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John McKinlay advises a range of businesses and public sector organisations on contractual, technology, and intellectual property matters. His core practice is negotiating commercial, outsourcing and technology contracts.

He advises clients in a range of industries, most commonly financial services, life sciences, and public sector, and regularly advises on projects which involve working across a number of international jurisdictions.

John heads DLA Piper's UK Intellectual Property and Technology practice.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Admitted as a Solicitor with the Law Society of Scotland
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

- "John McKinlay is "absolutely first class" because "he takes a pragmatic approach to matters, and is very approachable and very knowledgeable on the outsourcing of IT services." (*Chambers and Partners UK 2017*)
- "John McKinlay is well respected by market sources for his skilled handling of commercial IP transactions." (*Chambers and Partners UK 2017*)
- "John McKinlay is 'easy to work with, commercial, and very bright.'" (*Legal 500, UK 2016*)

Education

- University of Edinburgh, LLB (Hons) First Class, 1993; Diploma in Legal Practice, 1994

Memberships

RELATED SERVICES

- Intellectual Property and Technology

RELATED SECTORS

- Technology
- Life Sciences
- Government Contracting
- Hospitality and Leisure
- Financial Services

- Convenor of the Law Society of Scotland's Technology Law and Practice Committee

INSIGHTS

Publications

Collaboration in Financial Services - Regulation and Challenges

3 MAY 2019

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

Finovation: Friend or Foe

5 FEB 2019

The pace of collaboration between FinTech companies and traditional banks is rapidly increasing, particularly with the introduction of new players with a greater focus on the 'tech'.

Blockchain: background, challenges and legal issues

2 FEB 2018

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

"Outsourcing: A Practical Guide," *Globe Law and Business*, September 2015