



Patent Prosecution and Strategic Patent Counseling

Effectively and strategically prosecuting patents is critical to business, especially for innovative companies. Success may depend on protecting unique technology and revenue streams, while at the same time advancing patents to increase the likelihood they would successfully survive litigation in the future. Our patent lawyers, working with a network of firms around the world, regularly handle patent prosecution for clients on five different continents, including major global corporations, emerging companies and innovative institutions such as manufacturers, service providers, universities and other law firms.

Patent Prosecution

DLA Piper has extensive experience in global patent application drafting and prosecution as well as patent litigation and licensing around the world. We regularly help clients navigate the constantly shifting legal landscape, such as the reforms implemented by the America Invents Act (AIA).

We focus on strategic prosecution – the art of obtaining truly significant and enforceable claims issued at the least expense. Our services don't end, though, with the issuance of a patent. We can support you in the variety of increasingly important post-issuance proceedings available to patentees such as inter partes reviews (IPRs) and post-grant reviews (PGRs). We also coordinate closely with our patent litigation group in developing and executing both offensive and defensive strategies in the USPTO, District Courts and ITC. Our US patent lawyers are registered with the USPTO, and many possess advanced scientific degrees while others have significant industry experience. DLA Piper has deep, long relationships with a network of firms around the world with whom we coordinate strategy, filings and prosecution.

Strategic Patent Counseling

As intellectual property becomes increasingly vital to innovative businesses, progressive companies and research institutions are beginning to take a strategic look at their IP portfolios to identify where they have strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for additional revenue. Engaging experienced counsel on strategic patent portfolio analysis has become essential to clients who want to maximize their revenue-generating opportunities.

Our highly experienced patent lawyers counsel clients ranging from emerging companies to Fortune 100 companies on how to maximize their business returns by creating and managing their patent portfolios. Many companies have identified significant

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untapped value and new sources of additional revenue streams. Others have identified their IP assets as growth drivers and potential cornerstones to mergers and acquisitions. As part of our counseling activities, we regularly advise on patentability, validity and freedom to operate issues, provide opinions, conduct due diligence and address other issues connected with corporate mergers and acquisitions, and handle litigation support, as representative examples. Our patent lawyers have detailed knowledge of a wide array of complex technologies – from semiconductors to stem cells - to help you make the most of your IP assets.

CAPABILITES

Our lawyers regularly address complex technologies such as:

- Applied materials
- Biotechnology
- Business methods
- Chemistry
- Communications
- Computer hardware
- Electrical and mechanical arts
- Electronics
- Engineering
- Image storage and processing
- Life sciences
- Medical device
- Pharmaceutical
- Semiconductors
- Software

We also routinely handle relatively less complex technologies for products and services in the retail, entertainment and consumer products industries.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Supreme Court Corner Q1 2019

11 APR 2019

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of IPT News, we note that 10 years ago, in the first quarter of 2009, Bernard L. Bilski filed his petition in the landmark *Bilski v. Kappos*, 561 U.S. 593 (2010), forever shaping the patentability of business methods.

ITC Section 337 Update

11 APR 2019

A quick look at the last 10 years.

Relying on "common sense" instead of prior art in evaluating the obviousness of pharmaceutical patents

21 DEC 2018

A one-time aberration, or the start of a trend?

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.

Global structuring and IP planning in the wake of US tax reform

21 DEC 2018

Tax reform has imbued global structuring with a significant amount of uncertainty.

***Alice* in Wonderland: navigating the strange world of patenting AI**

21 DEC 2018

Like the bottle labeled DRINK ME, certain techniques can make the trip through the AI-patent rabbit hole more scalable.

32 DLA Piper lawyers in 8 countries ranked among world's top patent professionals

27 SEP 2018

IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals 2018 has named 32 DLA Piper lawyers to its seventh list.

Supreme Court Corner Q4 2017

27 DEC 2017

Supreme Court Corner Q3 2017

29 SEP 2017

The Lanham Act's disparagement clause violates the free speech clause of the First Amendment and inter partes review before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Trade secrets are more important, and trade secret litigation is more common

29 SEP 2017

What do you need to be considering to protect your company in this environment?

Supreme Court Corner Q2 2017

31 JUL 2017

Three key cases

IP litigation in Canada: 10 reasons to litigate north of the border

31 JUL 2017

Considering litigation in Canada as part of a global intellectual property strategy.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 34, Q2 2017

31 JUL 2017

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20 DEC 2016

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US Congress may act again on patent reform

26 JUN 2014

Recent activity regarding patent trolls

Distributing patent rights between affiliates: guidelines to support enforcement rights around the world

16 NOV 2015

Considering a few issues at the outset when rights are distributed between Parent and Affiliate (or between multiple affiliates) may avoid difficulties in the future when a company wants to enforce patent rights.

NEWS

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 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 hosts leading business and diplomacy conference

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper's London office has hosted the Annual Conference of the International Diplomatic and Business Exchange (IBDE).

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 joins Governing Council for Hedera Hashgraph

20 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has joined the initial group of Governing Council members for Hedera Hashgraph, a next-generation public ledger designed to have highly diversified governance and the most distributed consensus at scale. The announcement was made at Hedera Hashgraph's first annual summit in Seoul, Korea.

As part of the council, DLA Piper will help oversee changes to the software run by millions of Hedera distributed nodes over time. The governing council has been established to ensure stability and guaranteed continued decentralization to the Hedera Hashgraph distributed public ledger.

DLA Piper bolsters Data Protection practice

4 FEB 2019

DLA Piper in Germany has hired Intellectual Property & Technology of counsel Prof Dr Jürgen Taeger, who joined the firm's Cologne office with effect from 1 February 2019.

DLA Piper promotes first Australians to international management roles and announces new Australian country MP

6 Dec 2018

As part of an international executive revamp DLA Piper Australia co-managing partners Melinda Upton and Jim Holding will be taking on International management responsibilities in a significant endorsement of Australia's performance within the firm.

Technology sector poised for big data wave in finance and sales departments – DLA Piper European Tech Index

12 DEC 2018

Harnessing big data is becoming standard practice for IT and marketing teams in technology, but DLA Piper's 2018 Tech Index reveals that a revolution may now be underway in finance and sales departments as well. Responses from 350 tech sector senior executives in Europe indicate that compared to 2016, organizations are increasingly identifying new opportunities in these additional departments, indicating a move towards widespread adoption of big data in the tech sector.

DLA Piper wins Legal Adviser of the Year and recognized as UK Top Performer 2018 by Global Sourcing Association

25 MAY 2018

DLA Piper's Global Co-Head of Technology Sector, Kit Burden, was last night named Legal Advisor of the Year at the Global Sourcing Association (GSA) UK Top Performers and Professional Awards, held at the Hilton Manchester Deansgate

DLA Piper advises Beijing Enterprise Water Group on acquisition of TRILITY

5 MAY 2018

DLA Piper advised BEWG International, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Beijing Enterprises Water Group, on its 100% acquisition of water utility service provider TRILITY by way of a competitive bid process.

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DLA Piper advises Wipro on the USD 405 million sale of its hosted data centre services business to Ensono

15 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has advised Wipro Limited, a leading global IT consulting and business process services company, on its entering into a

definitive agreement to divest its hosted data centre services business to Ensono for US\$405 million.

DLA Piper wins four China Business Law Awards

5 MAR 2018

DLA Piper is delighted to announce it has received four awards from China Business Law Journal's China Business Law Awards 2017-18, in the categories of Employment, Intellectual Property (Trademark and Copyright), Taxation and Shipping.

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.

DLA Piper names new global and US co-chairs for Intellectual Property and Technology practice

8 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has named Frank Ryan co-chair of the firm's global Intellectual Property and Technology practice and Ann Ford co-chair of its US IPT practice, both effective January 1.

Six months until GDPR: companies still reporting low levels of preparedness

15 Nov 2017

For the over 200 organisations responding to DLA Piper's Data Privacy Scorebox online survey tool since the start of the year, the average alignment score with all key international data privacy principles was 31.5%, as against an 38.3% average score for respondents in the 2016 calendar year.

DLA Piper launches Global Contract Laws v2.0

7 Nov 2017

DLA Piper has launched a newly updated version of its *Global Contract Laws* online resource. *Global Contract Laws v2.0* covers laws from more than 50 countries, including the UK, the US, Australia, China, and Germany, as well as new countries in Asia and South America.

DLA Piper named one of the most innovative law firms in Europe by the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Europe Report 2017

6 OCT 2017

DLA Piper is one of the top five most innovative law firms in Europe according to the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Europe report 2017.

Now in its twelfth year, the FT Innovative Lawyers Report assesses lawyers on their innovation both for clients and in their own businesses. It is one of the top legal rankings in Europe and the accompanying awards are widely regarded as the best researched

in the market.

DLA Piper launches new platform for *Guide to Going Global* series

20 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has launched a new platform featuring its *Guide to Going Global* series, an online resource designed to help companies operating and growing their international businesses.
