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INSIGHTS

Publications

Paris Court of Appeal finds PCA lacked power to intervene in OIC investor-state arbitration

6 April 2021

The decision of the Paris Court of Appeal casts uncertainty on arbitrations under the OIC Agreement for which the PCA Secretary-General has agreed to act as appointing authority.

Digitalisation of public administration: State aid considerations of the Recovery and Resilience Facility

1 April 2021

The modernisation of the public sector with the adoption of new technologies aims at increasing efficiencies in the sector's activities and as such has been a priority for a number of EU Member States. What are the State Aid considerations of the Recovery and Resilience Facility?

China's Expanding Economic Sanctions Regime

31 March 2021

On March 22, 2021, the European Union (EU) and the governments of the US, Canada, and the UK concurrently imposed sanctions on individual Chinese officials and a Chinese entity based on findings of human rights violations in Xinjiang.

Irish Consultation on Collective Redress Directive (CRD)

30 March 2021

Ireland has launched an important public consultation on implementing the recently adopted EU Collective Redress Directive (CRD).

Representing individuals in interviews – the US perspective

30 March 2021

Determining whether to consent to an interview, and any interview itself, can be pivotal.

Russia Insolvency and Arbitration Toolkit

31 March 2021

The Toolkit on Insolvency and Arbitration covers 19 jurisdictions and provides guidance to parties, counsel and arbitrators in situations where a party to arbitration proceedings is also subject to insolvency proceedings in one or more jurisdictions.

Human Rights Due Diligence Legislation in Europe – Implications for Supply Chains to India and South Asia

26 March 2021

For several decades, there have been increasing demands that multinational corporations should strive to increase the positive effects of their activities and minimize their negative impact in India and South Asia.

Away with anonymous shell companies for good?

12 March 2021

On 24 February 2021, Transparency International submitted a global petition to the UN General Assembly preparing for the United Nation's first ever Special Session against Corruption, UNGASS 2021, which will take place in June 2021.

Court of Appeal agrees it is arguable that a duty of care may arise in relation to end-of-life asset disposal

12 March 2021

On 10 March 2021, the English Court of Appeal handed down its decision in Hamad Begum (on behalf of MD Khalil Mollah) v Maran (UK) Limited.

Reform to the Electric Industry Law: a new risk for energy projects in Mexico

10 March 2021

Foreign investors involved in energy projects in Mexico may wish to consider their rights and potential remedies under applicable investment treaties.

Compulsory Document Production Notices – Normal Service Resumed

11 February 2021

The UK Supreme Court has handed down a judgment in R (on the application of KBR, Inc) (Appellant) v Director of the Serious Fraud Office (Respondent) [2021] UKSC 2 that now states the SFO will not be able to cut corners in obtaining evidence located overseas nor make it any easier to prosecute companies.

Corruption Perceptions Index 2020 - a regional perspective

11 February 2021

Last week Transparency International launched the 2020 edition of its Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), which ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, according to experts and business people, using a scale of zero to 100 (100 being very clean and zero being highly corrupt).

France Investment Treaty Arbitration

8 February 2020

The latest France chapter of the investment Treaty Arbitration presents key information needed to assess the feasibility and potential advantages of investment treaty claims against different states around the world.

Rowe & ors v Ingenious Media Holdings: the importance of capitalised funders

1 February 2021

The recent decision in *Rowe & ors v Ingenious Media Holdings* provides some important clarification of aspects of the UK adverse costs regime applicable to third party funders, an area which poses particular risks and challenges to the market.

Disputes, Issue 2

28 January 2021

DISPUTES

In this issue, we look at the split among the federal circuits over what it means to "exceed authorized access" in violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act; the ways in which the federal courts apply the Supreme Court's recent limitations on equitable disgorgement; ways to mitigate liability risk in unauthorized financial transfers; considerations for employers as they develop policies regarding use of cannabis in their workforce; and the critical importance of escalation protocols in corporate whistleblower programs.

No firing for lighting up? Cannabis in the workplace

28 January 2021

Appropriately addressing cannabis usage in the workplace while navigating anti-discrimination protections for workers.

Six months after *Liu*: The SEC and disgorgement

28 January 2021

In the wake of *Liu*, several open questions are only now starting to work their way through the courts.

Supreme Court dives into circuit split over the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act

28 January 2021

What does it mean to "exceed authorized access" to an Internet-connected device?

The missing link in whistleblower programs – the escalation protocols

28 January 2021

A fixed set of escalation protocols helps ensure that a whistleblower program functions efficiently.

Trial attorney Buffy Mims joins DLA Piper in Washington, DC

28 January 2021

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

Unauthorized financial transaction fraud: Mitigating liability risks

28 January 2021

Prudent financial institutions are seeking to protect themselves against liability for third-party fraud and accountholder carelessness.

Enforcing arbitral awards: where does the tribunal's jurisdiction end, and the Court's begin?

27 January 2021

The judgment in *A v B (Rev 1)* [2020] EWHC 2790 (Comm) serves as a useful reminder that, while there may occasionally be an overlap between the jurisdiction of the courts and arbitral tribunals, the final decision regarding enforcement of arbitral awards lies with the relevant court.

Germany Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Control: Massive Extension of Scope

25 January 2021

For the fourth time within one year, Germany will broaden the reach of its foreign direct investment control system.

Fatal air pollution: A subject for group actions in the UK?

21 January 2021

It has long been recognised that air pollution, in the form of particulates, and sulphur and nitrogen oxides, has an extremely detrimental effect on health – particularly in heavily populated urban areas with high traffic densities.

Data Subject Access Requests - High Court dismisses claim where DSAR regime abused

18 January 2021

The High Court of England and Wales dismissed a claim against a bank for allegedly failing to provide an adequate response to the Claimant's data subject access request, highlighting the robust approach that the court is willing to take where it suspects the tactical deployment (or abuse) of the DSAR regime.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for dispute resolution

31 December 2020

BOARDROOM BREXIT

This was one of the most contentious areas in the negotiations as both sides wanted assurances that the other party would honour the commitments contained in the TCA in the future.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for state aid and competition

31 December 2020

BOARDROOM BREXIT

EU state aid law applies to assistance from state resources that is selective in its application and that has a potential effect on trade between EU member states and competition.

The Pharmaceutical Corner

22 December 2020

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

'Parent company' liability: from Vedanta to BHP

18 December 2020

On 9 November 2020, the English High Court handed down its decision in *Município De Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc & Anor* [2020] EWHC 2930 (BHP), striking out for abuse of process what would have been the largest mass tort claim in English legal history.

Brexit: The end for 261?

17 December 2020

Currently, passengers travelling on flights into and out of an EU Member State with EU carriers, or out of an EU Member State with non-EU carriers, are afforded certain protections and rights including the right to fixed compensation in the event of cancellation, long delay, or denied boarding pursuant to Regulation 261/2004.

Securing evidence during the COVID-19 pandemic (*Koldyreva v Motylev*)

15 December 2020

The English High Court has recently handed down two separate judgments in *Koldyreva v Motylev & others*, spanning a number of applications aimed at tracing funds in support of a Russian bankruptcy order: a worldwide freezing order, a passport surrender order, Norwich Pharmacal orders, and search orders.

Cyberfrauds and Cyberattacks: Remote Working Posing Increased Risks and How to Stay Protected

14 December 2020

Cybercriminals are becoming more sophisticated in the ways they facilitate cyberfrauds, with the increasing use of personalised messages on instant messaging platforms such as WeChat or WhatsApp and socially engineered phishing emails to deceive recipients to transfer funds, disclose sensitive information or click on malicious links.

Spain Investment Treaty Arbitration

14 December 2020

This guide presents all the key information needed to assess the feasibility and potential advantages of investment treaty claims against different states around the world.

REACH 2.0 – New EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

10 December 2020

Chemicals are omnipresent in our everyday life and play a fundamental role as building blocks in technologies, materials and products. However, chemicals with hazardous components can also cause damage to human and animal health and the environment.

Coronavirus: The Second Wave and Force Majeure

9 December 2020

The resurgence of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) cases has been observed in countries around the world after COVID-19 outbreaks were successfully curbed earlier this year. To flatten the curve of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic governments again closed non-essential businesses, restricted travel and imposed lockdowns and stay-at-home orders.

China's First Measures Under New Export Control Law Target Encryption Products

7 December 2020

China's new Export Control Law took effect on December 1, 2020. The next day, the Ministry of Commerce, together with the State Cryptography Administration and the General Administration of Customs, released a circular that includes the first list of products and technologies focusing on commercial encryption products and technologies.

Green light for Prudential and Rothesay's transfer

4 December 2020

In what is a significant decision for the insurance sector the Court of Appeal has overturned the High Court's refusal to sanction the transfer of a portfolio of annuity policies from Prudential Assurance Company Ltd ("Prudential") to Rothesay Life Plc ("Rothesay") under Part VII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("Part VII").

Applying two principles of Islamic finance to create meaningful ESG initiatives

2 December 2020

Environmental, social and governance matters are a burgeoning issue on the agenda for businesses, governments and individuals alike. Companies are under increasing pressure to shift their focus from maximising profits and shareholder value to maximising value for all stakeholders.

Running the orange light: Halliburton v Chubb

2 December 2020

INSURANCE HORIZONS

On Friday, 27 November 2020, the Supreme Court handed down a long awaited judgment in Halliburton v Chubb that concerned the issue of when an arbitrator should make disclosure of circumstances which may give rise to justifiable doubts as to his/her impartiality.

Ireland - Global bribery offenses guide

1 December 2020

Brexit: Choice of Law, Jurisdiction, Enforcement, and Service

27 November 2020

This article looks at the impact of reaching the end of the Brexit transition period (at 11pm on 31 December 2020) on governing law, jurisdiction, enforcement, and service in contracts between UK entities and EU member state entities.

Case Law Update: COVID-19, Force Majeure, and Aircraft Leases

27 November 2020

As we enter the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic's "second wave" and aspirations for a "back to normal levels" rebound in 2021 for the aviation industry look less likely, the financial pressure point is quickly spreading from airlines to those up and down their vertical supply chain, notably aviation lessors.

Issue 5

23 November 2020

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE

As the world adjusts to a new normal, businesses across all sectors will be anticipating significant changes to their operations and priorities. Continued disruption across the Energy and Natural Resources (E&NR) sector may, for example, see participants seek to re-visit long-term contracts, with subsequent disputes being played out in court.

Regulation 261/04 continues to evolve during 2020 with consequences for airlines – what has the Court of Justice of the European Union decided so far?

16 November 2020

In 2020, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) addressed several cases on the interpretation of Regulation 261/2004 (EC261/04) most notably on the rights of passengers in the event of cancellation or long delay.

Minimum standards along the supply chain - Effects of the supply chain law on German companies

12 November 2020

For internationally operating companies, new demands on their international supply chains are coming into focus. In Germany, the

political debate concerning a so-called supply chain law is taking shape. A first draft is expected within the next few months. At the same time, the introduction of a similar set of rules and regulations at EU level is being discussed; a decision on this matter is expected in 2021. Other European countries such as the Netherlands and the United Kingdom have already introduced corresponding legislation.

Current trends in investor state disputes in the telecommunications sector

9 November 2020

The telecommunications sector is one of the fastest growing sectors globally, and has played a critical role during the on-going Covid-19 pandemic in keeping the world interconnected. The high levels of activity in this sector have given rise to a corresponding increase in telecoms-related #disputes, including under investment treaties.

Italian Supreme Court no. 20104 of 24 September 2020

9 November 2020

By Andrea Salvemini

According to the First Division of the Italian Supreme Court, the issue concerning the beginning of the “long time-limit” for challenging arbitration awards is open interpretation and represents an issue of particular significance worthy of submission to the Joint Division of the Italian Supreme Court, pursuant to Article 374, paragraph 2, of the Italian Code of Civil Procedure. This was stated in the order of the Supreme Court no. 20104 of 24 September 2020.

Milan Chamber of Arbitration Simplified Arbitration procedure

9 November 2020

By Nicola Naccari

On July 1, 2020, the Simplified Arbitration procedure introduced by the Milan Chamber of Arbitration (CAM) came into force with the aim of “offering companies and citizens a leaner and faster procedure to solve disputes, with a cheaper price list.” Nicola Naccari

New ICSID arbitration registered against 'Bel Paese' for presumed breaches of Energy Charter Treaty's obligations in the context of the solar energy industry: “Chronicle of a Death Foretold”?

9 November 2020

By Federica Bocci

On 6 October 2020, another case against the Republic of Italy was registered at ICSID. In the wake of the Achmea Decision and of the latest release on 29 October 2020 of the EU Advocate General’s opinion within the preliminary ruling of the CJEU sought by the Court of Lazio, is this new case a “Chronicle of a Death Foretold” ?

Newsletter dell’Arbitration Team

9 November 2020

The Law Commission's review of the law on digital assets and smart contracts:

9 November 2020

On 21 September 2020, the Law Commission announced that it had begun work on two projects aimed at ensuring that "English law can accommodate two emerging technologies that could revolutionise commerce: smart contracts and digital assets."

A timely intervention: A drafter's perspective on the Protocol on Virtual Hearings in Africa

4 November 2020

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Concerned about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Africa's dispute resolution landscape, the Association of Young Arbitrators (AYA), bringing together arbitration practitioners in Africa under 40 years of age, launched its Protocol on Virtual Hearings in Africa (the Protocol) in April 2020.

Africa Connected: COVID-19 and the evolution of dispute resolution

4 November 2020

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COVID-19 and the evolution of dispute resolution in Africa is the theme of this edition of Africa Connected. We have articles on issues ranging from third party funding and its implications in African disputes, to the use of virtual hearing platforms across the continent. Jurisdiction-specific articles cover how the pandemic has affected legal practitioners - and the court system - in Burundi, Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania.

Africa rising: Virtual hearings in international arbitration

4 November 2020

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Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the legal community was dabbling in the use of virtual hearings in certain parts of the world. However, the imposition of national lockdowns, strict social distancing measures and travel restrictions has forced lawyers to move away from the comfort of traditional, in-person hearings, towards new-age virtual hearings held on electronic platforms.

COVID-19: The effects on dispute resolution in Nigeria

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Limited hearings, long adjournments, and restricted access to the courtrooms are some of the major effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the delivery of justice in Nigeria. These issues have changed judges' and lawyers' attitudes towards the use of technology.

Civil lawsuits in Burundi during COVID-19

4 November 2020

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The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic is unprecedented. COVID-19 has spread worldwide, and the Republic of Burundi has adopted preventive measures that have affected institutions' activities in different ways.

Embracing electronic court case management systems: Lessons from the Kenyan experience during COVID-19

4 November 2020

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The Kenyan court system is anchored in common law, which is characterized by paper-based procedures and physical court appearances. The disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have shaken the very foundation of the system, forcing the judiciary to come up with measures to mitigate the effects and assure litigants of their right to a fair trial and access to courts.

Litigation funding in Africa: Maximizing opportunities

4 November 2020

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The measures implemented by governments in response to COVID-19, coupled with the rapid economic downturn and ongoing uncertainty arising from the pandemic, have created the perfect storm. The outlook may seem bleak, but third-party funding offers a ray of hope for beleaguered boardrooms looking to maximize cashflow in this unpredictable period.

Opportunities of big data in law

4 November 2020

AFRICA CONNECTED

Across many industries, big data is being used to drive more informed and better decision-making. But despite the willingness to adopt new technologies, Africa has been slow to tap into its benefits.

SFO clarifies guidance on DPAs: Is the DPA model ready for take-off?

4 November 2020

On 23 October 2020, the Serious Fraud Office published a new chapter from its Operational Handbook which provides further guidance on the SFO's approach to Deferred Prosecution Agreements. Whilst the guidance does not introduce any major changes, it does provide clarity on the SFO's expectations of companies wishing to avoid prosecution.

Technology and the future of dispute resolution

4 November 2020

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Technology affects the way we interact with one another, including regarding dispute resolution: it either generates new kinds of disputes which arise out of the new capabilities it offers, or it can help in the resolution of disputes. In this article we focus on how technology can assist in the resolution of disputes and how it can be leveraged in terms of promptness and efficiency.

The time is now for continental unity in African dispute settlement

4 November 2020

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Africa is on the cusp of what could be a break in a decades-long cycle of poverty and economic shortcomings. Whether this cycle will be broken depends on the ability of African nations to put in place policies that attract and protect foreign and intra-African investment.

Zimbabwean courts: Catching up to the future

4 November 2020

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The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a global shift in the way people work all over the world. There has been greater emphasis on virtual working, putting immense pressure on countries that were not prepared to shift to working virtually in important areas of the economy, with a big spotlight being on the courts.

Assessing ESG factors in the energy sector

27 October 2020

[ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES](#)

A reference tool for energy companies as they discuss and refine their ESG programs.

Argentina: The year in review

26 October 2020

The last year has been a time of significant change in Argentina, including for international arbitration.

Brazil: Will COVID-19 mean more arbitrations against public entities?

26 October 2020

Recent legislative initiatives have created greater certainty for potential and existing parties looking to do business with Brazilian states or their instrumentalities.

Canada: Third-party litigation funding, enforcement of arbitral awards, admissibility of fresh evidence during court review

26 October 2020

Three recent decisions.

Chile: Drafting arbitration clauses in international contracts – practical aspects

26 October 2020

International arbitration has expanded considerably in recent years in Chile.

Peru: Top developments in international arbitration

26 October 2020

Major arbitration-related developments and cases recently decided in Peru.

Puerto Rico: Legal and practical aspects of international arbitration

26 October 2020

Parties benefit from this legal framework to solve their disputes when conducting business in Puerto Rico.

Replacing NAFTA: What the USMCA means for the future of North American trade and investment – a Q&A

26 October 2020

Contributors from the US, Mexico and Canada discuss several key considerations.

US: Four significant developments in arbitration case law

26 October 2020

US-style discovery; compelling arbitration on the basis of equitable estoppel; class-wide arbitration when the arbitration agreement is ambiguous; ongoing use of the US DDCC for ICSID award enforcement.

USMCA investor-state dispute settlement provisions: Key differences for Mexico

26 October 2020

For ISDS claims, only after the local litigation requirement is fulfilled or 30 months have elapsed may certain substantive claims be brought against a state.

Venezuela: Recent, significant commercial arbitration developments include several Supreme Tribunal cases

26 October 2020

Recent significant developments in Venezuela's arbitration landscape.

China's New Export Control Law

19 October 2020

On October 17, 2020, the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress passed the Export Control Law (the ECL), which will take effect on December 1, 2020. The ECL establishes China's first comprehensive framework for restricting exports of military and dual-use products and technology for national security and public policy reasons.

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.

The ICC Publishes Revised Rules for 2021

19 October 2020

The International Chamber of Commerce (the ICC) has revised its Arbitration Rules with the new set of rules set to enter into force on 1 January 2021.[1] The 2021 Rules, currently in draft form, will apply to all cases submitted to the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC from that date on (unless the arbitration agreement provides otherwise).

Regulatory Enforcement and Privilege – Waiver, Content, Cherry-Picking

7 October 2020

Disclosing privileged documents under a limited waiver to regulators has the potential to attract cooperation credit when regulators decide on level of penalty or, indeed, whether to undertake enforcement proceedings or prosecution. There may also be benefits in relying on privileged material in any defence to regulatory enforcement or prosecution.

The gathering storm: COVID-19-related disputes in the financial services sector – A transatlantic perspective

5 October 2020

COVID-19 has caused the largest shock to the global economy in living memory. Whilst economic uncertainty, financial distress and market turmoil usually trigger increased levels of commercial litigation, the extreme conditions created by COVID-19 have primed the landscape for a pan-sector surge in financial services-related disputes.

Constitutional challenges to inter partes review – *Arthrex, Inc. v. Smith & Nephew, Inc.*

30 September 2020

This Appointments Clause challenge to the IPR process appears to have staying power.

The Pharmaceutical Corner

30 September 2020

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

Disputes arising “under” a construction contract: An adjudicator’s jurisdiction

28 September 2020

Most of the analysis of *Bresco Electrical Services Ltd (In Liquidation) v Michael J Lonsdale (Electrical) Ltd* [2020] UKSC 25 has deservedly been on how the UK Supreme Court reconciled the statutory regimes for construction adjudication and insolvency set-off.

Online Arbitration Hearings: A review of key developments in response to COVID-19

28 September 2020

VIRTUAL HEARINGS

In this second report, we focus on arbitration and look at how arbitral institutions have adapted in response to COVID-19. We draw out some of the key legal as well as practical challenges faced, and we offer some observations on what the future may look like.

The landscape after Bresco: *John Doyle Construction Ltd v Erith Contractors Ltd*

21 September 2020

The Supreme Court's decision in *Bresco v Lonsdale* has been hailed by some as opening the floodgates to adjudications by insolvent companies. But as a series of recent judgments show, there remain a number of obstacles that will need to be overcome by insolvent entities seeking to enforce an adjudication award.

English High Court allows rare appeal of arbitral award on point of law

21 August 2020

The recent decision of *Tricon Energy Ltd v MTM Trading LLC* [2020] EWHC provides a rare example of the English High Court allowing an appeal against the decision of an arbitral tribunal on a point of law.

New Rules for a New Normal: The LCIA announces changes to its Arbitration Rules and Mediation Rules

14 August 2020

On 11 August 2020, the LCIA released an update to its LCIA Arbitration Rules and LCIA Mediation Rules (the "Rules"). The updates to the Rules will become effective on 1 October 2020, marking six years since the arbitration rules currently in force came into effect.

The end of Intra-EU BITs. Now what?

4 August 2020

In this second article, we will explore in more detail the fate of pending intra-EU arbitrations affected by the termination treaty and how States and claimants should deal with these arbitrations.

Class actions make it easier than ever to seek redress

28 July 2020

Businesses should note that they are at risk of increased exposure to claims once group proceedings are permitted in Scottish courts, write Alistair Drummond and Jen Talbot.

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24 July 2020

This article looks at the codification of lawyers' duties in international arbitration. It covers the reasons for codification, how the duties coexist with the general obligation to defend client interests and how useful codification is.

The duties of lawyers under the Code of Best Practices in Arbitration of the Spanish Arbitration Club

24 July 2020

On June 4, 2020, I had the honor of speaking at a webinar organized by the Italian Chapter of the Club Español de Arbitraje (CEA) for the launch in Italy of the Code of Best Practices in Arbitration of the Spanish Arbitration Club (the Code) published in May 2019, of which my team and I contributed to the Italian translation.

The new framework of the Italian dispute board

24 July 2020

To face the dramatic financial consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Italian government is now in the process of enacting a series of measures aimed at stimulating the recovery of the national economy. The so-called law decree *Semplificazioni* (literally *simplifications*) is one of those measures and, as the name suggests, it is aimed at simplifying the administrative procedures concerning public procurement and construction works.

Commission launches inquiry into the Internet of Things

22 July 2020

On 16 July, the European Commission launched an antitrust competition inquiry into the Internet of Things for consumer-related products and services in the EU.

WIN Wise: Top tips for making the most of your IT contracts

20 July 2020

There can sometimes be a disconnect between lawyers who draft contracts, and those with primary responsibility for implementing them. Through smart collaboration, effective communication and shared vision, in-house lawyers and their commercial counterparts can work together to maximize value and generate extra revenue.

Court of Appeal confirms mining company is not liable for human rights abuses in Sierra Leone

17 July 2020

Earlier this year, the Court of Appeal handed down its judgment in the case of *Kalma v (1) African Minerals Limited, (2) African Minerals (SL) Limited and (3) Tonkolili Iron Ore (SL) Limited*. In this case review, we consider the Court's findings in relation to (i) accessory liability and (ii) companies' duty of care when operating abroad.

Reputation management during investigations: ZXC v Bloomberg LP

16 July 2020

The Court of Appeal has upheld the decision of *Nicklin J* which found that Bloomberg had breached the privacy rights of a US businessman when it published an article containing confidential details about a UK criminal investigation which he was subject to.

Global Class Actions Briefing: Major developments in European consumer protection laws: Product safety and consumer class actions in Europe

15 July 2020

The EU's proposals for a revised EU General Product Safety Directive (the GPSD) and the EU's deal for a Collective Redress Directive (the CRD) point the way to a future of heightened novel risk in Europe of collective redress or, as these claims are popularly known, "class actions".

One less gadget in the arbitration toolbox: International and offshore arbitrations are not entitled to US discovery in aid of foreign proceedings

13 July 2020

A ruling that is highly relevant to the private funds and offshore dispute practice areas.

Procurement Law Reform - Let's start a discussion

9 July 2020

DLA Piper's panel discussion webinar held on 1 July 2020 had a lively debate on the merits of potential options for reform and which changes might produce a better model for procurement regulation in the UK post Brexit. This is the first of a series of bitesize summary reports providing feedback from the debate.

A successful s67 challenge: Silence did not confer authority to enter into an arbitration agreement

7 July 2020

The case *MVV Environment Devonport Ltd v NTO Shipping GmbH & Co. KG MS 'MV Nortrader'* was one of the few successful challenges to an arbitral award which we have seen before the English courts in recent years.

DC Circuit issues opinion on sovereign immunity defenses to the enforcement of arbitration award against foreign states

1 July 2020

Foreign states might not only be able to rely on the doctrine of sovereign immunity to protect themselves from final judgments, but also to avoid the burdens of litigation itself.

***Allen v. Cooper*: Supreme Court affirms state sovereign immunity in copyright case**

30 June 2020

Under current copyright law, any effort by a state to provide alternate remedies for copyright infringement would be nullified by copyright preemption.

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.

WIN Wise: Liquidated damages for delay in tech disputes

30 June 2020

The current COVID-19 pandemic is wreaking havoc on businesses and their operations across sectors and geographies. The unprecedented spread of the virus has had, and will continue to have, a profound impact upon both suppliers and customers in delivering technology projects on time and to budget.

A jurisdiction too far: The English Commercial Court declines to continue freezing injunctions in support of foreign and English seated arbitrations

26 June 2020

In *Petrochemical Logistics Ltd & Axel Krueger v PSB Alpha AG & Konstantinos Ghertsos*, the English Commercial Court declined to continue two freezing injunctions against the Defendants in support of both a London-seated LCIA arbitration and a Swiss-seated arbitration.

Protecting the attorney-client privilege while under quarantine: Five tips for protecting attorney-client privilege when using online collaboration tools

22 June 2020

With the increase in remote working comes an increased opportunity for attorney-client privilege issues to surface.

COVID-19 and Aviation in Africa: An Insight

18 June 2020

As a consequence of COVID-19 the aviation sector is experiencing a catalyst for enormous change [...] In Africa, airlines and the aviation sector must be supported if aviation is to continue to be the lynchpin that brings the world to its doorstep and with it the benefits that such an opportunity brings to the continent's economies.

Diary note of a remote mediation

16 June 2020

A colleague and I recently took part in a remote mediation over Skype. Given that there are likely to be many other litigating parties seriously contemplating the use of remote mediation (some with reservations), we thought that it might be helpful to share our own candid experience of a recent remote mediation.

Non-damage business interruption test case in the English Courts

11 June 2020

Significantly in the UK, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is bringing a test action, in order to seek a declaratory judgment on a number of policy coverage questions arising from non-damage cover under business interruption (BI) policies, using the Financial Markets Test Case Scheme.

A law on disputes with entities and individuals subject to sanctions or due to sanction issues has been adopted

8 June 2020

On 8 June 2020, the Russian President signed law introducing to the Russian Arbitrazh Procedure Code provisions that have an effect on disputes.

Top five factors for firms to consider when conducting remote investigations: new realities?

8 June 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many businesses to overhaul their working practices, as normal modes of working once taken for granted. These new modes of working raise novel practical issues with traditional investigative methods such as document collection/review and interviewing witnesses.

COVID-19 et protectionnisme : Quelles protections pour les investisseurs étrangers.

28 May 2020

Face au défi de la relance économique, des mesures d'aide sont prises par certains Etats en soutien à leurs nationaux et aux entreprises locales. Une attention particulière devra être apportée par les Etats sur toute mise en place non équitable ou discriminatoire de telles mesures, ou ayant pour effet de faire perdre toute valeur à un investissement.

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19

28 May 2020

The risk to companies of global and cross-border class action and collective redress proceedings is rising.

COVID 19 | Legal Task Force Spain: Updated publications

25 May 2020

The coronavirus COVID-19 crisis has no similar precedent in recent times in Europe. The Spanish authorities are doing their best to approve new laws and regulations addressing the challenges created by the crisis. This summary shall not as legal advice, but only as an informative document. Stay attentive to new updates.

LCIA annual casework report shows continued growth and diversity in both its caseload and its choice of arbitrators in 2019

25 May 2020

On 19 May 2020 the LCIA published its annual casework report for 2019. The report provides a useful summary of trends in the LCIA caseload during last year, and demonstrates the global nature and variety of disputes referred to the LCIA, in particular the continued increase in the international appeal of the LCIA.

Conflicts for Experts: Issues Consultancy Firms Need to Consider

22 May 2020

A recent decision of the English courts has raised an important issue of conflict of interests for expert consultancy firms, by confirming that in certain circumstances firms will owe a fiduciary duty of loyalty to a client.

Top five UK anti-bribery and corruption risks to be aware of during the COVID-19 pandemic

22 May 2020

COVID-19 has created an unprecedented business landscape at a local, national and international level. Few businesses, if any, will escape unscathed. As with any economic crisis, the current situation presents an opportunity for bribery and corruption to thrive.

Top ten UK frauds to be aware of during the COVID-19 pandemic

22 May 2020

The COVID-19 outbreak has had an unprecedented effect on the world economy. The UK government has quadrupled its borrowing plans over the next three months with HM Treasury seeking to raise GBP180 billion in order to meet its spending needs as tax revenues plunge.

COVID-19 Litigation and Regulatory Q&A: France

20 May 2020

What is the status of the major courts or arbitral institutions in France? Are they operating as usual, and if not what alternative procedures are in place? Am I required to attend a hearing in person at this time in France? Given there are significant local movement restrictions, are there any new or alternate procedures in place?

COVID-19 and investment claims under NAFTA

15 May 2020

An examination of whether measures taken by States in response to the pandemic could provide a basis for claims under the North American Free Trade Agreement and more.

Puerto Rico: Potential solutions for business agreements affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

15 May 2020

As businesses start to reopen and redefine their operations in Puerto Rico, they should also prepare for potential disputes.

The end of Intra-EU BITs. Now what? (Part 1)

15 May 2020

In this first of a series of four articles, we analyse the key aspects of the decision of the majority of EU Member States to terminate the bilateral investment treaties between them.

Virtual hearings report

14 May 2020

[VIRTUAL HEARINGS](#)

This document presents the first global, empirical study on the use of virtual hearings during the COVID-19 confinement. This just one in a series of paradigm shifts that will affect the disputes market.

WIN WISE: IT Projects and dispute avoidance

14 May 2020

Underestimated costs, unexpected delays and poor governance are just a few of the reasons why some IT projects fail. COVID-19 has now potentially created the perfect storm. This dispute-avoidance checklist highlights what parties can do during the lifetime of an IT project to minimise the risk of disputes.

Post-COVID-19 sustainability and ESG disputes: pinch points and practical pointers

12 May 2020

Where businesses are putting all of their efforts into crisis mitigation and survival in response to COVID-19, it is worth considering the importance of balancing short-term mitigation measures with the preservation of long term value and sustainability and ESG commitments

Court of Appeal overturns FRC v Sports Direct: Regulator's powers do not override legal professional privilege

11 May 2020

On 18 February 2020 the Court of Appeal handed down judgment in *Sports Direct International plc v The Financial Reporting Council* [2020] EWCA Civ 177, partially overturning the High Court's decision of 2018 and clarifying that the powers of the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) do not extend to compelling delivery up of privileged documents.

Certainty for commercial parties

7 May 2020

The Court of Appeal (CoA) granted the Claimant, a Turkish construction company, an anti-suit injunction restraining an entity within the Chubb insurance group from continuing Russian court proceedings which the CoA ruled it had brought in breach of an arbitration agreement specifying London as the seat.

COVID-19: New York and Other Northeast Council states take phased approach to reopening economy

6 May 2020

These developments raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for businesses operating in the region.

New York state courts permit new filings in "non-essential" matters on May 4, 2020

5 May 2020

Latest developments impacting the court systems in New York.

Force Majeure Certificates in a global context: What are they and what is their effect?

30 April 2020

On 30 January 2020 the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade announced that it would offer Force Majeure Certificates to local businesses. The intention was to assist them in prospective disputes with foreign counterparties.

Post-COVID-19: What to expect in the "next normal"

30 April 2020

Issues that are front of mind, based on an informal survey of some of the largest companies and most influential global business leaders.

Changes to litigation funding arrive in Scotland

28 April 2020

Damage Based Agreements have now arrived in Scotland. Alistair Drummond and Sarah Crowe discuss the impact on businesses.

Litigation trends and risk management in the COVID-19 era

29 APR 2020

To help our clients anticipate and protect against the threat of litigation in these already difficult times, we are monitoring all COVID-19 related litigation filings, assembling the collective knowledge and experience of our lawyers across DLA Piper's global practices, sectors and jurisdictions to anticipate future trends, and proactively partner with our clients. This client alert provides a

brief summary of the litigation trends that have emerged and which we expect will emerge, both in terms of class actions and other litigation, and offers some practical tips to minimize risks based on these developing trends.

Measures in justice

28 April 2020

Based on the President's decree of 16 March 2020 all court proceedings in civil cases are immediately suspended by effect of law, with the only exception of "very urgent cases" that are to be judged on an expedite basis, making use of video conference and postal/ email communications wherever possible.

Preparing for the COVID-19 class action: Is there an unexpected consequence lurking in your arbitration agreement's poison pill provision?

28 April 2020

Several decisions demonstrate that including a poison pill provision with a class action waiver that waives the right to seek public injunctive relief could render the entire arbitration agreement unenforceable.

ICC updates its force majeure and hardship standard clauses

27 April 2020

In view of the current uncertainty created by COVID-19, the International Chamber of Commerce has recently updated its "off the shelf" force majeure and hardship clauses. This article explains the relief that these two clauses offer and the main changes that the ICC has introduced in its standard clauses.

Attorney General Insights podcast with Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh

24 April 2020

[ATTORNEY GENERAL INSIGHTS PODCAST](#)

DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh about the legal and organizational challenges that he and his fellow AGs are facing during the Covid-19 pandemic.

COVID-19: conducting internal investigations in remote work settings

24 April 2020

For companies conducting internal investigations or responding to an investigation, practical solutions in a time of distancing.

What COVID-19 could mean for the future of the Big Tech investigations

24 April 2020

[ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD](#)

Rather than hampering the investigations over the long term, the pandemic may open new lines of inquiry for antitrust investigators.

Litigation amid the spread of COVID-19 in Russia

21 April 2020

The situation in connection with the spread of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") in Russia has brought changes in how the judicial system will work, raising a number of procedural issues on the administration of justice.

Regulatory measures in foreign trade in connection with the spread of COVID-19 in Russia

21 April 2020

Several measures have been put in place seeking to minimize adverse effects of the coronavirus pandemic on the economy of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) in general and that of the Russian Federation in particular. Our comments are focused at those measures designed to stimulate international trade.

US antitrust enforcers on high alert for collusion in labor markets during COVID-19 pandemic

21 April 2020

[ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD](#)

Antitrust enforcers are closely monitoring employer coordination to disadvantage workers.

State aid: The measures for tackling the COVID-19 outbreak in Italy

20 April 2020

Read our article on the EU's Temporary Framework for up-to-date information on how the European Commission has relaxed State aid rules to counter the economic impact of COVID-19.

COVID-19 – a legitimate basis for investment claims?

16 April 2020

This article considers whether measures taken by States in response to the COVID-19 pandemic could provide a legitimate basis for claims under bilateral investment treaties (BITs) or other investment protection instruments, and identifies some of the defences that may be available to States.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – top tips for your commercial contracts including force majeure

16 April 2020

The outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19 is having a profound effect on the global economy, and a widespread impact on the ability of parties to perform their contractual obligations.

Anticipated increase in website and mobile application litigation as a result of COVID 19-pandemic: 12 practical steps toward compliance

15 April 2020

Companies are urged to take notice of these lawsuits, because the number of these cases is increasing and some have been very costly.

US CPSC advises consumers certain recall remedies may be unavailable due to COVID-19 – four key takeaways

15 April 2020

Guidance will evolve as the pandemic develops, and CPSC-regulated firms are encouraged to consider these actions.

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.

COVID-19: New York State provides new guidance on essential businesses

13 April 2020

The Guidelines raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for New York businesses.

Draft Bill No. 1179/2020 – a compass for Brazilian private law during COVID-19?

13 April 2020

Brazil's bill anticipates probable contractual breaches and defaults and a resulting increase in litigation arising from the pandemic.

Construction lien deadlines to be exempt from suspension of Ontario limitation periods

10 APR 2020

Many participants in the Ontario construction industry will breathe a big sigh of relief as the result of an announcement released on April 9, 2020 by the Ontario Attorney General.

The coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic in France – force majeure and contractual good faith

10 April 2020

The French economy is currently facing rather extraordinary circumstances both as a result of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and the measures taken by the Government to fight it. This pandemic and its consequences may jeopardize the proper performance of contractual obligations by those who are bound by them. The issue of force majeure therefore arises.

Issue 4

9 April 2020

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE

In this fourth edition of the E&NR Case Law update we focus on cases from the last six months of 2019 which - even where they did not directly concern the energy sector - are of general application to the drafting and management of contracts by E&NR businesses.

Navigating your business through technology disputes risks

9 April 2020

Novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has completely rocked the business world and changed the operations and responses of companies around the globe. Technology is business critical to every company and sector. Whether you are a supplier or a customer with ongoing tech contracts - our clients are already encountering numerous key issues.

Coronavirus: Supplier due diligence for vetting Chinese medical suppliers for quality, safety, fair pricing and anti-corruption compliance

6 April 2020

Some key risks, and potential solutions to reduce cross-border operational risks.

Update: The Singapore Mediation Convention will come into force on 12 September 2020

6 April 2020

The Singapore Mediation Convention will come into force on 12 September 2020. This follows Qatar becoming the third country to ratify the convention on 12 March 2020, following Singapore and Fiji (both 25 February 2020).

Illinois courts' response to the COVID-19 pandemic

2 April 2020

The Illinois courts respond to the pandemic.

Coronavirus: How UK mortgage lenders and administrators can comply with FCA guidelines

1 April 2020

On 20 March 2020, the FCA published guidance for mortgage lenders and administrators aimed at helping them support customers during the Covid-19 crisis. Alongside this guidance, the FCA has also published a related webpage with information for mortgage customers.

Coronavirus: What happens to my lawsuit now?

1 April 2020

Some of these shifts in legal practice may lead to long-term efficiencies that benefit clients and improve access.

DOJ increases scrutiny of nursing home industry

1 April 2020

DOJ is doubling down on its commitment to investigate and prosecute allegations of elder abuse and of substandard quality of care.

COVID-19 essential businesses: Anti-bribery and anti-corruption risks

31 March 2020

Given the significant impact of being deemed non-essential, businesses and employees are incentivized to ensure their business is deemed essential by local authorities – and this can pose anti-bribery anti-corruption (ABAC) risks to companies.

Emergency Legislation In Ireland

31 March 2020

The Irish parliament has passed emergency legislation to support the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic - the "Health Act 2020" (the Act). The Act gives the Government significant powers which will have major impact on businesses across Ireland. In this article, Associate, Louise McErlean explores likely measures and impacts.

Coronavirus: State Attorneys General and the New COVID-19 Stimulus

30 March 2020

With the president's signature on March 27, 2020, the government passed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the largest economic stimulus package in American history. Passed in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the CARES Act will have an enduring impact on the country for years to come, particularly so for the industries and businesses eligible for stimulus relief funds. The massive scale of the CARES Act immediately calls to mind questions about how the government will respond in its attempt to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in carrying out the stimulus.

Coronavirus: US State AGs ramp up efforts to combat price gouging

29 March 2020

[ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD](#)

State Attorneys General throughout the country are vigorously enforcing state unfair trade practice and price gouging statutes against those alleged to be taking advantage of consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

US Antitrust enforcers issue joint statement on competitor collaboration amid COVID-19 pandemic

27 March 2020

[ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD](#)

The US Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission issued a Joint Antitrust Statement Regarding COVID-19, in which they announced an expedited procedure for evaluating proposed collaborations among competitors and other businesses working to address the pandemic.

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.

DLA Piper obtains approval of first coronavirus-impacted bankruptcy sale

25 March 2020

DLA Piper's Restructuring practice is at the forefront of the intersection of COVID-19 and bankruptcy.

Barclays SFO trial: Is corporate criminal liability dead?

24 March 2020

A jury cleared three former Barclays senior executives accused of conspiracy to commit fraud in connection with the bank's 2008 recapitalisation. Aside from bringing the seven-year case to a close, this verdict finally lifts the lid on the earlier rulings in the case which led to Barclays, the corporate entity, being thrown out of the case.

Coronavirus: Several state and local governments issue "shelter in place" orders (United States)

23 March 2020

Between March 17 and 22, state and local governments have promulgated at least a dozen "Stay-at-Home" / "Shelter-at-Home"-type Orders. This alert provides details on a number of state and local government orders.

[UPDATED] New stay at home orders in California and Los Angeles: key highlights

23 March 2020

The orders all exempt various businesses from compliance, but the orders have different scopes.

Introducing the DLA Piper Project Simulator

17 March 2020

One of the most critical challenges faced by our global society is developing high-quality, sustainable infrastructure. To help businesses meet this challenge, DLA Piper has collaborated with leading strategy consultancy BTS to create **The DLA Piper Project Simulator (DPS)**, an interactive training tool.

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.

The Russian Supreme Court's first ever Plenum Resolution on Arbitration

13 March 2020

In December 2019 the Russian Supreme Court issued its first ever Plenum Resolution on Arbitration. A Supreme Court Plenum Resolution is a court act of the highest level, is binding for lower state courts and usually serves as a "bible" for judges dealing with the relevant topic.

Asia Pacific Arbitration Roundup 2019

12 March 2020

Welcome to the first edition of our new Asia-Pac Arbitration Roundup.

Maintaining the privilege: Procedure & Practice Privilege

11 March 2020

Jean-Pierre Douglas-Henry and Bryden Dalitz consider recent developments on legal professional privilege.

Singapore deposits instrument of ratification for the Singapore Convention

5 March 2020

Ambassador Satyendra Prasad of Fiji became the first two countries to deposit their instrument to ratify the Singapore Convention (also known as the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation).

ADGM Courts issue first arbitration-related judgements

3 March 2020

2019 saw the Abu Dhabi Global Market Court (ADGM Court) publish two arbitration-related judgments, the first published since its launch in December 2018. The first case related to the validity of an ADGM arbitration agreement (A3 v B3 [2019] ADGMCFI 0004) and the second related to the recognition and enforcement of a New York Convention award in the ADGM (and included an insight into the court's approach to the "conduit jurisdiction" question) (A4 v B4 [2019] ADGMCFI 0007).

US v. Hoskins: in setback for DOJ, court grants post-trial motion for acquittal on all FCPA counts

27 February 2020

The decision calls into question DOJ's aggressive approach to a narrow but significant class of potential defendants in FCPA cases.

How do you obtain permission to bring a derivative action?

21 February 2020

Saatchi v Gajjar offers a very useful and comprehensive review of applicable case law and as such can be seen as a guide to others seeking to pursue or defend derivative claims.

DLA Piper's Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion: Key Insights from Head of Litigation and Regulatory

20 February 2020

In a recent episode of the Phoenix Talent Talks podcast series, Partner, Caoimhe Clarkin describes how Diversity and Inclusion is a key priority for DLA Piper and discusses how an unfaltering commitment to inclusion is key to attracting and retaining a workforce that is as talented and diverse as an organisation's client base.

Update: The Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration

18 February 2020

The recently released Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration may assist and encourage the widening of the ambit

of arbitration beyond commercial disputes to those concerning the effect of commercial activities on human rights.

Austria - Global bribery offenses guide

17 February 2020

When is an outbreak an act of God? Mitigating commercial and operational risks during the COVID-19 crisis (Global)

13 February 2020

A close look at a standard but often overlooked "act of God" or force majeure clause in contracts may provide some insight into options for mitigating commercial and operational risks during the ongoing health crisis.

COP25's key outcome: adoption of the San Jose Principles on carbon market mechanisms – takeaways for business

12 February 2020

Ambitious countries are not waiting for full consensus on carbon markets.

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) – potential effects on international arbitration, sale of goods, shipping and shipbuilding (AsiaPac)

10 February 2020

The current outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is causing widespread concern. This article will discuss the potential impact on international arbitration, sales of goods, shipping and shipbuilding contracts.

Construction delays arising out of the Novel Coronavirus outbreak (AsiaPac)

7 February 2020

Since the first case of coronavirus was confirmed in Hong Kong in early February 2020, the government has imposed various measures in an attempt to contain the spread of the coronavirus. The resulting impact of the novel coronavirus is far-reaching and affects every industry and business in Hong Kong. This alert considers some of the key issues that construction contractors and developers in Hong Kong may face. If you need any specific advice, please contact May Ng or Sandy Au for further details.

P v D arbitration claims under section 68 and 33 of the Arbitration Act 1996

29 January 2020

The decision from the English Commercial Court highlights the consequences for parties if they fail to interrogate fully opponent witnesses on key points of evidence, and for Tribunals of issuing awards inconsistent with unchallenged evidence or predicated upon a case that has not been advanced.

DLA Piper and the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution collaborate on Business and Human Rights Mediation Initiative

24 January 2020

DLA Piper is working with the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, and a core task force of collaborators, to establish a mediation facility to support the effective resolution of disputes relating to environmental, social and governance or business and human rights issues.

Genocide Case Against Myanmar in the ICJ

24 January 2020

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) yesterday delivered an historic Order for provisional measures with respect to the application brought by The Gambia against Myanmar for allegations of genocide.

UAE Court Judgments automatically enforceable in the Courts of India

21 January 2020

On 17 January 2020, the Indian Ministry of Law and Justice published a notification in the official gazette, which means that judgments rendered by both the onshore and offshore Courts of the UAE will be enforceable in the Courts of India without a re-examination of the merits.

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.

Witness Evidence Working Group report

8 January 2020

[INSURANCE HORIZONS](#)

On 6 December 2019, the Witness Evidence Working Group (WEWG) published its report on improvements to the current practice regarding factual witness evidence in the Business and Property Courts of England and Wales (BPCs).

Preventive Medicine: Official “Antimonopoly Compliance Guidelines for Business Operators” in China

10 December 2019

On 28 November 2019, the State Administration of Market Regulation (SAMR) released for public comment draft “Anti-Monopoly Compliance Guidelines for Operators” (the “Draft Guidelines”). These non-binding guidelines recommend measures for “business operators” subject to the Antimonopoly Law (AML) to develop and implement antitrust compliance programmes. The Draft Guidelines integrate prevailing best practices for international compliance programmes, while reflecting the unique challenges of antitrust risk management in China.

Angola - Global bribery offenses guide

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Argentina - Global bribery offenses guide

4 December 2019

Global bribery offenses guide

4 December 2019

In recent decades, improved standards in the identification and enforcement of international bribery offenses have provided the backdrop to a growing appreciation and management of bribery risk within the business community.

Jury acquits foreign national in apparent rebuke of DOJ's attempt to police overseas corruption

4 December 2019

The result highlights some significant issues that may, in some cases, limit the ability of the DOJ to prosecute foreign nationals for corruption overseas.

Tanzania - Global bribery offenses guide

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Mauritius - Global bribery offenses guide

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Australia - Global bribery offenses guide

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Burundi - Global bribery offenses guide

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Japan - Global bribery offenses guide

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Zimbabwe - Global bribery offenses guide

4 December 2019

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.

Transaction monitoring – practical guidance for financial institutions from three recent cases

2 December 2019

Curbing fraud and money laundering are top of the international regulatory and political agenda. This article pulls together three recent high-profile decisions which clarify the standards currently expected of banks, in particular, and the financial services sector more generally.

Bahrain - Global bribery offenses guide

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Belgium - Global bribery offenses guide

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Brazil - Global bribery offenses guide

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Hungary - Global bribery offenses guide

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Italy - Global bribery offenses guide

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Disputes, Issue 1

October 2019

DISPUTES

The inaugural issue of *Disputes* examines choice of law and the global class action; the slow death of agency deference; cybercrime via business email; the value of trade secret protection programs; the pre-service removal mechanism; and a significant decision regarding the *McDonnell* "official act" requirement.

Interim Measures now available for Hong Kong arbitrations from the PRC courts

21 October 2019

On 1 October 2019, the Arrangement Concerning Mutual Assistance in Court-ordered Interim Measures in Aid of Arbitral Proceedings by the Courts of the Mainland and of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Arrangement) came into force. This is a significant development because interim measures are now available in the PRC for arbitrations seated in Hong Kong.

Issue 3

17 October 2019

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE

Deals in the Energy and Natural Resources (E&NR) Sector are often complex, high value and high stakes, and disputes can arise at any stage of the deal life cycle. In this third E&NR Case Law Update, we draw together relevant themes emerging from recent cases.

Prompt payment and adjudication have arrived in Ontario

17 OCT 2019

The second phase of Ontario's *Construction Act* reform has finally taken effect - as of October 1, 2019. Ontario construction contracts that meet the applicable transition test will now be governed by the new prompt payment and adjudication regime in the province. In addition, the Authorized Nominating Authority ("ANA") responsible for administering and overseeing the adjudication of construction disputes has now been established under the name, "Ontario Dispute Adjudication for Construction Contracts" or "ODACC".

This bulletin is an updated and supplemented version of a summary we published in April 2019, which takes into account these most recent developments. Please also look out for a further update on similar proposals and legislation across the country, which will be posted shortly.

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?

Brazilian federal government issues decree regulating arbitration in disputes between Public Administration and transport and logistics sectors

1 October 2019

The Brazilian federal government recently issued a decree regulating arbitration of disputes involving the Public Administration and relating to infrastructure projects – ports, roads, railways, waterways and airports.

Reflecting on unauthorised wealth orders: Considerations for mortgagees

2 September 2019

Unexplained wealth orders (UWO) were introduced in January 2018 and the National Crime Agency (NCA) has now successfully obtained five. All but one of the orders specifically target premium London properties; with the remaining order covering eight properties across the UK.

No-deal Brexit: Impact on dispute resolution

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 dispute resolution.

Issue 4: Managing Risks and Disputes

26 August 2019

[DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND OUTSOURCING CONTRACTS](#)

This is the fourth of a series of fortnightly articles in which we will give practical tips on how to avoid contractual issues arising out of digital transformation and outsourcing contracts.

Issue 3: Record-keeping matters

13 August 2019

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Successfully obtaining an anti-suit injunction: Practice points (A v B, July 2019)

6 August 2019

On 19 July 2019, DLA Piper successfully obtained a final anti-suit injunction order in the High Court before His Honourable Mr Justice Jacobs.

Institution of civil class action takes effect in Russia

2 August 2019

On 18 July 2019, the President of Russia signed a law whereby lawsuits can be filed to protect groups of people in civil disputes (so-called "class action suits").

Issue 2: Follow Your Contract

26 July 2019

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND OUTSOURCING CONTRACTS

This is the second of a series of fortnightly issues in which we will give practical tips on how to avoid contractual issues arising out of digital transformation and outsourcing contracts.

Take your 'Seat' - the relative merits of European arbitral seats

19 July 2019

On the 19th June 2019, DLA Piper hosted a debate at their London office on the relative merits of conducting arbitration proceedings in different European seats of arbitration.

Issue 1: Know Your Contract

9 July 2019

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND OUTSOURCING CONTRACTS

This is the first issue of a new fortnightly series in which we will give practical tips on how to avoid contractual issues arising out of digital transformation and outsourcing contracts. In particular, this issue emphasises the importance of knowing the contract, providing top tips as to how best to familiarise yourself with its content.

A gamechanger in international dispute resolution: the 2019 Convention on Enforcement of Foreign Judgments

8 July 2019

International commercial litigation is about to become radically more efficient, in a major development for international businesses. Under the Convention, a judgment given by a court of a Contracting State shall in principle be recognized and enforced in another Contracting State without any review of the merits.

British Standards Institution "Privacy – Raising the standard" Conference, 25 June 2019 in London

28 MAY 2019

We are pleased to announce that Bertold Bär-Bouyssiere, EU Competition Partner and Elected member of the International Board at DLA Piper, will speak at the conference "Privacy – Raising the standard" on 25 June 2019 in London.

Only if the cap fits: *Arkin Cap* not applicable in all funded cases

30 APR 2019

The High Court has recently held in *Davey v Money & Anor* that the *Arkin* cap, whereby the adverse costs liability of a commercial litigation funder is limited to the amount of its investment, should not be applied automatically in all cases involving commercial litigation funders.

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[ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE](#)

Deals in the Energy and Natural Resources (E&NR) Sector are often complex, high value and high stakes, and disputes can arise at any stage of the deal life cycle.

The Vedanta decision and EU law: a post-Brexit outlook on parent company liability

25 APR 2019

On 10 April 2019, the UK Supreme Court handed down judgment in the case of *Vedanta Resources PLC and another v Lungowe and others* [2019] UKSC 20 (Vedanta).

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.

DLA Piper's 2016 Compliance & Risk Report: What CCOs need to know

19 APR 2016

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.

US courts affirm expansive discovery under 28 U.S.C. § 1782

29 SEP 2015

There is increasingly clear consensus among US courts giving § 1782 expansive reach.

Mexico's new National Anticorruption System: 7 key points

20 JUL 2015

Constitutional reform regarding the creation of the National Anticorruption System

Third parties: 4 FCPA takeaways for working with distributors

24 SEP 2014

Four key challenges and related “cures”

Tackling the realities of due diligence in a global setting

24 OCT 2013

For even the most conscientious of companies, hurdles exist to conducting fulsome due diligence in a global setting

Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure

11 JUL 2013

Growing whistleblower activity calls for close employer attention to retaliation issues

7 MAY 2013

Careful consideration must precede adverse action against purported whistleblowers

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

11 MAR 2013

Practical considerations for US federal contractors

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

14 FEB 2013

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

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Global Disputes Forecast: What Lies Ahead in Financial Services Disputes?

13 April 2021

Pan-European Week: Crime made Clear – Navigating criminal and compliance risks

19 April 2021

Pan-European Week: Act on Corporate Due Diligence in Supply Chains – Government Relations

20 April 2021

Webinar

CEE Webinar: What CEE perspective offers to third-party funding?

22 April 2021

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18-20 March 2021

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Webinar

FDI screening rules and EU/China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment

17 March 2021

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Global Disputes Forecast: 2021 - what does the future hold?

22 February 2021

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Milan Investment Arbitration Pre-moot

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Payments Forum – New Year challenges for lawyers in the payments sector

26 January 2020
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The Brexit Deal - what does it mean for climate change and energy?

26 January 2021
Webinar

IBDE: Clarity at last? Brexit, the US election, and the UK's post-Brexit trading future

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Essential Legal Update 2020

12 October 2020 - 15 October 2020
Webinar

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19

16 June 2020 | 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. ET (Session one) | 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. ET (Session two)
Webinar

Force Majeure and US-China Contract Fulfillment Challenges

6 May 2020 | 7:00 - 8:00 PST
Webinar

DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moot 2020 St Petersburg

10-11 March 2020
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
St Petersburg

CIArb Australia Vis Pre-Moot hosted by DLA Piper

5-6 March 2020
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
Melbourne

DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moot 2020 Frankfurt

4 March 2020
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020

Frankfurt

DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moot 2020 Rio de Janeiro

13-14 February 2020
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Rio de Janeiro, RJ

DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moot 2020 São Paulo

13-14 February 2020
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
São Paulo, SP

The Seventh International Pre-Moot Amsterdam

6-9 February 2020
DLA Piper Global Vis Pre-Moots Series 2020
Amsterdam

TopCo liability panel

25 JUN 2019
London

Take your 'Seat' - a debate on the relative merits of European arbitral seats

19 JUN 2019
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Investment Arbitration Planning

13 MAY 2019
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Financial Services Class Actions 360°: What is on the horizon in 2019?

8 MAY 2019
London

Through the looking glass - Finding the balance between transparency and confidentiality in international arbitration

7 MAY 2019

NEWS

DLA Piper launches Aiscension to help detect and prevent cartel activity in collaboration with Reveal

15 March 2021

- New offering delivers cutting-edge technology from *Reveal* alongside DLA Piper's first-class legal know-how
 - Time and cost savings allow for companies to focus on detection
 - Faster, more effective and better value than traditional technology assisted and manual reviews
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DLA Piper advises lenders on the refinancing of the Warnow Tunnel in Germany

26 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised the lenders on the EUR115 million refinancing of the Warnow Tunnel in Rostock (Germany), also known as the Warnow River Crossing (Warnowquerung).

DLA Piper expands Litigation and Regulatory offering in Dublin with key hires

1 February 2021

DLA Piper today announces the expansion of its Litigation and Regulatory practice in Dublin with the appointment of two key hires, as part of the firm's ongoing growth in Ireland.

DLA Piper advises Kölner Pensionskasse and Caritas Pensionskasse on their reorganization

21 January 2021

DLA Piper hat die Kölner Pensionskasse und die Pensionskasse der Caritas aufsichtsrechtlich gegenüber der Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (BaFin), bei der Gestaltung und Umsetzung des Sanierungskonzepts sowie bei dem damit verbundenen formellen Gang in den Status der Liquidation beraten.

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

8 December 2020

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

'Industry standard' for use of arbitration platforms moves a step closer as pan-firm collaboration receives support

30 November 2020

Plans to standardise the approach to online case management in international arbitration are a step closer to reality, after a draft protocol received positive feedback from an industry-wide consultation.

DLA Piper advise Liverpool Football Club on sponsorship claim defence

14 September 2020

DLA Piper has successfully represented The Liverpool Football Club and Athletics Grounds Limited (LFC) in defending a GBP1.13 million claim brought by sports intermediary Winlink Marketing Limited.

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

14 July 2020

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

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

2 July 2020

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

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's

practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.

DLA Piper appoints Head of Global Government Affairs team

6 March 2020

DLA Piper announces the strengthening of its Global Government Affairs team with the appointment of Richard Sterneberg who will head up the team in its Brussels office. Richard brings with him over 20 years of experience working in Brussels as a global government affairs expert.

DLA Piper launches its Global Litigation Guide

3 December 2019

DLA Piper has launched its 'Global Litigation Guide', which covers aspects of civil litigation in 30 jurisdictions worldwide.

DLA Piper continues to boost CEE region capability with new hires in Poland

5 September 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of eight new lawyers in its Warsaw office into three key practice areas of Corporate, Finance & Projects (F&P) and Litigation & Regulatory. These hires follow the recent appointment of corporate partners Marek Sawicki and Jakub Marcinkowski from CMS.

DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice

14 MAY 2019

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

DLA Piper establishes Litigation Regulatory offering in Dublin with partner hire

18 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Caoimhe Clarkin as a Litigation & Regulatory partner in the firm's Dublin office. This is the seventh partner hire for DLA Piper in Dublin this year.
