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DLA Piper's team includes award-winning lawyers practicing litigation, compliance and investigations, IP strategy and enforcement, M&A, licensing and distribution and clinical trial advice. They also support clients across all other areas needed to address risk, including government affairs, environmental law, import/export, tax, real estate and employment law. Many of our lawyers are former sector professionals, many have PhDs or other advanced degrees in the life sciences field and others are former government officials or prosecutors.

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Our life sciences team helps clients solve their biggest challenges every day. Examples of our experience include:

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## EU Data Privacy Law Presents New Challenges and New Opportunities

7 MAR 2018

Joint report from BCG and DLA Piper reveals how companies can meet—and exceed—the data privacy requirements of the EU's impending General Data Protection Regulation to become trusted data stewards.

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## Global Data Privacy Snapshot 2018: How does your organisation compare?

31 JAN 2018

Data protection is rising on the agenda globally: the past year has seen China introduce the PRC Cybersecurity Law, the introduction of Australia's mandatory Privacy Amendment (Notifiable Data Breaches) Act 2017, while the EU's long awaited General Data Protection Regulation is due to come in to force in May 2018.

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## 2018 outlook for drugs and medical devices in China: regulatory reform fueled by innovation

18 JAN 2018

The year 2017 ended with a central government directive to reform the regulatory approval system for drugs and medical devices and a subsequent flood of CFDA changes and proposed changes to the system, and we should see further regulatory reform in 2018 as the Chinese government continues to encourage domestic innovation in this sector.

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## Data protection: patient confidentiality in the age of AI

6 OCT 2017

In the second of our two part series, DLA Piper's lawyers consider issues relating to patient confidentiality in the age of AI in healthcare.

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## Digital diagnosis - AI and machine learning in healthcare

2 OCT 2017

In the first of a two part series, DLA Piper's lawyers consider how progress is accelerating with more opportunities for both AI systems builders and healthcare institutions every day. For both sides, 'getting the right deal' is critical if the collaboration is to be on an equal footing and deliver benefits on a win-win basis for both parties.

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## Trade secrets are more important, and trade secret litigation is more common

29 SEP 2017

What do you need to be considering to protect your company in this environment?

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

10 SEP 2014

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## 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.

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25 JUN 2019  
London

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### New frontiers on the abuse of dominance

18 JUN 2018  
Webinar

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### Enforcement and compliance trends in today's life sciences environment

26 APR 2018  
Webinar

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### DLA Piper advises Tentamus Group on acquisition of Megsan Labs

2 July 2019  
DLA Piper has advised Tentamus Group on the acquisition of a majority stake in one of the market leaders in analytical testing services for the pharmaceutical industry, Megsan Labs (headquartered in Hyderabad, India).

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### DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice

14 MAY 2019  
DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

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### DLA Piper strengthens Intellectual Property and Technology offering in Russia

18 APR 2019  
DLA Piper today announces that Julianna Tabastajewa will be joining the firm as a counsel in its Intellectual Property and Technology practice based in Moscow. Her practice focuses on IP protection and litigation in the area of pharmaceutical, competition and, media law, as well as franchising.

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### DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

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DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

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### **Galyna Zagorodniuk Re-Elected to the Public Council with the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine**

28 FEB 2019

Galyna Zagorodniuk, Head of Competition at DLA Piper in Ukraine and member of the Ukrainian Professional Association of Corporate Governance, has been re-elected to the Public Council of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine for 2019-2020.

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### **DLA Piper enhances cross-border tax capability with new partner hire in Dublin**

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Maura Dineen as a Tax partner in the firm's newly opened Dublin office. This is the fifth partner hire for DLA Piper in Dublin in a month, following the announcements in January of Conor Houlihan (Finance & Projects), Éanna Mellett (Corporate), Mark Rasdale (Intellectual Property & Technology) and Ciara McLoughlin (Employment).

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### **DLA Piper recognized as a leading private equity, venture capital and M&A firm in *PitchBook's* league tables**

19 FEB 2019

For the second consecutive year, DLA Piper was the only firm to rank as one of the top five most active law firms for private equity, venture capital and M&A deal volume in *PitchBook's* 2018 global league tables report.

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### **DLA Piper advises la Société d'Aménagement Zenata (SAZ) on landmark healthcare centre project**

29 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has advised La Société d'Aménagement Zenata (SAZ), the entity in charge of the overall development of the Zenata Eco-City in Morocco, on the signature of a cooperation agreement with the Saudi German Hospital Group to develop a healthcare centre.

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### **DLA Piper named International Law Firm of the Year in Ukraine for fifth year running at The Legal Awards 2018**

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DLA Piper has advised on the sale of Pharmazeutische Fabrik Evers GmbH & Co KG to the Chinese company Bright Future Pharmaceutical Laboratories Ltd. The company mainly produces natural health products for the urology and gastroenterology sectors, which are sold internationally with a strong presence in the Asian market, primarily Japan and China. The parties agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

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

31 JAN 2018

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

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

17 JAN 2018

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## **DLA Piper advises Immunomedics on royalty funding and stock purchase agreements with Royalty Pharma which raised an aggregate of US\$250 million**

9 JAN 2018

DLA Piper represented Immunomedics, Inc., in the sale of tiered, sales-based royalty rights on global net sales of sacituzumab govitecan (IMMU-132) to Royalty Pharma for US\$175 million. Royalty Pharma has also purchased US\$75 million in common stock of Immunomedics, at US\$17.15 per share.

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## **DLA Piper advises on the sale of shares in one of Egypt's fastest growing pharmaceutical companies**

9 NOV 2017

DLA Piper has advised Orchidia Pharmaceutical Industries (the "Company" or "Orchidia"), a leading ophthalmic generic medicine manufacturer and one of Egypt's fastest growing pharmaceutical companies, and Dr. Ossama Fouad Abbas, the founder, majority shareholder and Chairman of the Company, on the sale of a stake in the Company and two holding companies incorporated in Cyprus to Egyptian-American Enterprise Fund (EAEF).

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After four years of deliberations, the new Medical Devices Regulation finally came into effect on 25 May 2017. This marks the commencement of a three-year transitional period for manufacturers of medical devices to update their policies and processes in order to distribute products in the EU market.

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## EU Data Privacy Law Presents New Challenges and New Opportunities

7 MAR 2018

Joint report from BCG and DLA Piper reveals how companies can meet—and exceed—the data privacy requirements of the EU's impending General Data Protection Regulation to become trusted data stewards.

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## Global Data Privacy Snapshot 2018: How does your organisation compare?

31 JAN 2018

Data protection is rising on the agenda globally: the past year has seen China introduce the PRC Cybersecurity Law, the introduction of Australia's mandatory Privacy Amendment (Notifiable Data Breaches) Act 2017, while the EU's long awaited General Data Protection Regulation is due to come in to force in May 2018.

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## 2018 outlook for drugs and medical devices in China: regulatory reform fueled by innovation

18 JAN 2018

The year 2017 ended with a central government directive to reform the regulatory approval system for drugs and medical devices and a subsequent flood of CFDA changes and proposed changes to the system, and we should see further regulatory reform in 2018 as the Chinese government continues to encourage domestic innovation in this sector.

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## Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) December 2017

7 DEC 2017

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## Data protection: patient confidentiality in the age of AI

6 OCT 2017

In the second of our two part series, DLA Piper's lawyers consider issues relating to patient confidentiality in the age of AI in healthcare.

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### **Digital diagnosis - AI and machine learning in healthcare**

2 OCT 2017

In the first of a two part series, DLA Piper's lawyers consider how progress is accelerating with more opportunities for both AI systems builders and healthcare institutions every day. For both sides, 'getting the right deal' is critical if the collaboration is to be on an equal footing and deliver benefits on a win-win basis for both parties.

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### **Trade secrets are more important, and trade secret litigation is more common**

29 SEP 2017

What do you need to be considering to protect your company in this environment?

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

10 SEP 2014

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### **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.

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26 APR 2018

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## **NEWS**

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### **DLA Piper advises Tentamus Group on acquisition of Megsan Labs**

2 July 2019

DLA Piper has advised Tentamus Group on the acquisition of a majority stake in one of the market leaders in analytical testing services for the pharmaceutical industry, Megsan Labs (headquartered in Hyderabad, India).

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### **DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice**

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

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### **DLA Piper strengthens Intellectual Property and Technology offering in Russia**

18 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announces that Julianna Tabastajewa will be joining the firm as a counsel in its Intellectual Property and Technology practice based in Moscow. Her practice focuses on IP protection and litigation in the area of pharmaceutical, competition and, media law, as well as franchising.

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### **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019**

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

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### **Galyna Zagorodniuk Re-Elected to the Public Council with the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine**

28 FEB 2019

Galyna Zagorodniuk, Head of Competition at DLA Piper in Ukraine and member of the Ukrainian Professional Association of Corporate Governance, has been re-elected to the Public Council of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine for 2019-2020.

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## **DLA Piper enhances cross-border tax capability with new partner hire in Dublin**

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Maura Dineen as a Tax partner in the firm's newly opened Dublin office. This is the fifth partner hire for DLA Piper in Dublin in a month, following the announcements in January of Conor Houlihan (Finance & Projects), Éanna Mellett (Corporate), Mark Rasdale (Intellectual Property & Technology) and Ciara McLoughlin (Employment).

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## **DLA Piper recognized as a leading private equity, venture capital and M&A firm in *PitchBook's* league tables**

19 FEB 2019

For the second consecutive year, DLA Piper was the only firm to rank as one of the top five most active law firms for private equity, venture capital and M&A deal volume in *PitchBook's* 2018 global league tables report.

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## **DLA Piper advises la Société d'Aménagement Zenata (SAZ) on landmark healthcare centre project**

29 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has advised La Société d'Aménagement Zenata (SAZ), the entity in charge of the overall development of the Zenata Eco-City in Morocco, on the signature of a cooperation agreement with the Saudi German Hospital Group to develop a healthcare centre.

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## **DLA Piper named International Law Firm of the Year in Ukraine for fifth year running at The Legal Awards 2018**

24 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has been named International Law Firm of the Year in Ukraine at the 2018 Legal Awards, held by Yuridicheskaya Practika Publishing House. This is the fifth time the office has won the award.

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## **DLA Piper advises on the sale of Pharmazeutische Fabrik Evers to Bright Future Pharmaceutical Laboratories**

23 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised on the sale of Pharmazeutische Fabrik Evers GmbH & Co KG to the Chinese company Bright Future Pharmaceutical Laboratories Ltd. The company mainly produces natural health products for the urology and gastroenterology sectors, which are sold internationally with a strong presence in the Asian market, primarily Japan and China. The parties agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

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

31 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has released its second Data Privacy Snapshot report, finding that once again, company global privacy programs

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have gaps in meeting increasingly demanding global privacy principles. Significantly, it appears that many companies are falling short of data protection obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which will start to apply from 25 May 2018.

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

17 JAN 2018

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Immunomedics on royalty funding and stock purchase agreements with Royalty Pharma which raised an aggregate of US\$250 million**

9 JAN 2018

DLA Piper represented Immunomedics, Inc., in the sale of tiered, sales-based royalty rights on global net sales of sacituzumab govitecan (IMMU-132) to Royalty Pharma for US\$175 million. Royalty Pharma has also purchased US\$75 million in common stock of Immunomedics, at US\$17.15 per share.

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### **DLA Piper advises on the sale of shares in one of Egypt's fastest growing pharmaceutical companies**

9 NOV 2017

DLA Piper has advised Orchidia Pharmaceutical Industries (the "Company" or "Orchidia"), a leading ophthalmic generic medicine manufacturer and one of Egypt's fastest growing pharmaceutical companies, and Dr. Ossama Fouad Abbas, the founder, majority shareholder and Chairman of the Company, on the sale of a stake in the Company and two holding companies incorporated in Cyprus to Egyptian-American Enterprise Fund (EAEF).

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