



Marine Disputes

With decades of experience in the shipping, casualty, offshore, international transportation, trade, shipbuilding, ports and insurance industries, our Marine team protects its clients' interests in all aspects of their operations.

We have experienced shipping lawyers operating in the world's key markets, the flexibility to marshal focused marine teams and multi-disciplinary teams for marine cases, and capable partners and other fee earners ready to deal with all aspects of shipping and marine-related cases.

In addition to marine litigators and non-contentious marine lawyers, our practice includes experienced professionals from across DLA Piper who offer high-quality advice in regulatory and government affairs; corporate crime; investigations; commercial litigation; finance and projects; restructuring; corporate transactions; employment; intellectual property and technology; real estate; and tax. Our lawyers know the shipping sector and offer advice which takes your commercial realities into account.

CAPABILITIES

- Shipbuilding disputes, both in relation to quality issues and finance problems
- Offshore engineering and construction
- Ship finance disputes and loan restructurings
- Charterparties
- Bills of lading
- Sale of goods and documentary credits
- Derivatives
- Maritime casualties
- Marine insurance
- Personal injuries

EXPERIENCE

- Acting for a Swiss-based offshore pipelaying company, in an arbitration in London in relation to a major shipbuilding dispute concerning the conversion of a bulk carrier to a specialised deep sea pipelaying vessel.
- Advising buyers in connection with arbitrations with Russian shipyard over delays in construction and delivery of hull

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- Represented disputes between a Scandinavian buyer and a Far Eastern builder on delivery of a large LNG newbuilding vessel, mainly involving alleged coatings defects.
- Arbitrating under The London Maritime Arbitrators Association Terms on disputes relating to delivery of large newbuilding Moss-type LNG vessel due to issues relating to alleged defects in propulsion system and safety/consumption issues.
- Advising on several occasions, either owners or credit providers, on disputes arising out of ship finance agreements, including withdrawal of committed finance, renegotiations of terms, credit worthiness issues and innovative refinancings.
- Representing charterers of a car carrier high-jacked by pirates off the coast of Africa. Advising on allocation of cargo liability under a NYPE and Owners' liability for unseaworthiness of vessel.
- Numerous casualties and collisions in the South China Seas, Korean Peninsula, Sea of Japan, in and about the Singapore Strait, Indonesia and elsewhere.
- Numerous dry and wet cargo charterparty cases.
- Numerous forward freight and other derivatives disputes.
- Numerous total and partial loss cases under marine insurances.
- General corporate and business disputes, especially joint venture disputes.

NEWS

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 appoints Head of International financial lines insurance disputes

6 August 2020

DLA Piper announces the appointment of Jane Childs to its specialist Insurance & Reinsurance Disputes team within its Litigation & Regulatory practice in London.

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 hires new partners in Australia

23 April 2020

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

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

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

DLA Piper appoints Head of Global Government Affairs team

6 March 2020

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

DLA Piper launches its Global Litigation Guide

3 December 2019

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

DLA Piper makes heavy weight hires to boost its Litigation & Regulatory group

27 November 2019

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

DLA Piper named Regulatory & Investigations Team of the Year

8 November 2019

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

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

5 September 2019

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

DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice

14 MAY 2019

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

DLA Piper establishes Litigation Regulatory offering in Dublin with partner hire

18 APR 2019

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

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1 APR 2019

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

DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Blockchain and Digital Assets practice, which will offer strategic advice on a global basis to address the needs of companies implementing blockchain technology solutions and creating and deploying digital assets.

DLA Piper recognised at Legal 500 UK 2019 Awards

26 FEB 2019

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

Kate Brown de Vejar joins DLA Piper as global co-chair of International Arbitration

22 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Kate Brown de Vejar has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Mexico City and New York.

DLA Piper expands construction disputes team with London partner hire

30 NOV 2018

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

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

30 NOV 2018

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

DLA Piper Hires High-Profile Litigator in Spain

5 NOV 2018

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

DLA Piper and IKM Advocates secure victory for the Republic of Kenya defeating a US\$2 billion ICSID claim

24 OCT 2018

In a decisive victory for the Republic of Kenya, DLA Piper and DLA Piper Africa member firm, IKM Advocates, have successfully defeated the claim estimated to be worth US\$2 billion in arbitration proceedings brought by a mining investor, Cortec Mining Kenya Limited. The claim was brought under the bilateral investment treaty (BIT) between the UK and Kenya dated 13 September 1999. The arbitration took place under the auspices of the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), with the hearing taking place in Dubai in January 2018. The Tribunal issued its award on 22 October 2018.
