisses class action against a cryptocurrency exchange.

Wyoming takes a step ahead to clarify the legal status of decentralized autonomous organizations

22 March 2021

If the bill becomes official law, Wyoming will be the first US state to clarify the legal status of a DAO.

Peer-to-peer file sharing, copyright trolls and fair balancing of rights: take-aways from A-G Szpunar's opinion in the *CJEU Mircom v Telenet* and others case

17 March 2021

On 17 December 2020, Advocate General (A-G) Szpunar delivered his opinion on the highly anticipated *Mircom International Content Management v Telenet and others* case (C-597/19) before the European Court of Justice (CJEU) thus shedding a first light on several current hot topics in copyright law.

Antidumping and countervailing duty petition against imports of certain Chinese mobile access equipment and subassemblies: Consequences for exporters and US importers

16 March 2021

Foreign producers, exporters and importers may consider having a strategy for addressing AD and CVD investigations, including possible participation.

Outsourcing: A strategic business tool and a key supervisory priority

8 March 2021

The Central Bank of Ireland has recognised that outsourcing is increasingly being adopted as a key strategic tool to enable

financial services providers to responding to the changing nature of the financial services landscape. It notes that rapid growth of FinTech, RegTech and plans to migrate to and adopt cloud services.

M&A and the Middle East digital economy

01 March 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

In Episode 36 of our TechLaw podcast series, Dubai-based partners and M&A lawyers at DLA Piper, Will Seivewright and Eamon Holley, are joined by Directors at Control Risks, Courtenay Smith and Will Brown, in an invigorating discussion on the latest M&A trends in the GCC. In this conversation, they analyse the recent impact and acceleration of technology trends derived from COVID-19, as well as the roll-out successions of M&A trends across the European Markets.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · M&A and the Middle East digital economy

FinTech Middle East: Innovations in payments and beyond!

26 February 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

In Episode 35 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, Middle-East based DLA Piper partner, Paul Latto, joins an incredible panel of experts including Tony Chacko Joseph, from UAE's Ministry of Finance; Khalid Saad, Board Member at CoinMENA; and Phil Reynolds, Board Director and Co-founder at Pyypl, to discuss the rapid growth in mobile payments and platforms the UAE's FinTech has experienced. Other topics for discussion also include FinTech regulations, trends and innovations swiftly approaching the UAE.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · FinTech: Innovations in payments, and beyond

Antitrust in the digital age: rethinking the regulation of big tech

25 February 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

In Episode 34 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, our partner, Alexandra Kamerling, talks about antitrust law in the digital age with Laura Petrone, Senior Analyst of Technology Thematic Research at GlobalData Plc. Their conversation delves into how traditional regulations are being evolved to allow for a fair playing field that also fosters innovation, as well as looking at how these

regulations are being applied in numerous jurisdictions across the globe.

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BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

Canada's AML regime amendments: is your interactive entertainment service or platform operating a "money service business"?

Gems, coins, bells and bottle caps: Canadian AML regime amendments affect some video game and social media virtual currencies

25 February 2021

Providers of video games and online entertainment that offer virtual currency as part of game play may be "money service businesses" under Canada's anti-money laundering rules.

New guidelines on examples regarding data breach notification

4 February 2021

On 14 January 2021, the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) published a set of draft guidelines on examples regarding data breach notifications under Article 33 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (the "Draft Guidelines").

2020 Annual Sourcing and Commercial Contracts Case Law Round Up

1 February 2021

Welcome to our round up of key cases for sourcing and commercial contracts.

Liquidated damages

1 February 2021

A contractor and its sub-contractor fell out over the development of a biomass plant for the employer. The works were incomplete, the biomass plant was never built.

Remoteness

1 February 2021

The British Virgin Islands government engaged Global Water to manage, operate and maintain a water reclamation plant. However, the government failed to prepare the site, in breach of the Design and Build Agreement contract. Global Water terminated the agreement due to this breach, the plant was not built, and Global Water was unable to earn the profits it would have made under a related agreement, the Management, Operation and Maintenance contract.

Part 2: Hybrid Future- shifting the workplace in a post-pandemic world

28 January 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

The second part of Episode 33 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, features an insightful discussion between DLA Piper partner, Paul Allen, and author of Future Fit, Andrea Clarke. With Covid-19 having accelerated the shift from physical to virtual working, how do businesses connect its people to its strategy and motivate, educate and inspire them through this new hybrid model?

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Part 2: Hybrid Future- shifting the workplace in a post-pandemic world

Brexit and personal data

25 January 2021

As the transition period came to an end on 31 December 2020, a new one began on 1 January 2021 for international data transfers.

Part 1: Becoming Future Fit - Adapting for digital evolution

20 January 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

Part one of Episode 33 in our TechLaw Podcast Series sees Andrea Clarke, author of Future Fit: How to Stay Relevant and Competitive in the Future of Work, draw on her fascinating life experience to advise on how to stay secure in the future of work and create value as we undergo a digital evolution. Creating a strong sense of self in the workplace through connecting employees with a business' purpose, strategy and leadership is critical to future success.

Launch of first edition of DLA Piper's Influencer Marketing Guide

12 January 2021

We introduce you to DLA Piper's Influencer Marketing Guide. Download the full guide for DLA Piper's overview of the legal framework for influencer marketing in 22 countries around the world.

Supply of Consumer Goods in the UK and/or EU from 2021

15 January 2021

The impact of Brexit - things to consider, plan and address

Founders Factory Africa Part 2: The power of collaboration for startups

14 January 2021

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In part two of Episode 32 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, Alina Truhina, Chief Strategy Officer at Founders Factory Africa, resumes her conversation on business collaborations between corporates and startups with one of our partners, Chris Baird. Shifting the conversation to the challenges and opportunities for startups when joining with established corporate companies, Alina and Chris also discuss the areas of focus when working with entrepreneurs in Africa and what to expect in the next five years.

Founders Factory Africa Part 1: Opportunities for corporate investments

11 January 2021

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

In part one of Episode 32 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, Alina Truhina, Chief Strategy Officer at Founders Factory Africa, talks business collaborations between corporates and startups with one of our partners, Chris Baird. Their conversation focuses on the impact of COVID-19 on FFA's portfolio investment strategy, fund flows in Africa and misconceptions of investing in Africa.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for intellectual property

31 December 2020

BOARDROOM BREXIT

The TCA is not radical in terms of its immediate impact on holders of IP rights in the UK or the EU. It does not, for example, affect the post-2020 status of EU trade marks in the UK.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for personal data and digital trade

31 December 2020

BOARDROOM BREXIT

The TCA allows personal data to transfer from the EU-UK, for a period of up to six months from 1 January 2021. This 'bridging' period is designed to allow the EU time needed to adopt a formal adequacy decision which will allow the continuing flow of personal data to the UK.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for trade in services

31 December 2020

BOARDROOM BREXIT

The TCA has substantial sectoral coverage, including professional and business services (e.g. legal, auditing, architectural services), delivery and telecommunication services, computer-related and digital services, financial services, research and development services, most transport services and environmental services.

Brexit: Final arrangements for 1 January and future EU-UK data transfers

30 December 2020

The Brexit trade deal has now been agreed between the EU and UK. Here we summarise the implications for data protection including the important issue of cross-border data flows, which are critical for businesses to maintain between the EU and UK.

26 DLA Piper lawyers in 9 countries ranked among the world's leading patent professionals

22 December 2020

IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals 2020 has named 26 DLA Piper lawyers from 9 countries to its list of top patent professionals.

Franchisor consolidations after COVID-19

22 December 2020

Consolidations will continue in an opportunistic way, but will be moderated by a recognition that consolidation can be risky.

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22 December 2020

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Inventions behind the music: From Eddie Van Halen to Michael Jackson and beyond

22 December 2020

Music innovation offers fertile ground for patent protection.

Recognized as a top tier IP and Technology practice by *U.S. News & World Report*

22 December 2020

Recognition from *U.S. News & World Report*.

Substantial similarity in copyright: It matters where you sue

22 December 2020

Two circuits do not always interpret copyright law the same way.

The Pharmaceutical Corner

22 December 2020

A precedential decision with potentially far-reaching impacts for future Hatch-Waxman litigation and generic-product launches.

Who's responsible for content posted on the Internet? Section 230, explained

22 December 2020

What the law does, what people are saying it should do, and what might happen next.

Disputes & Distributed Ledger Technology: A contract, no matter how smart, still needs to be legal and enforceable in the real world

21 December 2020

In September 2020, the Law Society of England & Wales published "Blockchain: Legal & Regulatory Guidance", providing technical guidance and suggestions on practice for legal practitioners dealing with blockchain and distributed ledger technology.

When a threat actor strikes: Legal considerations and challenges in a ransomware attack

21 December 2020

Evidence suggests that having employees working remotely significantly increases the risk of a successful ransomware attack.

EU digital reform: Brussels seeks to regulate Big Tech and other digital services

16 December 2020

Europe's legal framework for digital services has been unchanged since the adoption of the e-Commerce Directive¹ in 2000. Subsequent advances in technology, and the accompanying evolution of digital services, have resulted in more and more calls for updated regulations from market participants, governments and regulators.

US DOT issues groundbreaking proposals for regulation of automated driving systems, seeks input

11 December 2020

The rulemaking initiates an important new chapter in autonomous vehicle development and commercialization in the US.

Blockchain: Background, challenges and legal issues

8 December 2020

Blockchain and distributed ledger technology offers significant and scalable processing power, high accuracy rates, and apparently unbreakable security at a significantly reduced cost compared to the traditional systems the technology could replace, such as settlement, trading or accounting systems.

Enterprise Cloud Disruption and rethinking the standard contracting model

7 December 2020

In this paper we explore the key contractual themes when seeking to deploy an enterprise cloud solution, and suggest some approaches to managing the associated risk.

Agile Contracting: Balancing flexibility with certainty

4 December 2020

Agile contracting is on the rise, bringing with it requests for contracts which support the flexible approach of iterative development while including the legal contractual protections and certainty that customers (and their lawyers) usually demand. This paper explores how procurement and legal functions can rise to this challenge.

Artificial intelligence, robotics and automation: The best or the worst thing to ever happen to humanity?

2 December 2020

We examine some of the business opportunities and challenges faced, as well as providing our insight on how to manage these issues both in strategic sourcing programmes and in transformative, technology-enabled projects.

Building a full fibre future: European fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) investment trends 2021

2 December 2020

Our new study, conducted in partnership with TMT Finance, indicates that the recent rise in FTTP investment is set to continue

over the next two years. The insight gathered through this report highlights key factors for the rise and appeal of FTTP to investors, as well as the potential risks they see in this industry.

European Law on Cookies

27 November 2020

DLA Piper has published a new guide that summarises the varying approaches of the law on cookies across Europe.

AI Trends Part 2: Security compliance, 5G and the war for talent

25 November 2020

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

In part two of Episode 31 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, Santeri Kangas and Jeremy Otis from CUJO AI, resume their conversation on artificial intelligence trends with one of our partners, Mathias Schulze Steinen. Using findings from our recent European Technology Index 2020, the discussion focuses on topics including security compliance and standardization, data processing, robotics and 5G. The group also debates whether there is a war for talent in the AI arena.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · AI Trends Part 2 Security Compliance, 5G And The War For Talent

AI Trends Part 1: IoT privacy and security risks

23 November 2020

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Part one of Episode 31 of our TechLaw Podcast Series features Chief Technology Officer at CUJO AI, Santeri Kangas, along with General Counsel, Jeremy Otis, discussing the latest trends in artificial intelligence with one of our partners, Mathias Schulze Steinen. The changing digital landscape forms the basis of this conversation in relation to the security of connected devices, user privacy and data collection.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · AI Trends Part 1 IoT Privacy And Security Risks

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 November 2020

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IMF issues report on regulatory framework for CBDs and GSCs, SEC invites feedback on application of custody rule to digital assets.

SEC invites feedback on application of Custody Rule to digital assets

23 November 2020

Specifically, Staff is asking whether non-depository firms such as state-chartered trust companies can act as qualified custodians for digital assets.

UK Tech Startups Part 2: ESG, talent acquisition and AI in the future of tech

17 November 2020

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

In part two of Episode 30 of our TechLaw Podcast Series the discussion continues between Transaction Services Partner at Deloitte, Duncan Down, Chief Strategy Officer and Founder of StarLeaf, Will MacDonald, and the Managing Partner from our London Office, Tom Heylen. As well as insights from our European Technology Index 2020 and mention of the upcoming Deloitte UK Technology Fast 50, the conversation focuses on the integral importance of ESG in all aspects of business, the challenges of acquiring talent remotely and some of the opportunities presented by AI.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · UK Tech Startups Part 2: ESG, talent acquisition and AI in the future of tech

UK Tech Startups Part 1: The impact of COVID-19 and the challenges facing M&A and 5G

11 November 2020

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

In the first part of Episode 30 of our TechLaw Podcast Series Transaction Services Partner at Deloitte, Duncan Down, and Chief Strategy Officer and Founder of StarLeaf, Will MacDonald, discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the UK tech startup scene with the Managing Partner from our London Office, Tom Heylen. The conversation includes insights from our European Technology Index 2020, the upcoming Deloitte UK Technology Fast 50 and the current challenges facing M&A, whilst also addressing the question of whether the adoption of 5G will really make that much difference to the consumer experience.

Navigating China Episode 14: New draft national, harmonised data protection law for Mainland China

23 October 2020

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

A first national level personal information protection law for Mainland China has been published, reinforcing and heightening existing data protection compliance obligations for organisations doing business in China.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 October 2020

[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

SDNY finds Kin token is a security; unpacking the DOJ's cryptocurrency guidance – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

China signs off on PRC Biosecurity Law: What this means for industry players in China

21 October 2020

The Biosecurity Law establishes a comprehensive framework replacing the current somewhat piecemeal legislation.

Fintech in Africa Part 2: The role of regulation in problem solving and cybersecurity

20 October 2020

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Part two of Episode 29 of our TechLaw Podcast Series concludes this discussion on Fintech in Africa between Professor Olayinka David-West, Academic Director at Lagos Business School, and Sandra Oyewole, a partner at DLA Piper Africa, Nigeria. Their conversation looks at the role of regulation in problem solving and the critical importance of focusing on data protection and cybersecurity as we continue to respond to the challenges set by COVID-19.

Germany's New Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Act took effect on 11 October 2020

19 October 2020

In addition to the intended amendments to the Foreign Trade and Payments Act Germany's Federal Government on 20 May 2020 has decided on a bill that broadens the scope and the scrutiny with regard to foreign investments.

Fintech in Africa Part 1: The impact of COVID-19 and the issue of gender imbalance

16 October 2020

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Fintech: Surviving a pandemic, technology drivers and fostering innovation

5 October 2020

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Episode 28 of our TechLaw Podcast Series features Executive Co-Chair at Global Digital Finance, Lawrence Wintermeyer, discussing the Fintech sector with one of our partners, Martin Bartlam. The recent findings from our European Technology Index 2020 focus the discussion on the key drivers to success in this space and the importance of regulatory collaboration.

Coronavirus Resource Center: Our global repository of insights and events

30 September 2020

A central repository for our reports and commentary on the legal and regulatory concerns arising from the pandemic.

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Inventiveness+? Divergent theories of the "inventive concept" in patent-eligible subject matter

30 September 2020

What qualifies as an inventive concept? Even the Federal Circuit doesn't know for sure.

Philadelphia grows privacy capabilities with a new arrival

30 September 2020

Ronald Plesco, an internationally known information security and privacy lawyer, has joined our Philadelphia office.

Recognized as a top outsourcing advisor and for excellence in strategic partnerships

30 September 2020

Recognition from the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (IAOP).

Sports betting and the protections of "enhanced" sports data in the US

30 September 2020

A supply of reliable, available data is the fuel needed for sportsbooks to create and compile odds, bet types, and risk management products.

Supreme Court Corner

30 September 2020

A quick look at two cases - *USPTO v. Booking.com* and *American Axle & Manufacturing v. Neapco Holdings*.

The Pharmaceutical Corner

30 September 2020

In this inaugural column, we look at the implications of IPR and PGR proceedings in Hatch Waxman litigation.

Smart cars, cities and 5G - what does the future hold for the IoT and connectivity

28 September 2020

TECHLAW PODCAST

Episode 27 of our TechLaw Podcast Series features CEO and Co-Founder of Transatel, Jacques Bonifay, discussing the IoT and connectivity with one of our partners, Mathias Schulze Steinen. Insights from our European Technology Index 2020 inform the conversation around the future of connected cars, smart cities and 5G.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Smart Cars, Cities And 5G – What Does The Future Hold For The IoT And Connectivity

Consumer contracts affected by COVID-19: CMA Guidance

25 September 2020

As uncertainties continue over the nature and timing of future restrictions relating to the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), businesses should proceed with caution when dealing with their consumer customers and contracts...

The impact of COVID-19 on digital transformation and the importance of continued innovation

22 September 2020

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Rosy Cinefra, Vice President, Head of Legal and Compliance at NTT Data, speaks to one of our partners, Giulio Coraggio about how digital transformation has been accelerated by the COVID-19 emergency.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · The impact of COVID-19 on digital transformation and the importance of continued innovation

Digital Therapeutics - evolution and entry into mainstream healthcare

18 September 2020

Research undertaken by DLA Piper's Life Sciences sector in conjunction with The Lawyer seeks to understand the current developments in the field of digital therapeutics, looking at key questions that need to be addressed if these products are to become mainstream components of health systems across the world.

Cybersecurity and data protection within the context of COVID-19 and the IoT

14 September 2020

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Episode 25 of our TechLaw Podcast Series features CEO and founder of Context IS, Mark Raeburn, discussing cybersecurity and data protection with one of our partners, Ross McKean. The recent findings from our European Technology Index 2020 highlighting the importance of the relationship between cybersecurity and IoT is a key focus.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 August 2020

[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

California appellate court affirms judgment for Coinbase in lawsuit over Bitcoin Gold – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

The evolution and accountability of Diversity and Inclusion within the tech industry

12 August 2020

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Jiun Kimm from Samsung NEXT joins one of our partners, Luca Gori, to explore the importance of technology in the evolution and accountability of diversity and inclusion and how the findings from our European Technology Index 2020 relate to this highly topical subject.

Schrems II: Now what? New FAQs from EU data protection supervisors provide guidance on data transfers

28 July 2020

Organizations relying on Privacy Shield for transfers to the US of personal data subject to GDPR must immediately implement an alternative mechanism or cease transfers.

New Dutch Franchise Act poses challenges for franchisors

1 July 2020

FRANCAST

The legislation offers a number of protections to franchisees, which will be problematic for foreign franchisors who transact with well-established Dutch franchisees. The law will take effect on January 1, 2021, although it provides a two-year transition period for existing agreements.

A go-to firm for defending patent cases

30 June 2020

Recognition from *Law360*

Atlanta expands privacy capabilities

30 June 2020

Lael Bellamy's arrival bolsters our data protection, privacy and security capabilities throughout the firm.

Hatch-Waxman Litigation 101: The Orange Book and the Paragraph IV Notice Letter

30 June 2020

A few of the key issues that must be addressed before a Hatch-Waxman suit is filed.

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Intellectual property rights are a renewed focus as the world looks beyond a global viral outbreak

30 June 2020

A few key IP-related considerations for companies, whether they are seeking to expand into new markets or looking to preserve their place in an existing market.

Northern California bolsters telecom and regulatory practice

30 June 2020

Regulatory and telecom attorney Kristin Jacobson has joined our Northern California office in Sacramento.

Supreme Court Corner

30 June 2020

A quick look at three cases: *Thryv, Inc.*; *Lucky Brands*; and *Romag Fasteners*.

Washington, DC grows technology capabilities with two new arrivals

30 June 2020

Marius Domokos and Justin Ilhwan Park have joined our Washington, DC practice.

First emerging technologies identified and controlled for export in the EAR

26 June 2020

The designation also makes these a "critical technology," giving CFIUS jurisdiction over foreign investments in US businesses that engage with these items.

PROTECT... Safeguarding your brand in China with Edward Chatterton

26 June 2020

In this series of vlogs, Edward Chatterton (Co-head of IPT, Asia) goes over the key issues you need to know on how to Protect your brand when entering the China market.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends June 2020

18 June 2020

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World Economic Forum announces Presidio Principles as a foundation of blockchain ecosystem design – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

World Economic Forum announces Presidio Principles as a foundation of blockchain ecosystem design

18 June 2020

WEF's foundational values for a decentralized future.

Navigating China Episode 13: (More) Important Developments in China's Privacy and Cyber Laws

10 June 2020

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

China's privacy and cyber authorities have been busy in the last month enacting substantial enhancements and clarifications to data protection compliance obligations; and even more changes are expected before the end of 2020.

New Chinese Civil Code Introduces Greater Protection of Privacy Rights and Personal Information

9 June 2020

China's top legislature, the National People's Congress, recently enacted the PRC Civil Code (the Civil Code), which will come into force on 1 January 2021. This first ever "codified" legislation covers a wide spectrum of rights and issues such as property rights, contracts, matrimonial and family law and tort liability.

Third edition of *The Price of Data Security*, a guide to the insurability of GDPR fines across Europe

27 May 2020

We've partnered with global broker Aon for the third year running for the updated edition of *The Price of Data Security*, a guide to the insurability of GDPR fines across Europe that includes common issues faced by organisations in international cyber scenarios and illustrated with practical case studies.

GDPR has undeniably revolutionised the data protection regime and significantly affects how organisations worldwide collect, use, manage, protect, and share personal data that comes into their possession – with significant fines for non-compliance. Within the last year alone, a EUR18 million fine was issued against a national postal operator and a EUR14.5 million fine against a real estate company.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

20 May 2020

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California may limit application of securities laws to tokens, French court says bitcoins are fungible assets – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

Quaran-streaming: Music licensing and your online business

15 MAY 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented need for businesses to get creative in order to continue generating revenue while their physical premises are temporarily closed. Certain businesses which have traditionally been based entirely on in-person attendance, such as fitness studios, have been among those experiencing the most pressure to pivot their business models. With many businesses that feature music as a key part of their service now offering virtual classes, seminars, or shows, the question arises — how can businesses move their services online and stay onside of copyright law?

COVID-19: Using technology to address compliance

13 May 2020

How can compliance routines be improved in a time of social distancing via technology?

Coronavirus: the federal government is working quickly to fund the efforts of small business to recover from the global crisis: electronic signatures are permitted

13 May 2020

Electronic signatures are permitted as part of the Paycheck Protection Program and Main Street Lending Program.

Facial recognition technology: Supporting a sustainable lockdown exit strategy?

8 May 2020

Technology has played a dominant role during the lockdown and will be a key aspect of ensuring the transition back to normality is successful. This article discusses recent trends, particularly in Ireland, Denmark and China, regarding the adoption of facial recognition technology (FRT) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Coronavirus: Cancellation of consumer contracts and consumer law enforcement in the UK during the pandemic

6 May 2020

While various COVID-19-related special measures have already been announced by the UK government to alleviate the impact on businesses, is there anything special for businesses dealing with consumers who did not receive or use what they paid for because of coronavirus-related restrictions?

Commercial Contracts in France: Analysis in a Crisis

5 May 2020

In the flowchart we provide considerations for analyzing commercial contracts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and other potential crisis scenarios, through a logical process flow of legal, operational and commercial factors that can serve as a practical checklist.

Israel Group News May 2020

4 May 2020

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

Providing access to valuable business resources in real time.

Relief for startups from COVID-19: do I qualify for funding?

4 MAY 2020

As COVID-19 continues to impact the Canadian economy, a number of financial support initiatives have been announced by provincial and federal governments to aid small and medium sized businesses (SMEs). While business may have slowed down for many SMEs, it is likely operational costs have not and many of these aid programs have been introduced in recognition of this fact.

Covid-19: Advertising guidance for brands (UK)

30 April 2020

The outbreak of COVID-19 is an unprecedented and rapidly-evolving challenge to businesses in all sectors. In the context of advertising, marketing and social media communications, the overwhelming regulatory focus has been on preventing the exploitation of consumers and on limiting the spread of misinformation.

eNotes use surges – insights for lenders looking to close mortgage loans electronically

30 April 2020

Some key considerations for lenders looking to close loans electronically, either in person or remotely.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

30 April 2020

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Some key considerations for lenders looking to close loans electronically, either in person or remotely, plus latest regulatory, legal and case law developments around eSignatures and ePayments.

Top of Mind: COVID-19 technology sector insights

28 April 2020

In this time of growing uncertainty, we recognize that many tech businesses are facing significant disruptions and unprecedented challenges arising from the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

US telehealth update: New federal guidance to state Medicaid agencies suggests more coverage is coming

27 April 2020

A powerful signal that CMS is ready to support targeted interventions in favor of telehealth.

Connected care funding for healthcare providers from the CARES Act

24 April 2020

New funding to promote and support telehealth.

Fibre broadband networks – an investor's introduction

24 April 2020

Infrastructure and institutional investors are increasingly turning their attention towards digital infrastructure assets and the global rollout of fibre broadband (in particular fibre to the home (FTTH)) is seen as an essential component of digital transformation and as providing a large-scale pool of investment opportunities.

Turning downtime into privacy time: COVID-19 privacy review in Canada

24 APR 2020

As many businesses adapt to the current environment imposed by COVID-19, now may be the time for your organization to consider evaluating the state of your privacy and data protection management.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 April 2020

[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

The FSB report on global stablecoin frameworks and related cryptoassets reflects views inside G20 governments – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

Adapting to a new consumer market

15 April 2020

As consumer-facing businesses consider changes in their business models, avoiding legal pitfalls in some key areas is necessary for a successful transition.

Paradigm Change in Germany's Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Law

14 April 2020

Germany's FDI rules so far had a reputation of not being very strong. In the past few years, only three transactions have been prohibited. This is set to change under a new bill.

Episode 12: More obligations on Chinese mobile app operators to comply with

9 April 2020

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

Following the crackdown by Chinese authorities against non-compliant mobile apps in late 2019 (please see Episode 8 in this series), the authorities have issued a series of app compliance guidelines (including the Guide to Self-Assess Illegal Collection and Use of Personal Information by Apps, Methods for Identifying Unlawful Acts of Apps to Collect and Use Personal Information, and Draft Specification for Collecting Personal Information in Mobile Applications). These guidelines imposed detailed obligations and practical actions to urge mobile app operators to conduct self-assessments and to rectify any non-compliant data processing practices. Organisations may have noted that some of these guidelines contain conflicting requirements.

COVID-19: Agile working across Europe - new arrangements come with increased cyber security risk

7 April 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has given organisations no option other than to rollout home-working IT solutions if they want to continue operating. With the rollout of these remote working solutions, at such scale and with such haste, there is a risk with respect to the security of data which must be accessed by a now dispersed workforce.

Contract analysis in a crisis: flowcharts

7 April 2020

Flowcharts providing considerations for analyzing commercial contracts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic through a logical process flow that can serve as a practical checklist.

A balance between the government, the private sector and the needs of the people: Invocation of rarely used provisions to ensure public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic

6 April 2020

The Defense Production Act, compulsory licensing and march-in rights are means for authorizing the government to step in and assert rights against private companies.

Coronavirus COVID-19 - IPT Q&A: France

6 April 2020

This Q&A relates to France IPT matters, such as termination right due to force majeure, data privacy, remote work and privacy issues, outsourcing arrangements, business continuity and disaster recovery provisions, suppliers fixed costs, supply chain relationships, impact on RFP processes, and more.

The CARES Act and USPTO patent practitioner deadlines

6 April 2020

While the USPTO remains open for filing of documents and fees, Director Iancu announced that parties may be eligible for extensions of certain deadlines if their inability to meet a current deadline is due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19: Impact on Canadian patent owners

3 APR 2020

Canadian patentees should be aware of recent amendments to the *Patent Act* in light of the COVID-19 health emergency. Most current medical technology is protected by patents. However, during emergencies, patent rights must take a back seat to the manufacture and distribution of essential equipment – ventilators, masks, valves, etc. Bill C-13, dubbed the *Covid-19 Emergency Response Act*, received royal assent on March 25, 2020, and covers, among other things, amendments to Canada's *Patent Act* to authorize the use of patented inventions necessary to respond to a public health emergency of national concern.

Coronavirus: 10 tips for contract triage

3 April 2020

The need for contract triage to manage the impact of COVID-19 is inescapable. It can seem a daunting task - knowing where to start, when there is a bewildering amount of considerations, isn't easy. It's further complicated because what to consider in respect of existing contracts isn't always the same as what to consider in respect of new (or re-negotiated) contracts.

Important updates for British Columbia Public Bodies amidst COVID-19 (Canada)

1 APR 2020

In light of the current and developing COVID-19 circumstances, the following alerts have been released for British Columbia Public Bodies, subject to the Freedom of Information Legislation. One order permits public bodies to use and disclose personal information using tools and cloud services outside of Canada in certain circumstances. Another extends the time for freedom of information responses. Last, organizations are asked to remain vigilant for cyber crime.

Are you ready for CCPA class action litigation?

30 March 2020

Many businesses may not have fully contemplated the major data breach class action litigation risk created by the California Consumer Privacy Act.

DLA Piper's seventh annual Global IP Symposium in Japan

30 March 2020

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30 March 2020

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Supreme Court Corner

30 March 2020

Notable cases involve trademark protectability and federal preclusion principles.

Top franchise developments of 2019

30 March 2020

Two top franchise developments in 2019 stand out from the rest.

Episode 11: Important clarifications and changes to China's data privacy standards

27 March 2020

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

Important updates to China's de facto data privacy regulations will come into force on 1 October 2020. The amendments to the Personal Information Security Specification (PIS Specification) comprise important clarifications rather than substantial changes to the existing regulations.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

25 March 2020

[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

The age of viral outbreaks – key contract considerations in a post-COVID-19 world, plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments around blockchain and digital transformation.

Improving the availability of masks and respirators during COVID-19 (Canada)

25 MAR 2020

On March 24, 2020, Health Canada announced its plan to fast-track the Medical Device Establishment License (“MDEL”) application process for companies that want to manufacture, import, or distribute Class I masks.

Deadlines suspended at the Canadian Intellectual Property Office

23 MAR 2020

Reflecting the uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office has suspended certain deadlines for patents, trademarks and industrial designs.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): ten practical steps for global employers, right now (Global)

13 March 2020

These steps are not based on laws of any one jurisdiction but rather are designed to provide a global employer with themes to consider, understanding that what may be suitable for each employer may vary greatly depending on the employer’s unique circumstances.

Episode 10: Stricter data localisation and security rules for financial and insurance data in China

06 Mar 2020

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

The People’s Bank of China has released new guidelines on the collection and processing of personal financial information (PFI Guidelines), which provide much-needed clarity on how personal financial information in China should be processed, secured, and transferred. While the PFI Guidelines do not impose an outright ban on personal financial information leaving China, mandatory compliance steps (including consent and impact assessments) must be taken.

Europe initiates regulations on artificial intelligence; industry presented with opportunity to provide inputs

5 March 2020

[AI OUTLOOK](#)

The White Paper on AI initiates a process that could potentially establish the world’s first far-reaching regulatory framework for AI.

PropTech in the United States – where we’re heading

2 March 2020

[PROPTech INSIGHTS](#)

The legal implications of operating smart buildings.

What if the coronavirus leads to an interruption of your company’s IT functions? (Belgium)

25 February 2020

The ongoing global coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak is significantly affecting international business and cross-border commercial operations. Whereas the possible impact of coronavirus COVID-19 on the IT functions of a company active in Belgium might, at

first sight, seem limited, the risk of such an impact is real in particular when parts or all of a company's IT functions is outsourced to one or more IT service providers.

Israel Group News February 2020

10 February 2020

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

Brexit and trade marks

30 January 2020

Key points to understand about Brexit and its immediate impact in relation to trade marks.

DLA Piper GDPR Data Breach Survey 2020

20 January 2020

According to DLA Piper's latest GDPR Data Breach Survey, data protection regulators have imposed EUR114 million (approximately USD126 million / GBP97 million) in fines under the GDPR regime for a wide range of GDPR infringements, not just for data breaches.

France, Germany and Austria top the rankings for the total value of GDPR fines imposed with just over EUR51 million, EUR24.5 million and EUR18 million respectively. The Netherlands, Germany and the UK topped the table for the number of data breaches notified to regulators with 40,647, 37,636 and 22,181 notifications each.

Taxation of cryptocurrency: reporting charitable contributions in the US and new developments in the UK

16 January 2020

Charities that accept donations of cryptocurrency face a number of administrative challenges; plus new guidance from HMRC.

Top of Mind: Life Sciences

16 January 2020

Eight big topics that life sciences businesses have been thinking about and how DLA Piper has been covering those stories.

Episode 9: 2020 - Privacy, Security and Content Regulation to Increase in China

10 January 2020

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

China's authorities have published a much-anticipated brand new directive on internet content regulation and governance, which will come into force on 1 March 2020. This law will require organizations which host websites in China to make fundamental changes to their website governance frameworks.

The almost free US-Japan Trade Agreement is now in effect

9 January 2020

This trade agreement reduces or eliminates US customs duties on numerous goods.

Commerce imposes export licensing requirement on geospatial imagery software

8 January 2020

Companies that produce, design, test, manufacture, fabricate, or develop a software described in the new controls may now be operating within the category of "critical technologies" as defined in CFIUS regulations.

Germany's push towards Healthcare 4.0 – A guide to the new fast-track pathway to reimbursement for digital health apps

6 January 2020

The Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) continues to be one of the hottest topics in the global life sciences and healthcare industry. The new German Digital Healthcare Act (*DHA – Digitale-Versorgung-Gesetz/DVG*) entered into force on December 19, 2019. This legislation massively pushes Germany towards Healthcare 4.0 and may usher in an era of great opportunities: not only for traditional players in the life sciences and healthcare market, but also for newcomers to this sector, including tech giants, tech startups and data-driven enterprises.

CCPA Rescue Kit arrives amid new privacy law change

19 December 2019

A series of integrated compliance offerings to help businesses begin the journey of compliance with this important new privacy bill.

DLA Piper named a top-scoring firm for gender diversity and inclusion in IP and firm leadership by ChIPs

19 December 2019

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 44, Q4 2019

19 December 2019

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Panels examine trademark litigation and the CCPA at our 13th annual Women in IP Law CLE Luncheon

19 December 2019

Most of the more than 180 guests were leading IP counsel] for some of the Bay Area's largest tech companies.

Street art raises novel copyright issues – or does it?

19 December 2019

Is street art less entitled to copyright protection than are traditional art forms?

Supreme Court Corner

19 December 2019

We are watching two key cases – *Romag Fasteners v. Fossil* and *Thryv, Inc. v. Click-to-Call Technologies*.

2019 Sourcing and Commercial contracts case law round-up

16 December 2019

A summary of key 2019 cases relevant to sourcing and commercial contracts.

Triple Point Technology v PTT Public Company Ltd [2019] EWCA Civ 230

16 December 2019

This case illustrates how carefully liquidated damages clauses need to be drafted. The Court of Appeal found that a particular liquidated damages clause for delay did not apply to an abandoned IT project (abandonment being a different scenario than late completion). It also commented that, where delay liquidated damages do apply, it is possible for them to continue to accrue after contract termination until a replacement supplier completes the work. The case is also a reminder to consider whether liquidated damages operated within, or outside of, the general liability cap.

Congressional hearing to focus on facial recognition and national security

12 December 2019

[AI OUTLOOK](#)

Technologies controlled by foreign governments and their implications for privacy and national security are expected to be a major topic.

Penalties for violations of Data Localization Rules dramatically increased

6 December 2019

Many companies have scrambled to comply with Russia's peculiar Data Localization Rules since their enactment in 2015. While these rules apply to a wide range of companies handling Russian personal data both in Russia and abroad, the penalties for non-compliance were traditionally limited to just blocking the data operator's websites.

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.

Israel Group News November 2019

18 November 2019

In this issue, IP considerations in augmented reality and virtual reality, plus our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

Episode 8: Crackdown on infringing China apps

13 November 2019

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

China's authorities have launched a crackdown against non-compliant mobile apps. The crackdown is taking place during November and December 2019, so businesses operating apps in China must take urgent action or else face sanctions.

Hong Kong's SFC introduces strict conditions on cloud data storage

8 November 2019

All entities licensed by the Hong Kong SFC and storing data in the cloud must urgently review their data storage arrangements in light of a new circular from the SFC on "Use of external electronic data storage". This circular introduces strict new conditions on both cloud users and cloud vendors.

Argentina: Promotional Regime of the Knowledge-based Economy comes into force 1.1.2020 – key points

7 November 2019

The new tax regime seeks to put Argentina at the forefront of the knowledge economy in Latin America.

Episode 7: New China encryption law passed

6 November 2019

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

The new PRC Encryption Law will come into force on 1 January 2020. It will bring fundamental changes to the sale, import and use of encryption technologies in China by foreign and domestic organizations.

Key issues in brand localization in China

17 October 2019

Given the unique features of the China market and the growing importance of Chinese consumer tastes, it is important for brand owners to look at brand localization so as to maximize their performance in this market. Brand localization initiatives include China-only product and service lines, translations and adaptations of key marks and properties.

US Supreme Court denies review of *Robles v. Domino's Pizza*, opening door to more lawsuits on website and mobile app accessibility claims

16 October 2019

Does the ADA apply to websites and mobile apps?

Hikvision and other Chinese companies added to the Entity List

10 October 2019

The list includes Chinese companies in the video surveillance, artificial intelligence, voice recognition, deep learning and other technology fields.

Digital Transformation in Energy and Natural Resources

9 October 2019

The global demand for power rises, the requirement for increased productivity, greater efficiencies in distribution and flexibility for consumers (both corporate and residential) is also growing. As such, we have launched report on how digital technologies are impacting the Energy and Natural Resources sector.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 43, Q3 2019

30 Sep 2019

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The Russian Supreme Court clarifies intellectual property legislation

30 Sep 2019

Clarifications from the Supreme Court have a significant impact on the further development of court practice in Russia.

With great influence comes great responsibility: potential liabilities in the growing influencer marketplace

30 Sep 2019

What responsibility, if any, falls on the influencer for social media product endorsements?

A guide to the General Data Protection Regulation [Updated for 2019]

17 September 2019

On 4 May 2016, the text of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union, concluding over four years of intensive legislative work on a new data protection legal framework for Europe.

No-deal Brexit: Impact on public sector procurement contracts

1 September 2019

While a range of outcomes, including [a departure under the terms of the current Withdrawal Agreement](#), remains possible, it is important for businesses to plan for a no-deal Brexit, in which the UK leaves the EU without a withdrawal agreement or other deal. Here we look at the potential impact of a no-deal Brexit on public sector procurement law

TechLaw Podcast: Future regulation for artificial intelligence

03 SEP 2019

TECHLAW PODCAST

Ed Thomas, Principal Analyst technology thematic research for GlobalData Plc., speaks to DLA Piper Consultant, Lord Tim Clement-Jones, about trending AI technologies; the types of enterprise risk arising as a result of the use of these technologies and how businesses should approach their adoption to ensure an ethical approach.

TechLaw Podcast: Transforming payment solutions for platform businesses with Paybase

28 AUG 2019

TECHLAW PODCAST

Regulation and scalability are just some of the challenges faced by platform businesses. Anna Tsyupko, Co-Founder of leading payments provider Paybase, joins our Partner, Chloe Forster, to discuss the complexities of online marketplace platforms and how Paybase built their product to meet and exceed industry demands.

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7 August 2019

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TechLaw Podcast: Driving diversity through technology

07 AUG 2019

TECHLAW PODCAST

With companies starting to realise the importance of diversity and inclusion, not only for business, but for wider society, how can positive action create a competitive advantage? DLA Piper Legal Director, Katherine Gibson, speaks to Laura Da Silva Gomes, Founder and Director of WePlayFair.org, as she highlights the duty companies have in creating a level playing field in both business and sports.

FTC unfriends Facebook

25 July 2019

The FTC order imposes new penalties and requirements on Facebook.

***Alice* uncertainty: curiouser and curiouser**

24 July 2019

The Federal Circuit declines to follow USPTO guidance on subject matter eligibility, instead following its own precedent.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 42, Q2 2019

24 July 2019

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Q2 Editor's Column

24 July 2019

As we enter the dog days of summer, we can reflect on the first half of the year and plan for success for the coming months.

Supreme Court Corner

24 July 2019

The Court clarifies a circuit split over copyright in *Fourth Estate* and, in *Mission Product Holdings*, says a licensee's rights survive the licensor's bankruptcy.

The government in your cloud

24 July 2019

As companies shift more data to the cloud, the US government's ability to access that content should not be overlooked.

The states look at autonomous vehicles

24 July 2019

Many US states are experimenting with a wide range of approaches to autonomous vehicles, some cautious and others more ambitious.

Top Patent Litigation Firm

24 July 2019

Lex Machina's 2018 Patent Litigation Year in Review recognizes DLA Piper as one of the top ten most active national law firms representing defendants in US patent disputes.

Episode 5: Apps are being shut down in China - will yours be next?

12 July 2019

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While apps are incredibly popular in China, in recent months some have been disappearing from app stores in the country because they do not comply with recent apps regulations. Indeed many companies are not even aware of the comprehensive new privacy compliance obligations for apps in China.

Biomarker-based cancer diagnostics: German pricing regulator sets high validation and reimbursement standards for novel diagnostic methods

10 July 2019

On 20 June 2019, for the first time, the German Federal Joint Committee (FJC – Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuss / G-BA), the highest decision-making body of the joint self-government of physicians, dentists, hospitals and statutory health insurance funds (SHI – gesetzliche Krankenversicherung / GKV) in Germany, made the resolution that a specific biomarker-based test to support the treatment decision for or against adjuvant chemotherapy, i. e. after primary surgery, in certain breast cancer patients may be reimbursed by the SHIs.

Episode 4: Getting data out of China - the challenge of operating your China business offshore

26 June 2019

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

An updated and substantially more onerous draft of China's long awaited position on cross border data transfers has just been published. The Measures on Personal Information Cross Border Transfer Security Assessment (Measures) apply to all "Network Operators" and will require specific action to be taken by all businesses that send personal information out of China.

Who's that bot? California requires clear disclosure starting 7/1/2019

20 June 2019

A California law attempts to tackle the problem of automated online accounts that simulate conversation – and that are used to confuse or deceive.

Deadlines approaching fast for fourth set of Section 301 tariffs

4 JUN 2019

Companies have the opportunity to present their views on specific products before the list is finalized but there is less than one month before the window closes.

Episode 3: Yet more regulators join the party in enforcing cybersecurity

4 June 2019

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

Licensed telcos and internet businesses in China face a new wave of investigations by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) as they announce a new enforcement campaign aimed at ensuring network security compliance.

Episode 2: New stringent cyber security rules announced in China, what will your business need to do?

29 May 2019

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

Organisations with operations in China must prepare now for new comprehensive cybersecurity rules. The Chinese authorities have announced MLPS "version 2.0", which will come into force on 1 December 2019, and have potential significant impact to businesses' infrastructure and operations in China.

Singapore data security - Recent incidents and compliance steps you

23 May 2019

Organisations handling Singapore personal data should re-evaluate their data security compliance programmes in light of recent regulatory scrutiny and enforcement action.

Commerce issues Temporary General License for Huawei

22 MAY 2019

The Temporary General License is a brief reprieve.

Episode 1: Cyber enforcement starts

21 May 2019

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

China's cybersecurity regulators are now taking their first steps to verify organisations' (including foreign businesses') compliance with China's cybersecurity laws. As anticipated, the focus is on businesses that have an online presence in China.

Law à la Mode: Beauty Trends: 5 Key Beauty M&A deals; Street art and fashion; Word from the industry's mouth; The rise in innovative retail services; and more

20 MAY 2019

[LAW À LA MODE](#)

The Moroccan editorial team is delighted to bring you the 28th edition of Law à la Mode, the legal magazine produced by DLA Piper's Consumer Goods & Retail Sector Group for clients and contacts of the firm worldwide.

Trump issues Executive Order on securing information and communications technology and services – key points

16 MAY 2019

The order is issued pursuant to the National Emergencies Act and the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the latter creating potential civil and criminal liability for those violating EOs and regulations issued under its authority - liabilities that can expand to include those who facilitate a violation.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) May 2019

15 MAY 2019

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Collaboration in Financial Services - Regulation and Challenges

3 MAY 2019

One of the most noticeable recent trends in financial services is the number of collaboration which are taking place between FinTechs and banks. As banks have been transforming to increasingly drive business through digital channels, they have sought to partner with FinTechs to accelerate the pace of change.

China's Long-Awaited Overhaul of Trade Secret Protection Regime

26 APR 2019

There is more good news from China for intellectual property (IP) owners. The 10th Session of the 13th Standing Committee of the National People's Congress has just passed amendments to both the PRC Trademark Law and the trade secret provisions in the PRC Anti-Unfair Competition Law (the "AUCL").

TechLaw Podcast: How tech is shaping the future of retail

23 APR 2019

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Within the retail market, technology has been causing disruption for many years, impacting the way customers shop and how retailers run their businesses around the world. One of our partners, Chloe Forster discusses the innovative use of tech in retail with Economist, Liliana Danila, and Crime and Security Advisor, James Martin, both from the British Retail Consortium. Chloe Forster will also be moderating a session on the subject at our upcoming European Technology Summit in October 2019.

TechLaw Podcast: The Future of Cryptoassets

15 APR 2019

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Episode 19 of our TechLaw podcast series explores the future of the cryptoassets industry as we prepare for our European Technology Summit on 15th October 2019. One of our partners, Bryony Widdup, is joined by Executive Director & Board Member at Global Digital Finance, Teana Baker-Taylor, to discuss the steps being taken to build an understanding of the risks and opportunities presented by tokens and digital currencies and the progress being made towards creating a credible, regulated industry.

TechLaw Podcast: The Future of FinTech

15 APR 2019

TECHLAW PODCAST

In Episode 18 of our TechLaw podcast series, Co-Founder of Zopa, Giles Andrews, joins Martin Bartlam to share insights on trends in the peer-to-peer lending market and the challenges presented by launching a business in an initially unregulated industry. Whilst highlighting the importance of the role of collaboration in innovation and, in particular, working collaboratively with the regulator in order to develop an offering which can be trusted by the consumer.

Blockchain: background, challenges and legal issues

2 FEB 2018

Blockchain and distributed ledger technology offers significant and scalable processing power, high accuracy rates, and apparently unbreakable security at a significantly reduced cost compared to the traditional systems the technology could replace, such as settlement, trading or accounting systems. Like all new technology however, it poses challenges for suppliers and customers. So what are the key issues in relation to blockchain and distributed ledger technology?

Text, blood and rock 'n' roll

27 DEC 2017

You are not a "free bird" – the duty to preserve text messages may extend to third parties.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 30, Q2 2016

28 JUN 2016

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Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 29, Q1 2016

29 MAR 2016

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Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 28, Q4 2015

2 DEC 2015

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US companies: EU data regulation means new oversight

2 DEC 2015

Many US companies are about to experience new regulatory oversight.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 27, Q3 2015

25 AUG 2015

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9 JUN 2015

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Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States), Issue 25, Q1 2015

24 MAR 2015

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Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States), Issue 24, Q4 2014

18 DEC 2014

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Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States), Issue 23, Q3 2014

10 SEP 2014

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Celebrity endorsements on social media: 7 tips for navigating the right of publicity

26 JUN 2014

How far can you leverage the names and images of celebrities when promoting your brand online?

Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States) Issue 22, Q2 2014

26 JUN 2014

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Landmark privacy ruling in Europe on the right to be forgotten

26 JUN 2014

European Court of Justice: search engines must remove the link between search results and a web page if it contains information an individual deems should be “forgotten”

Supreme Court Corner - Q2 2014

26 JUN 2014

Key IPT cases before the United States Supreme Court

US Congress may act again on patent reform

26 JUN 2014

Recent activity regarding patent trolls

DLA Piper launches annual Global Patent Symposium in Tokyo

26 MAR 2014

On November 6, 2013, DLA Piper launched its first Annual Global Patent Symposium in Tokyo, attended by 120 guests, including intellectual property and technology decision-makers from top Japanese companies.

Patent litigation heats up in the Southern District of Florida: practical implications for brand owners

26 MAR 2014

Patent litigation is on the rise nationally, with a record number of cases being filed every year. In 2013, over 6,800 cases were filed in the United States, the highest number ever and about a 10 percent increase from 2012.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States) Issue 21, Q1 2014

26 MAR 2014

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Artificial intelligence: patentability of an interface between the human brain and a computer

30 MAR 2017

Drafted appropriately, inventions that allow interaction between the human brain and a computer can indeed be patent-eligible.

EU: new obligations for digital services providers and operators of essential services

28 JUN 2016

In line with the EU's broader Cyber Security Strategy, the NIS Directive is a significant step towards a more secure cross-border cyberspace with a high shared level of network and information system security.

Distributing patent rights between affiliates: guidelines to support enforcement rights around the world

16 NOV 2015

Considering a few issues at the outset when rights are distributed between Parent and Affiliate (or between multiple affiliates) may avoid difficulties in the future when a company wants to enforce patent rights.

Plan now to use off-band communications during an incident response: key points

27 OCT 2015

A robust IR plan should include communications techniques that operate outside regular company communication methods.

The Cybersecurity Framework: Administration, Congress move to incentivize private-sector cooperation, strengthen federal acquisition process

12 SEP 2013

The future of DNA patents

4 SEP 2013

The US Supreme Court rules on the patentability of a test for breast cancer related genes - a decision that, we find, is a partial victory for all involved.

The right of publicity in college sports

4 SEP 2013

College athletes' right-of- publicity claims have the potential to dramatically alter current business models.

Trade Dress Watch - the value of trade dress litigation is on the rise

4 SEP 2013

Do you need an enforcement strategy to protect your trade dress?

Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure

11 JUL 2013

Cybersecurity and US federal public procurements: what contractors need to know

11 MAR 2013

Practical considerations for US federal contractors

Corporate governance also means protecting your technology and information

7 MAR 2013

EU releases cybersecurity strategy

15 FEB 2013

What companies need to know about the Obama Administration's Cybersecurity Order

14 FEB 2013

Auditing Colombia's agriculture IP

10 Dec 2012

A DLA Piper team audits Colombia's agriculture-related IP and sought to identify Colombian agricultural innovations which are not protected by patents and may have export value.

Colombia: gateway to South America's Patent Prosecution Highway

10 Dec 2012

Understanding the need for more robust patent laws, the Colombian government is aggressively reshaping its IP system.

Federal agencies, Congress accelerate defense against cyber attacks – every private company will be affected

21 Mar 2012

Whose followers are they, and how much are they worth?

3 JAN 2012

UK: The real risk of cyber attack

1 AUG 2011

Spiders, bots and other creepy crawlers: protecting your company website

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26 January 2020
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DLA Piper GDPR fines and data breach survey launch 2021

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European Fibre-to-the-Premises (FTTP) Investment Outlook

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EDPB recommendations for safeguarding data transfers after Schrems II

19 November 2020
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29 September 2020
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The intricacies of German sourcing rules – taxation of German registered IP

7 May 2020 | 12:00 - 1:00 ET
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30 March 2020

NEWS

DLA Piper's Luxembourg team enters World Trademark Review ranking

25 February 2021

Our Luxembourg office is pleased to announce that we have been ranked as a recommended law firm in the World Trademark Review.

DLA Piper advised Box Inc who will acquire SignRequest

10 February 2021

We are delighted to have advised Box Inc, who entered into a definitive agreement to acquire SignRequest, a cloud-based electronic signature company.

New intellectual property partner joins DLA Piper's intellectual property and technology practice in Paris

11 January 2021

DLA Piper is appointing Frank Valentin as partner to its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) Practice in Paris, joining with a team of four others on 15 January.

DLA Piper advises ATI Global on GBP170 million acquisition of Groundsure

21 January 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ATI Global on its GBP170 million acquisition of UK based location intelligence business Groundsure, a leading supplier of environmental searches, data, mapping and reports for the UK property market, from Ascential plc (Ascential) (LSE: ASCL).

EUR272.5m in fines imposed by European regulators under GDPR - Survey by international law firm DLA Piper

19 January 2021

EUR272.5 million (about USD332.4 million / GBP245.3 million) of fines have been imposed for a wide range of infringements of Europe's tough data protection laws according to international law firm DLA Piper.

DLA Piper advises Wipro Limited on the acquisition of METRO-NOM GmbH and METRO Systems Romania

4 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised Wipro Limited, a leading global information technology, consulting, and business process services company, on the acquisition of METRO AG's IT units – METRO-NOM GmbH in Germany and METRO Systems Romania S.R.L.

DLA Piper advises Nemetschek on acquisition of DEXMA by subsidiary Spacewell

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Nemetschek group, one of the world's leading software providers for the Architecture, Engineering, Construction and Owner-operated (AECO) industry, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in DEXMA by its subsidiary Spacewell.

DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group on the acquisition of gaming company Sandbox Interactive

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Stillfront Group AB, a leading free-to-play gaming studios company, on the acquisition of Sandbox Interactive GmbH, a rapidly growing and highly profitable gaming company based in Berlin and developer and publisher of the popular cross-platform free-to-play sandbox MMORPG Albion Online. The sellers are the four co-founders of Sandbox.

DLA Piper advises EQT Ventures on a seed round in tech start-up Wonder

15 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised EQT Ventures on its investment in Berlin-based tech start-up Wonder in a 9 million Euro seed round. In addition to EQT Ventures, other backers include Blueyard.

Over three-quarters of investors expect Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) investment to increase over next 24 months

3 December 2020

- **Nearly one quarter (23%) of investors believe pandemic has led to a higher FTTP project roll-out**
 - **Germany, the UK and Poland are the most attractive locations for future FTTP investment, with low penetration levels, high end-user demand, and government incentives**
 - **84% of respondents expect infrastructure funds to be most active in acquiring FTTP operators over the next 24 months**
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DLA Piper and Aldersgate DLS launch TOKO, a fast, secure and cost effective solution for buying and selling high value assets using blockchain technology

5 November 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper in collaboration with Aldersgate DLS (Digital Ledger Solutions), has launched TOKO, a unique tokenisation engine and vital component in the digital asset ecosystem. Developed with Aldersgate DLS, TOKO provides smart contract functionality and digital asset creation functionality and assurance.

DLA Piper advises GM Cruise on acquisition of Astyx

8 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised GM Cruise Holdings LLC (GM Cruise) in connection with the acquisition of Astyx GmbH (Astyx) from

Zukunft Ventures GmbH, a subsidiary of ZF Friedrichshafen AG, and the founders of Astyx.

New partner joins DLA Piper's Intellectual Property and Technology practice in London

27 May 2020

DLA Piper is appointing Sophie Lessar as partner to its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) Practice in London. She joins on 1 June.

New partner joins DLA Piper's Intellectual Property and Technology practice in London

1 May 2020

DLA Piper is appointing Deborah Bould as partner to its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) Practice in London, joining on 11th May.

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 advises Guala Closures Group on the acquisition of the assets of Germany's Closurelogic

6 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Guala Closures Group, one of the world leaders in the production of security closures for spirits and aluminium closures for wines, as well as one of the major world producer and distributor of aluminium closures for the beverage industry, on the acquisition of the activities of Closurelogic GmbH, the German producer specialised in the aluminium closures.

Financial Times ranks DLA Piper among the most innovative law firms in Europe

13 September 2019

DLA Piper has been recognised as one of the top 10 most innovative law firms in Europe at the Financial Times' 2019 European Innovative Lawyers report, an annual ranking assessing lawyers on their innovation both for clients and in their own businesses.

DLA Piper advises Tirona on the acquisition of a stake in CashCape

5 September 2019

DLA Piper has advised Tirona Ltd. on the acquisition of a 25 percent stake in the fintech app CashCape.

DLA Piper continues Irish expansion with appointment of four new partners

4 September 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of four new partners to its recently opened Dublin office into four key practice areas of Finance and Projects (F&P), Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT), Tax and Real Estate. The new partners will be joined by three legal directors, as part of the firm's ongoing expansion in Ireland.

DLA Piper advises Bauer Media on acquisition of Camilyo Online Ltd.

5 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Bauer Media Group on the acquisition of Israeli Camilyo Online Ltd., a provider of online-based white-labeled services for online-service provider and their small and medium businesses-clients. The transaction is the second recent acquisition by Bauer Media Group of a provider of online-based white-labeled services and part of Bauer Media Group's new business growth strategy in its business area in SME marketing and sales services.

DLA Piper advises Allianz Real Estate on the acquisition of EDGE Hafencity in Hamburg

2 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Allianz Real Estate on its acquisition of the office property EDGE Hafencity as part of an off-market forward deal. EDGE HafenCity Hamburg will be a 15-storey building with a total lettable area of approximately 22,500 sqm.

DLA Piper to advise ITW Global Leaders' Forum on blockchain-based telecoms platform

2 July 2019

DLA Piper has been appointed to advise the ITW (International Telecoms Week) Global Leaders' Forum (GLF) on the launch of a special purpose vehicle that will develop a live, blockchain-based platform.

DLA Piper advises Rolls-Royce on acquisition of Siemens' eAircraft business

21 June 2019

DLA Piper has advised Rolls-Royce plc on the acquisition of Siemens' electric and hybrid-electric aerospace propulsion activities, eAircraft. The acquisition will accelerate the delivery of Rolls-Royce's electrification strategy and boost its ambition to play a major role in the "third era" of aviation. The completion of the transaction is expected in late 2019, following a period of employee consultation.

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.
