



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.

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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 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.

AKTUELLES

Veröffentlichungen

***Alice* uncertainty: curiouser and curiouser**

24 July 2019

The Federal Circuit declines to follow USPTO guidance on subject matter eligibility, instead following its own precedent.

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.

Pharmaceutical Trademarks 2018/2019 - Chapter: France

5 APR 2018

Like all trademarks, pharmaceutical trademarks are subject to general trademark rules regarding validity and use. Until recently, both French and European law required a trademark to be capable of graphical representation. This requirement allowed the

registration of shapes, colours and sounds, but excluded signs such as smells. The European trademark law reform, comprising EU Directive 2015/2436 and the EU Trademark Regulation (2017/1001), deleted the graphical representation requirement from trademark law. This change marks a dramatic step forward in trademark law and could make it easier to register smells and other non-traditional trademarks.

Supreme Court Corner Q4 2017

27 DEC 2017

Patentrechtliche Zwangslizenz an geschützten Wirkstoffen für individualisierte Therapien

30 OCT 2017

Der Bundesgerichtshof (BGH) hat in einer aktuellen Entscheidung ("Raltegravir") erstmals die erstinstanzliche Erteilung einer patentrechtlichen Zwangslizenz im einstweiligen Verfügungsverfahren durch das Bundespatentgericht (BPatG) bestätigt.

Digital diagnosis - AI and machine learning in healthcare

2 OCT 2017

In the first of a two part series, DLA Piper's lawyers consider how progress is accelerating with more opportunities for both AI systems builders and healthcare institutions every day. For both sides, 'getting the right deal' is critical if the collaboration is to be on an equal footing and deliver benefits on a win-win basis for both parties.

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?

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 32, Q4 2016

20 DEC 2016

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS SERIES](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

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.

Seminare und Veranstaltungen

vergangene

TechLaw Event - "M&A for the New Digital Economy"

7 MAR 2019

TechLaw Event Series

Amsterdam

TechLaw Event - Online platforms - beyond playing innocence?

17 JAN 2019

TechLaw Event Series

Amsterdam

TechLaw London 2018

5 DEC 2018

TechLaw Event Series

London

TechLaw Event - Virtual Competition

22 NOV 2018

TechLaw Event Series

Amsterdam

Middle East Tech Summit 2018: The Digital Imperative

5 NOV 2018

TechLaw Event Series

Dubai

TechLaw in Germany

14 JUN 2018
TechLaw Event Series
München

TechLaw Event - Blockchain

27 MAR 2018
TechLaw Event Series
Amsterdam

TechLaw London 2017

22 NOV 2017
TechLaw Event Series
London

TechLaw Australia 2017

14 NOV 2017
TechLaw Event Series
Sydney

NEWS

Financial Times ranks DLA Piper among the most innovative law firms in Europe

13 September 2019
DLA Piper has been recognised as one of the top 10 most innovative law firms in Europe at the Financial Times' 2019 European Innovative Lawyers report, an annual ranking assessing lawyers on their innovation both for clients and in their own businesses.

DLA Piper berät Tirona bei Beteiligung an CashCape

5 September 2019
DLA Piper hat Tirona Ltd. im Zusammenhang mit dem Erwerb einer 25%igen Beteiligung an der Fintech-App CashCape beraten.

DLA Piper continues Irish expansion with appointment of four new partners

4 September 2019
DLA Piper today announces the appointment of four new partners to its recently opened Dublin office into four key practice areas of Finance and Projects (F&P), Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT), Tax and Real Estate. The new partners will be

joined by three legal directors, as part of the firm's ongoing expansion in Ireland.

DLA Piper berät Bauer Media Group beim Erwerb von Camilyo Online Ltd

5. August 2019

DLA Piper hat erneut die Bauer Media Group beim Erwerb eines Anbieters onlinebasierter white-label Dienstleistungen für Online-Service Provider und deren Mittelstandskunden, die israelische Camilyo Online Ltd., beraten.

DLA Piper berät Allianz Real Estate beim Erwerb der Büroimmobilie EDGE Hafencity in Hamburg

2. August 2019

DLA Piper hat die Allianz Real Estate beim Erwerb der Büroimmobilie EDGE Hafencity von EDGE Technologies im Zuge eines Off-Market-Forward-Deals beraten. Das EDGE HafenCity Hamburg Projekt umfasst ein 15-stöckiges Gebäude mit einer gesamtvermietbaren Fläche von rund 22.500 qm.

DLA Piper berät Bauer Media Group beim Erwerb einer Mehrheitsbeteiligung an Mono Solutions Group

1 August 2019

DLA Piper hat die Bauer Media Group beim Erwerb der Mehrheitsanteile an der Mono Solutions Group, dem führenden White-Label SaaS-Plattformprovider für Kleinunternehmen mit Hauptsitz in Dänemark, beraten.

DLA Piper to advise ITW Global Leaders' Forum on blockchain-based telecoms platform

2 July 2019

DLA Piper has been appointed to advise the ITW (International Telecoms Week) Global Leaders' Forum (GLF) on the launch of a special purpose vehicle that will develop a live, blockchain-based platform.

Best Lawyers Handelsblatt empfiehlt 45 Anwälte von DLA Piper im Ranking Deutschlands beste Anwälte

28 June 2019

Auch in diesem Jahr hat der US-Verlag Best Lawyers wieder zahlreiche Anwälte von DLA Piper in Deutschland in unterschiedlichen Rechtsgebieten ausgezeichnet. Waren es im vergangenen Jahr noch 26 Partner und Anwälte, so empfiehlt Best Lawyers in diesem Jahr insgesamt 45 Partner und Anwälte.

DLA Piper berät KRAHN beim Erwerb von eMBe Products & Service

26 June 2019

DLA Piper hat die in der Chemiedistribution tätige KRAHN Chemie GmbH bei dem Erwerb der eMBe Products & Service GmbH, einer der führenden Additiv-Hersteller für die Keramik- und Pulvermetallindustrie in Europa, beraten.

DLA Piper berät Rolls-Royce beim Erwerb des eAircraft Geschäfts von Siemens

21 June 2019

DLA Piper hat Rolls-Royce plc beim Erwerb der Elektro- und Hybridantriebssparte für die Luft- und Raumfahrt, eAircraft, von

Siemens beraten. Die Akquisition ist Teil der Elektrifizierungsstrategie von Rolls-Royce und wird dazu beitragen, dass das Unternehmen zukünftig eine maßgebliche Rolle in der „dritten Epoche“ der Luftfahrt spielen wird.

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 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.

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 verteidigt Samsung Electronics erfolgreich gegen Dyson

29 MAR 2019

DLA Piper hat für die Samsung Electronics GmbH die Aufhebung einer von der Dyson AG erwirkten einstweiligen Verfügung erreicht. Die im Januar 2018 erwirkte Verfügung des Landgerichts Düsseldorf hatte es Samsung untersagt, bestimmte Werbeaussagen für akkubetriebene Handstaubsauger zu tätigen.

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 verstärkt den Bereich Datenschutzrecht mit Univ.-Prof. Dr. Jürgen Taeger

4 FEB 2019

DLA Piper hat sich zum 1. Februar 2019 mit Univ.-Prof. Dr. Jürgen Taeger (64) als Of-Counsel verstärkt. Prof. Taeger ist ein ausgewiesener Experte in den Bereichen Wirtschafts- und Informationsrecht und insbesondere spezialisiert auf die Bereiche Datenschutz, eCommerce und Internetrecht.

DLA Piper expands new Dublin office with four-partner hire

9 JAN 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of four new partners from highly-regarded Irish firms to its newly opened Dublin office into four key practice areas of Finance and Projects (F&P), Corporate, Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) and Employment. These hires follow the appointment of Corporate partner David Carthy as Ireland Country Managing Partner in May 2018.

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 bolsters music law practice with Dr Tillmann Hädrich

30 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has hired Intellectual Property & Technology of counsel Dr Tillmann Hädrich, who will join the firm's Hamburg office with effect from 1 December 2018.

DLA Piper verstärkt den Bereich Musikrecht mit Dr. Tillmann Hädrich

30 NOV 2018

DLA Piper verstärkt sich zum 1. Dezember mit Dr. Tillmann Hädrich, der als Rechtsanwalt/Of-Counsel am Standort Hamburg tätig sein wird.

DLA Piper berät Ping An Global Voyager Fund bei Investment in finleap

22 NOV 2018

DLA Piper hat den Ping An Global Voyager Fund bei einer Investition von 41,5 Millionen Euro in finleap, ein führendes europäisches Fintech-Unternehmen, beraten. Dies ist die erste Investition des Unternehmens in Kontinentaleuropa.

DLA Piper berät Rolls-Royce Power Systems bei Beteiligung an Qinous

1 OCT 2018

DLA Piper hat Rolls-Royce Power Systems beim Investment in das Berliner Unternehmen Qinous GmbH, einem global agierenden Anbieter von innovativen Energiespeicher- und Steuerungssystemen, beraten. Durch die Beteiligung ergänzt Rolls-Royce Power Systems sein Portfolio um schlüsselfertige autonome Stromnetze, so genannte Microgrids.

DLA Piper berät Finlab AG bei Auflegung eines 100 Millionen Dollar Fonds und Investition in Instaffo

27 SEP 2018

DLA Piper hat die Finlab AG bei der Investition eines siebenstelligen Betrages über ihren EOS-Fonds "FinLab EOS VC Europe I GmbH & Co. KG" in die Instaffo GmbH, Entwickler von VAEON, beraten.

DLA Piper berät Verivox beim Erwerb der digitalen Versicherungsmanager-App von Getsafe

12 SEP 2018

DLA Piper hat Verivox bei der Übernahme des kompletten Maklergeschäfts und der Versicherungsmanager-Lösung von Getsafe beraten. Über die App des Startup-Unternehmens können Kunden bestehende Versicherungsverträge digital verwalten und sich online beraten und neue Versicherungen vermitteln lassen.

DLA Piper berät Nemetschek bei Erwerb von MCS Solutions

31 AUG 2018

DLA Piper hat den Softwareanbieter Nemetschek SE beim Erwerb des Technologieunternehmens MCS Solutions in Belgien, Schweden, Indien und den USA beraten. Damit erhält das Unternehmen Zugang zum stark wachsenden Markt im Gebäudemanagement.

DLA Piper berät Discovery bei Joint Venture mit ProSiebenSat.1 zum Auf- und Ausbau von Streaming Plattform

2 AUG 2018

DLA Piper hat die in den USA börsennotierte Discovery Inc., ein weltweit führendes Medien- und Unterhaltungsunternehmen in den Bereichen Real Life Entertainment und internationalen Sportprogrammen, bei ihrem Joint Venture mit der ProSiebenSat.

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 Adviser of the Year at the Global Sourcing Association (GSA) UK Top Performers and Professional Awards, held at the Hilton Manchester Deansgate

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018

3 APR 2018

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DLA Piper launches Intellectual Property and Technology practice in Luxembourg

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper Luxembourg is pleased to announce the launch of its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) practice, with the appointment of Olivier Reisch as partner and head of the practice.

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 bei den JUVE Awards erneut in drei Kategorien als Kanzlei des Jahres ausgezeichnet

27 OCT 2017

DLA Piper ist bei der gestrigen Verleihung der JUVE Awards in der Alten Oper in Frankfurt am Main in den Kategorien *Medien und Technologie*, *Marken- und Wettbewerbsrecht* sowie *Medien* als Kanzlei des Jahres ausgezeichnet worden. Darüber hinaus war DLA Piper für die Bereiche *Private Equity & Venture Capital* und *IP* als Kanzlei des Jahres nominiert. Bereits im vergangenen Jahr war die Kanzlei mit drei Awards in den Kategorien *Handel/Vertrieb/Logistik*, *Versicherungsrecht* sowie *Nachfolge/Vermögen/Stiftungen* ausgezeichnet worden.

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.

DLA Piper berät ATESTEO bei Erwerb der straesser Gruppe

15 SEP 2017
