



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.

CAPABILITES

- 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 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.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

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

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.

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 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.

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.

Janet Legrand QC (Hon) named Woman of the Year at the Law Society Excellence Awards

18 OCT 2018

DLA Piper partner and Senior Elected Board Member, Janet Legrand QC (Hon) has been named Woman Lawyer of the Year at the Law Society Excellence awards 2018, held on 17th October at Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

DLA Piper hosts inaugural Afghanistan-UK Business Conference

18 SEP 2018

DLA Piper's London office yesterday hosted the first Afghanistan-UK Business Conference, organised by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in London and the International Chamber of Commerce in Afghanistan. The event, aimed at further enhancing Afghanistan-UK bilateral business, trade and investment relations, was attended by over 100 participants including public and private sector leaders, potential investors, NGOs and consultants, amongst others.

DLA Piper's GTGA team named Sanctions Law Firm of the year 2018

27 JUL 2018

DLA Piper's Global Trade and Government Affairs (GTGA) team has been named Sanctions Law Firm of the year, Europe, at this year's WorldECR Awards.

DLA Piper acts for Daughters' Rights in application to ECHR over right to be elected to the House of Lords

17 JUL 2018

DLA Piper is acting for five daughters of hereditary peers who are taking the UK Government to the European Court of Human Rights over laws barring them from standing for election to the House of Lords.

DLA Piper hires financial services and insurance sector team in Belgium

2 JUL 2018

DLA Piper in Antwerp has today been joined by a team of financial services and insurance sector lawyers from Baker McKenzie.

DLA Piper secures victory for Transatel SA in landmark telecoms dispute

20 JUN 2018

DLA Piper has secured a victory for the French telecommunications service provider, Transatel SA, in a dispute under telecommunications law before the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA). In this landmark procedure, the BNetzA ordered the German mobile network operator, Telefónica Germany GmbH & Co. OHG, to submit a draft agreement regarding access to regulated wholesale roaming services to Transatel.

DLA Piper arbitration practice celebrates climb in annual Global Arbitration Review rankings

18 APR 2018

Global Arbitration Review (GAR) has unveiled its annual ranking of the world's leading international arbitration practices, with DLA Piper rising to the 13th place, up ten places from the previous year.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper Africa advises Adenia Partners on acquisition of controlling stake in Kanu Equipment Limited

23 MAR 2018

Kanu has been driving an expansion strategy across Sub-Saharan Africa in recent years and the business now operates in 13 countries, servicing the agriculture, construction and mining industries.

DLA Piper advises Timor-Leste on historic maritime treaty

6 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has been advising the Government of Timor-Leste, for more than four years, on its historic maritime treaty with the Australian Government, signed today at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the successful outcome of a compulsory conciliation process.

Four DLA Piper partners recognised in Jeune Afrique's Top 50 Lawyers in Francophone Africa 2017

20 FEB 2018

DLA Piper is delighted to congratulate Litigation & Regulatory partners Michael Ostrove and Alexander Brabant, Finance & Projects partner Eric Villateau, and Corporate partner Christophe Bachelet, on their inclusion in *Jeune Afrique's* Top 50 Business Lawyers in Francophone Africa 2017 rankings. This year, more DLA Piper lawyers than ever before have been awarded a place on the rankings, with partners scoring individual record rankings for the firm.

Businesses still not fully aware of Data Protection issues

31 JAN 2018

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

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

17 JAN 2018

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