



## Media, Sport and Entertainment

One legal practice has emerged as a preferred choice among parties involved in the media, sports and entertainment sectors who demand superior representation and client service.

DLA Piper understands the way the media, sport and entertainment industries work. We are trusted legal advisors, with the experience and reach to advise in any major jurisdiction. Our clients benefit from our deep industry knowledge and experience, and from our creative, solution-oriented and responsive approach.

We have a market-leading international team of media, sport and entertainment lawyers throughout the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. We offer the benefits of a global business law firm, with a network of experience extending across the world.

DLA Piper is at the forefront of advising the media, sport and entertainment industries on finance, borrowing, investment and corporate issues, production and rights acquisitions, exploiting media rights, staging and exploiting live sports and other events, intellectual property protection and enforcement, regulatory and administrative issues, antitrust and competition law, stadium and arena development and on the resolution of disputes.

We advise leagues, clubs, franchise owners, broadcasters, advertisers, international and national governing bodies, rights holders, agencies and promoters, studios, distributors, event promoters, sponsors, investors, banks and other leading corporations and individuals. Our lawyers are also well positioned to provide a full range of business legal services to the emerging esports industry.

Our team is regularly recognized as a leading legal team and recent highlights include:

- Band 1 in Media (*Chambers Europe 2017*)
- Tier 1 in Sport and Media & Entertainment (*Legal 500 UK 2016*)
- Band 2 in Sports Law: Nationwide (*Chambers USA 2017*)
- Band 2 in TMT (*Chambers Global 2017*)
- Band 2 in Sport (*Legal 500 US 2016*)
- Band 1 in TMT (*Chambers UAE 2017*)
- Entertainment Law Firm of the Year (*Who's Who Legal 2015*)

### Recent experience

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#### RELATED SERVICES

- Finance
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Real Estate

- Premier League with its broadcasting and media rights activities
- A.S. Roma and its affiliates with the construction, planning, real estate and corporate matters for the new Stadio della Roma and related mixed-use development
- Los Angeles Chargers in connection with their relocation from San Diego to Los Angeles
- NBA China regarding its complex matters, including responding to a shifting audio-visual regulatory landscape (primary re: the European Digital Single Market), virtual advertising issues and a wide variety of other commercial arrangements
- Qatar's Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy on partnership arrangements for the development of a stadium and tournament infrastructure and the legacy redevelopment of one of the 2022 Football World Cup tournament sites
- Vice Media on the creation of 'VICELAND', a series of linear television channels
- Los Angeles Football Club in connection with corporate, tax, finance, employment and commercial matters relating to its run up to its first MLS match and new stadium
- Dentsu Aegis, the world's leading, focused media and digital communications group, with various transactions
- Discovery on its pan-European acquisition of rights to the Summer and Winter Olympic Games for 2018-2024. US and international sporting organisations on trademark, athlete rights of publicity, and ticket resale issues relating to the Olympic Games
- Australian Football League on the landmark acquisition of Melbourne's Etihad Stadium
- Lenders' counsel in connection with a new stadium for Raiders Las Vegas
- Lenders' counsel in connection with a new stadium for Tottenham Hotspur
- Germany's leading broadcasters in connection with important regulatory issues, including advertising regulation on product placement or insertion of adverts, license obligations to carry third parties and the protection of minors

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **China Enforces Tax Collection on Employees Working for Chinese-invested Enterprises Overseas**

16 October 2020

With the recent IIT reform in 2019, and the introduction of a number of implementation rules (particularly the tax policy on overseas income), it appears the China tax authorities are taking a harder stance on how overseas income derived by China tax residents will be taxed in China, starting with Chinese expatriates working for Chinese state-owned enterprises.

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#### **COVID-19 – Galvanising your business against supply chain and customer insolvency risk**

7 October 2020

The risk of unforeseen counterparty customer or supplier financial distress and failure amidst the on-going challenges for businesses from COVID-19 means that pre-emptive legal and operational protections against the risk of heavy financial loss or business disruption from customer/supplier failure are more valuable than ever.

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#### **Mass layoffs and collective redundancies guide**

6 October 2020

As COVID-19 continues to impact the global economy in unprecedented ways, companies that have had to scale back or shut down operations are bracing for what the next few months will bring, and what this means for their workforces. In this guide, we examine key considerations for employers looking to make permanent reductions in force across APAC.

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#### **COVID-19: DLA Piper's global industry guide to resuming production post-pandemic**

5 October 2020

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Now that many countries are slowly beginning to experience COVID-19 lockdown restrictions easing and a push to restart industries, we have compiled this comprehensive report on the key considerations for resuming film and TV productions across 15 jurisdictions.

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## **Sports betting and the protections of "enhanced" sports data in the US**

30 September 2020

A supply of reliable, available data is the fuel needed for sportsbooks to create and compile odds, bet types, and risk management products.

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## **Details of the second tranche of Hong Kong's Employment Support Scheme released**

24 August 2020

On 18 August 2020 the Hong Kong government announced details surrounding the second tranche of the Employment Support Scheme. While the majority of the rules surrounding the second tranche remain largely the same as the first tranche, there are new penalties for employers who have fallen foul of a number of nebulous terms.

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## **Safeguarding children in the virtual world of esports – lessons to be learnt from the real world**

11 August 2020

### **[PATCH NOTES: DLA PIPER GUIDE TO ESPORTS STATE OF PLAY IN 2020](#)**

The challenge of protecting the rights of young people facing the esports industry is not unique. Traditional sports industries have been learning how to balance the nurturing of talent with the protection of young people for many years. In this article we explore the lessons that can be learnt from traditional sports in the growth of esports.

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## **Release of exposure draft legislation for major reforms to Australia's Foreign Investment Framework**

10 August 2020

Many governments around the world have been strengthening their laws relating to foreign investment. Australia is no exception to this development and has just released proposed sweeping reforms to its foreign investment regime. In this article, we provide a high level overview of the key proposed amendments and our thoughts on how some of those proposals are likely to affect foreign investment into Australia.

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## **Vlog series: How to raise equity capital during the Coronavirus pandemic (UK)**

4 August 2020

The first half of 2020 has seen an unprecedented volume of activity by companies raising capital through follow-on equity offerings on the London Stock Exchange in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. There have been over 140 equity issues on the London Stock Exchange's main market or AIM since 20 March 2020 raising more than GBP14 billion.

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## **Hong Kong Government increases statutory entitlement for maternity leave**

16 July 2020

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On 10 October 2018, the Chief Executive stated in her policy address that the government proposed to increase the statutory maternity leave entitlement from ten to 14 weeks.

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## **New Dutch Franchise Act poses challenges for franchisors**

1 July 2020

### **[FRANCAST](#)**

The legislation offers a number of protections to franchisees, which will be problematic for foreign franchisors who transact with well-established Dutch franchisees. The law will take effect on January 1, 2021, although it provides a two-year transition period for existing agreements.

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## **Changes to Hong Kong anti-discrimination legislation**

30 June 2020

Anti-discrimination laws in Hong Kong have undergone a series of changes over the past few years.

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## **Esports as sport**

22 June 2020

### **[PATCH NOTES: DLA PIPER GUIDE TO ESPORTS STATE OF PLAY IN 2020](#)**

As esports evolve and the business grows, the sector has a major hurdle to overcome. Only recognition of competitive, organized video gaming as a sport can lift regulatory restrictions that are currently limiting its global growth. To maintain the recent momentum this sector needs to rapidly implement a consistent regulatory regime worldwide.

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## **Influencers and esports**

9 June 2020

### **[PATCH NOTES: DLA PIPER GUIDE TO ESPORTS STATE OF PLAY IN 2020](#)**

Esports have been widely reported as a beneficiary of the restrictions flowing from the COVID-19 pandemic as other competitive sports were placed in lockdown. This article explores the commercial background to the European esports sector and how far the last few months will have a lasting impact.

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## **The rules of the game**

4 June 2020

### **[PATCH NOTES: DLA PIPER GUIDE TO ESPORTS STATE OF PLAY IN 2020](#)**

As we look to the future of sport, our global MSE team consider a variety of the issues impacting on esports and their development. In this report we consider some of the concerns regarding the regulation of esports and the lessons which organisers, participants and administrators need to learn as the industry continues its meteoric rise.

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## COVID-19 Media productions and filming

28 May 2020

As the world looks tentatively towards opening economies and takes its first steps toward the “new normal”, we are pleased to introduce this guide to provide the latest updates on the legal aspects of lockdown, and on restarting production work.

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## Coronavirus: Changes to rules governing meetings and the execution of company documents (Australia)

7 May 2020

Certain requirements in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) relating to shareholders meetings, and document signatures, are not compatible with public health requirements for social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. In order to facilitate these important corporate functions during this period, on May 6, 2020 the Australian Federal Government introduced the Corporations (Coronavirus Economic Response) Determination (No. 1) 2020.

This determination modifies the legislative requirements regarding meetings and execution of company documents. These changes come into force on 6 May 2020, and will expire after six months, on 5 November 2020.

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## 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.

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## Coronavirus: Directors' duties and making decisions in a crisis (Australia)

4 May 2020

Directors need to carefully consider the risks of the COVID-19 outbreak within their business, given its impact on the global economy. As many now face significant, and increasing, cash flow pressure, directors should carefully consider their actions in the context of the legal framework.

In this new guide we have set out the practical steps directors should be taking to protect their company and its business going forwards.

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## Coronavirus: reopening businesses – compliance risks

24 April 2020

Companies looking to reopen are urged to do so in compliance with varying, changing government restrictions to avoid longer term liabilities that could potentially outweigh short term gains

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## German media productions and filming in times of the Corona pandemic

17 April 2020

Which legal regulations must be observed? Am I still allowed to film in my production facility? Are my employees still allowed to come to work? Is exterior filming on public ground still permissible?

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## **Adapting to a new consumer market**

15 April 2020

As consumer-facing businesses consider changes in their business models, avoiding legal pitfalls in some key areas is necessary for a successful transition.

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## **Impact of COVID-19 on the sports sector**

15 April 2020

Sporting events around the world are being postponed or cancelled by governing bodies in a bid to prevent the spread of coronavirus. A range of sports have taken action, with the Football Association suspending the 2019-2020 professional football season, UEFA delaying Euro 2020 until the summer of 2021 and Formula 1 postponing a number of races with a view to announcing new race dates later on in the 2020 season.

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## **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.

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## **Contract analysis in a crisis: flowcharts**

7 April 2020

Flowcharts providing considerations for analyzing commercial contracts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic through a logical process flow that can serve as a practical checklist.

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## **Cost-cutting considerations in the time of COVID-19 (Part 3 – employment issues outside the US)**

7 April 2020

A deeper dive into various cost-saving measures and their viability for employers outside the US.

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## **COVID-19 and the "essential business" designation: Practical guidance for businesses that fall in the gray area between "essential" and "non-essential"**

6 April 2020

Certain frequently asked questions as well as practical guidance.

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## **Beyond social distancing: What employers need to know to keep their workplaces safe and manage privacy obligations in the face of COVID-19**

2 April 2020

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Guidance from OSHA, EEO and CDC to help employers seeking to protect the health, safety and privacy of their on-site employees.

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### **Coronavirus: Directors' duties and making decisions in a crisis**

1 April 2020

Directors need to carefully consider the risks of the COVID-19 outbreak within their business, given its impact on the global economy. As many now face significant, and increasing, cash flow pressure, directors should carefully consider their actions in the context of the legal framework.

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### **Coronavirus: Cybersecurity considerations for your newly remote workforce (United States)**

31 March 2020

Cyber risk management involves balancing the productivity of a workforce with ensuring confidentiality, integrity and availability of the company's own systems and data, as well as that of their supply chain.

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### **Coronavirus: DHS Response to COVID-19 - What US Employers Need to Know**

29 March 2020

Key questions and answers related to the new DHS guidance.

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### **Coronavirus: Cyber hygiene practices**

25 March 2020

While the world is responding to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and individuals are increasingly focused on personal hygiene and social distancing, augmenting cyber hygiene efforts at home and at work are increasing in importance too.

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### **Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures (Part 2 – Employment issues outside the US)**

25 March 2020

A general overview of key employment issues to consider outside of the US in light of COVID-19.

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### **Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures in the US - Part 1**

25 March 2020

Key employment-related issues for US-based employers in relation to cost-saving measures due to COVID-19.

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### **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-

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at-Home"-type Orders. This alert provides details on a number of state and local government orders.

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### **Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Business interruptions and resulting effects in the global economy (Global)**

16 March 2020

While the overall scope and duration of the economic impacts are difficult to forecast, there will undoubtedly be a significant increase in workouts, restructurings, rescue financings, forbearances, and other similar activities over the coming months.

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### **An update on the impact of the coronavirus on business in Singapore**

12 February 2020

Due to the evolving 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease (the COVID-19) situation, the Ministry of Health (the MOH) and the Ministry of Manpower (the MOM) have, since January 2020, issued advisories which employers will need to be aware of. In particular, the MOH and MOM have, since our last update on February 12 2020, updated and issued new advisories due to the increased risk of importation of COVID-19 into Singapore.

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### **Hong Kong Government introduces mandatory quarantine measures**

11 February 2020

On 9 February 2020, the number of deaths due to the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Numerous governments have been implementing restrictions barring entry to those with recent travel history through Mainland China, including Singapore, Japan, Australia and the United States. Following pressure from public health workers, the Hong Kong Government has now followed suit and has begun a mandatory two-week quarantine for anyone arriving from Mainland China.

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### **How to resume business amid the coronavirus outbreak (China)**

11 February 2020

As reported in our previous article, China has extended its Chinese New Year holiday and work suspension period as a result of the novel coronavirus outbreak which has now infected more than 40,000 people around the world.

This is a summary of the Back to Work Day and compensation for working before Back to Work Day in key cities and provinces across China.

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### **EU Policy & Regulatory Alert**

3 February 2020

On 29 January 2020, the new European Commission has adopted its 2020 annual Work Programme, announcing 43 new concrete policy and legislative measures to be introduced over the course of the year of 2020, and thereby translating into practice the Political Guidelines of new European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

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## **APAC employment issues arising out of the Coronavirus (AsiaPac)**

31 January 2020

On 29 January 2020, the number of confirmed cases of the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Multinationals with local operations around the APAC region have been significantly affected. As staff return to the office following the Chinese New Year holiday period, businesses are now considering what they can do to minimise any risk to health and safety and support staff through this challenging period where anxiety and uncertainty is rife, whilst at the same time complying with their employment obligations and maintaining business continuity. Putting in place detailed business and contingency plans and ensuring careful communications with staff to address key topics and concerns is key, as is keeping such plans and communications under frequent review given the fluidity of the current situation.

This alert considers some of the key issues that HR and business leaders should be considering across the APAC region.

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## **Harsher penalties on discriminatory employment practices in Singapore**

29 January 2020

The Fair Consideration Framework was updated in January 2020 to impose harsher penalties on employers found to be engaging in discriminatory practices such as by favouring the hiring of foreigners over Singaporeans.

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## **China extends holidays for workers amid coronavirus outbreak (China)**

28 January 2020

Learn about how the widely publicised corona virus outbreak affects business in Greater China.

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## **Iran nuclear deal: the launch of the 'Dispute Resolution Mechanism' and the 'potential snapback' of UN and EU sanctions**

17 January 2020

This week, France, Germany and Britain have triggered the Dispute Resolution Mechanism against Iran under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Will this process lead to the re-imposition of UN and EU sanctions on Iran?

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## **Panels examine trademark litigation and the CCPA at our 13th annual Women in IP Law CLE Luncheon**

19 December 2019

Most of the more than 180 guests were leading IP counsel] for some of the Bay Area's largest tech companies.

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## **EU launches preparatory work for a global sanctions regime for human rights violations**

17 December 2019

On 9 December 2019, High Representative/Vice-President of the European Union Josep Borrell announced that the Foreign Affairs Council has agreed with strong consensus to start the preparatory work for a global sanctions regime to address serious human rights violations.

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## **New European Commission Assumed Office on 1 December 2019**

2 December 2019

The new leadership of the European Commission has officially assumed office yesterday, Sunday, 1 December 2019, for a five-year term. The newly assembled College of Commissioners obtained a comfortable majority in an approval vote in the European Parliament plenary session on Wednesday, 27 November 2019.

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## **Esports Laws of the World**

21 November 2019

The esports market has been booming over the last few years, but in some cases, regulations have not been able to catch up. In this guide, we look at the local legal and regulatory requirements for the esports industry across 38 countries, to help you identify potential issues and solutions.

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## **SportsLaw podcast: Academy players, agents and on-field discipline**

20 November 2019

### **[SPORTSLAW PODCASTS](#)**

How are agents regulated in rugby? What makes a good rugby agent? And are there any recent trends in on-field disciplinary offences in rugby? In the last part of our series with the RFU, Nick Fitzpatrick and Alasdair Muller speak to Angus Bujalski and Stuart Tennant to find out.

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## **SportsLaw podcast: Betting integrity and anti-doping: The RFU approach**

15 October 2019

### **[SPORTSLAW PODCASTS](#)**

In the second episode of DLA Piper's SportsLaw Podcast, Nick Fitzpatrick and Alasdair Muller speak with Angus Bujalski and Stuart Tennant from the RFU. The discussion looks at how the RFU's overarching integrity strategy is used to combat issues such as match fixing and doping.

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## **With great influence comes great responsibility: potential liabilities in the growing influencer marketplace**

30 Sep 2019

What responsibility, if any, falls on the influencer for social media product endorsements?

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## **SportLaw podcast: Rugby World Cup and players' social media**

17 September 2019

### **[SPORTSLAW PODCASTS](#)**

Nick Fitzpatrick and Alasdair Muller speak to RFU Legal and Governance Director Angus Bujalski and RFU Legal Counsel Stuart Tennant about the upcoming World Cup and players' use of social media.

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## **Caster Semenya ruling and the pros and cons of the Court of Arbitration for Sport**

6 September 2019

On April 30, 2019 the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) gave its much anticipated ruling on the case of Caster Semenya, dismissing the challenges brought by her and Athletics South Africa (ASA) regarding the validity of the International Association of Athletics Federations' (IAAF) Eligibility Regulations for Female Classification (Athletes with Differences of Sex Development) (the DSD Regulations).

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## **Sport Now: DLA Piper's Media, Sport and Entertainment sector, sports magazine**

6 September 2019

Welcome to the September 2019 edition of Sport Now, DLA Piper's global magazine focusing on all sports related matters in the legal world. We hope you enjoy reading about the latest developments across the sector. Contact us or any of the authors, in

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case of any queries.

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## **No-deal Brexit: Impact on media, sport and entertainment**

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 media, sports and entertainment companies

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## **EU Impact - Issue 6**

1 August 2019

While you are looking forward to departing on your well-deserved summer holidays (or are reading our newsletter while at your holiday destination already), the EU institutions have likewise reduced their activities to a minimum as from last week until the end of August.

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## **Supreme Court Corner**

24 July 2019

The Court clarifies a circuit split over copyright in *Fourth Estate* and, in *Mission Product Holdings*, says a licensee's rights survive the licensor's bankruptcy.

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## **Who's that bot? California requires clear disclosure starting 7/1/2019**

20 June 2019

A California law attempts to tackle the problem of automated online accounts that simulate conversation – and that are used to confuse or deceive.

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## **EU Impact - Issue 4/2019**

10 MAY 2019

With only two weeks left until the European elections of 23-26 May 2019, Europeans find themselves at the beginning of a months-long period of crucial transformations that are expected to significantly impact citizens and businesses in the medium- and long term.

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## **Mexico: Anti-money laundering rules / self-correction program**

8 MAY 2019

Mexico's new rules aim to encourage non-compliant taxpayers to meet their reporting obligations.

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## **EU Policy & Regulatory Alert - EU Publishes Artificial Intelligence Ethics Guidelines**

12 APR 2019

On 8 April 2019, the EU's High-Level Expert Group ("AI HLEG") on Artificial Intelligence ("AI") published the much-anticipated "Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI", setting out a horizontal framework for the development and deployment of ethical and robust AI systems across the EU

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## **EU Impact - Issue 3/2019**

29 MAR 2019

Monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments relevant for your sector

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## **EU Policy & Regulatory Update - European Parliament Adopts EU Copyright Reform**

28 MAR 2019

Following two and a half years of negotiations and unprecedented public attention, the European Parliament adopted the controversial EU copyright reform in its plenary session on 26 March 2019.

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## **EU Policy & Regulatory Alert: EU Mechanism for Foreign Investment Screening to Enter into Force in April**

21 MAR 2019

Today, on 21 March 2019, the new Regulation establishing a framework for the screening of foreign direct investments into the Union was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (EU).

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## **Top of Mind: Litigation**

20 MAR 2019

In this issue, our coverage of 10 big topics businesses have been thinking about this quarter.

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## **EU Impact - Issue 2/2019**

4 MAR 2019

Monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments relevant for your sector

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## **Major Sporting Events - The Legal Requirements**

13 FEB 2019

The world's major sporting events continue to grow when it comes to the number of countries, participants and visitors involved, as well as the money invested and revenues generated. These events also involve a broad spectrum of legal issues, and high-quality legal advice is of immense importance.

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## **DOJ reverses its 2011 Opinion, concludes Wire Act prohibitions "sweep beyond sports gambling"**

18 JAN 2019

An opinion that will have a significant effect on the Internet gaming and lottery industries.

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### **DLA Piper Slovakia: Online gambling liberalisation**

14 JAN 2019

Slovakia is planning to liberalize the online gambling market. The planned effectiveness of the proposed act is 1 March 2019.

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### **Sport Now: DLA Piper's Media, Sport and Entertainment sector magazine**

10 JAN 2019

We've collated articles from a wide variety of countries to provide you with an overview of what's pertinent in the sector in your country and to show how this compares to sector in other parts of the world.

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### **DLA Piper grows Entertainment Finance and Transactions capabilities in Los Angeles**

21 DEC 2018

DLA Piper recently welcomed seasoned entertainment and media attorneys Tom Ara and David Markman to the growing Los Angeles office and IPT group.

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### **Supreme Court Corner Q4 2018**

20 DEC 2018

A trademark case concerning the Lanham Act's prohibition of "immoral" marks; a patent case asking whether the government is a "person" under the AIA.

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### **The Music Modernization Act: stronger protections for artists and publishers**

21 DEC 2018

The MMA revamps the Copyright Act in three major aspects.

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### **EU Policy & Regulatory Alert: New Regulation on Foreign Direct Investment Screening in the EU**

22 NOV 2018

The European Union is moving fast towards establishing a joint regulatory and policy framework for Europeans to seize the opportunities provided by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to reinforce Europe's competitiveness in this field.

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### **Real Estate Gazette: Sports and Stadia**

7 NOV 2018

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## REAL ESTATE GAZETTE

This issue highlights the various legal issues related to sports and stadium development.

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### Tax incentives in Puerto Rico: a quick introduction

13 JUN 2017

Puerto Rico offers a spectrum of economic incentives aiming to promote many key industries. This handbook offers a quick look at ten of the most significant of these incentives.

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### UK: The real risk of cyber attack

1 AUG 2011

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## EVENTS

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#### Media: OTT & film

10 November 2020

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12 November 2020

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#### Media: Social media & music

1 December 2020

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#### Sport: Anti-piracy, esports and gambling

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### Global return to work in the media industry

11 June 2020  
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### Webinar: Impact of COVID-19 on the sports sector - Update

30 April 2020

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### COVID-19: Funding considerations for stakeholders in the sports sector

27 April 2020  
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### Webinar: Impact of coronavirus COVID-19 on the sports sector

18 March 2020

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### Joint Bidding - The joys and tribulations

27 November 2019  
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### Doping in sport: Regulation and challenging decisions

13 November 2019  
[DOPING IN SPORT: REGULATION AND CHALLENGING DECISIONS](#)  
Webinar

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### TopCo liability panel

25 JUN 2019  
London

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### Corporate Joint Ventures in the Media, Sport And Entertainment Sector

17 JAN 2019

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## **Football Club Financing**

29 NOV 2018  
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## **NEWS**

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Concord in closing of US\$1 billion in debt financing**

18 August 2020

DLA Piper represented Concord in a US\$600 million term loan B debt offering and US\$450 million revolving credit facility, providing the company with access to over US\$1 billion of total debt financing in one of the largest music industry financings in recent times.

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### **DLA Piper advises AS Roma in its sale to The Friedkin Group for €591 million**

17 August 2020

DLA Piper represented AS Roma SPV, LLC, the majority shareholder of Italian soccer club AS Roma, in the sale of its controlling interest in the team and certain related assets to The Friedkin Group, Inc., in a transaction valued at €591 million.

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### **DLA Piper wins landmark broadcasting dispute at the Federal Administrative Court for SAT.1**

21 July 2020

DLA Piper has obtained two landmark decisions on central broadcasting law issues for ProSiebenSat.1 TV Deutschland GmbH and Sat.1 SatellitenFernsehen GmbH in a dispute with the state media authorities of Rhineland-Palatinate (LMK) and of Hesse (LPR) at the Federal Administrative Court (BVerwG).

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### **DLA Piper advises Pricecheck Toiletries on Warehouse Expansion Deal**

20 June 2020

DLA Piper has advised international wholesaler and distributor of fast-moving consumer goods, Pricecheck Toiletries Limited, on the expansion of their warehouse operation capacity.

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### **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020**

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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.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper releases its global guide to esports regulations**

25 November 2019

DLA Piper has today launched its 'Esports Laws of the World' guide which covers regulations covering 38 jurisdictions.

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### **DLA Piper advises Dutch GP team on successful FIA Formula One race bid**

17 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has advised the Dutch Grand Prix team on its arrangements with Formula One to host a round of the FIA Formula One World Championship at the Circuit Park Zandvoort, close to Amsterdam.

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

18 APR 2019

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

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

1 APR 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper advises on £255 million takeover of Manx Telecom**

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper is advising AIM listed telecommunications provider, Manx Telecom plc, on its proposed takeover by Kelion Bidco for a total cash consideration of approximately £255.9 million.

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## **DLA Piper advises Ocean Outdoor on €51m acquisitions of Dutch groups Interbest and Ngage Media**

13 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised digital advertising firm Ocean Outdoor on its approximately €51 million (£43.5 million) acquisitions of Interbest (Interbest) and Ngage Media (Ngage), two leading digital out-of-home (DOOH) companies operating across the Netherlands.

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## **Sustainability and ESG**

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The Media, Sport and Entertainment (MSE) sector is diverse and faces an equally diverse spectrum of sustainability and environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) challenges. Key sustainability issues across the sector include data privacy, diversity and inclusion, equality, anti-discrimination, competition, and fraud and corruption. Social and governance issues dominate the sector, although, increasingly, attention is turning to environmental issues: high energy use, waste, and climate change concerns.

Having advised a range of MSE clients, among them the world's largest football league, leading global media outlets, leading advertising agencies and major Hollywood studios, we understand the sector is complex and multi-faceted, operating across multiple jurisdictions and responding to an array of different stakeholders. We have seen that businesses that respond to sustainability issues in a reactive, siloed manner stand to lose their market position, profit, access to capital and brand value. Businesses cannot assume that tackling one ESG issue well (such as a single sexual harassment claim) is the end of the sustainability story.

Our MSE Sustainability and ESG team takes a holistic approach to these complexities. We begin with our extensive experience advising businesses on such issues as intellectual property protection, finance and corporate governance, regulatory compliance, media rights, antitrust and competition law, and disputes and crisis management. Our team combines this in-depth legal experience across the MSE sector with wider experience on cross-cutting ESG issues to offer our clients integrated, comprehensive advice wherever they are in their responsibility journey – whether developing a sustainability strategy or managing disputes and crises.

Companies that are adopters and leaders in the transition to a sustainable future face not only risks and challenges but ample opportunities for growth. Our team strives to work with you to manage the risks and harness the opportunities as you make this transition.

### **MEDIA, BROADCASTING AND FILM**

Media, broadcasting and film companies face systemic risks associated with customer engagement, data security and the right to privacy. Content regulation has moved beyond mere compliance; consumers have become social media activists and companies are judged for media bias, prejudice and discriminatory content. For example, film and content companies are exposed to key person risk and are highly vulnerable to social controversies which may result in program changes and cancellations. While social factors predominate, film studios and broadcasters today are also facing pressures to address environmental concerns—to limit emissions and ensure sustainable energy use and energy efficiency and to manage waste in high-budget productions.

### **PUBLISHING**

For the publishing industry, the changing nature of its relationship with the consumer in the digital era has uncovered new

sustainability challenges. Companies need to respond to customer concerns, particularly on data privacy and security, as well as regulatory concerns on anti-competitive practices and content regulation. Compliance in one area is often not enough to meet stakeholder expectations: for example, social movements are raising pressure on publishers to be accountable for content.

## ADVERTISING

The shift to a greater emphasis on sustainability and ESG issues is particularly noticeable in the advertising sector, where brands are increasingly making claims about their products' sustainability credentials and are also giving greater precedence to ethical issues in ad placement. Given the increased importance of sustainability issues to consumers, advertising regulators are more closely focussing on such matters. This means that compliance with advertising regulation around issues such as environmental ad claims, charity partnerships, and social cause-linked marketing campaigns is more important than ever before, for both advertisers and agencies.

## SPORTS TEAMS AND FRANCHISES

The sports governance sector is facing pressure to transition to a sustainable model not only from the growing number of investors with responsible investment standards but the broad base of consumers and fans. The focus in sports has been on the social aspects of ESG, including anti-discrimination, equality and diversity and inclusion, and the governance aspects, such as fraud and corruption. Sports teams and franchises that have failed to meet stakeholder expectations—for example, by creating policies to address racial inequities and sexual harassment—have faced a social and investor backlash. Those teams with home stadiums are also being held accountable on environmental performance, including emissions, energy efficiency and waste management.

## EVENTS HELD ON A GLOBAL SCALE

Events held on an international or global scale involve a range of sustainability considerations, from understanding local laws and regulation of emissions, energy use and waste management to supply chain management, mass transit accessibility, employment rights, and jurisdictional risks in each host country. Broader social and environmental factors play key roles too. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, which swiftly led to the cancellation of competitions and performances on every level around the world, has shown how such large-scale events can be particularly vulnerable to social and environmental factors. Climate change – higher temperatures, the smoke from fires, lack of winter snow, drought, flooding – is already impacting an array of sports from football and tennis to skiing and golf. Planning for events such as international sport competitions will continue to be challenging in the new normal.

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To discuss these issues in more detail please get in touch with our sustainability leaders.