



## Public Affairs

DLA Piper's Public Affairs group advises all levels of government, corporations and stakeholder organizations on a broad range of issues involving regulatory, public policy, legislative, legal and communications matters.

We assist our clients in their interactions with ministries, crown corporations, boards, agencies, commissions and tribunals and in their dealings with international para-government organizations such as the World Trade Organization.

We are composed of legal counsel and other consultants with extensive experience and knowledge in establishing and maintaining constructive relationships with municipal, provincial and federal governments. For instance, our group includes the former Head of the BC Treaty Commission, former board members of crown corporations, appeal boards, public school boards, Crown corporations and municipal councillors.

Members of our group have worked at the highest levels in the legal departments in government, the private and para-government sectors. Our team of consultants comprises a diplomat, former politicians and executive assistants who have served at the highest level of public office, and include lobbyists, public relations, marketing and polling experts.

### Public Sector Advisory

We assist governments by conducting analysis and research, preparing policy submissions and assisting with drafting legislation. Our experience includes the establishment of board governance and accountability frameworks in the public sector (provincial and municipal). Our group also provides advice to elected and senior public officials relating to the obligations of government, cabinet members and senior officials.

### Private Sector and Public Interest Advisory

We provide strategic public affairs counsel and advocacy services to major clients in financial services, and in the technology, health, education, forestry, energy, entertainment and transportation and other industries.

### Our approach includes the following activities:

- Seek to understand and define goals, working in an integrated way with clients to achieve a sophisticated, multi-level approach to each issue
- Devise integrated and strategic solutions and assist our clients in making presentations to decision-makers at the appropriate level of government to promote changes in proposed or existing legislation
- Focus on providing and supporting creative opportunities for our clients and achieving approval of major projects
- Provide our clients with timely and concise updates of developments important to their interests

## NEWS

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## DLA Piper Canada increases rankings in 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*

28 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 79 of our lawyers across 35 practice areas recognized in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide, resulting in our best showing with the guide since its inception.

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## DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

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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## Frank Ryan discusses the trade war with Yahoo Finance

9 Sep 2019

**Highlight:** “Where we are right now is in a political phase in this debate, and... we need to get to a practical phase,” says @DLA\_Piper's Frank Ryan on the trade war. “The sooner we get stability for major multinationals in China regarding IP protection, the better off we'll be.” [pic.twitter.com/u0y kzF8m89](https://pic.twitter.com/u0y kzF8m89)

— Yahoo Finance (@YahooFinance) September 9, 2019

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## DLA Piper Canada lawyers recognized in 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*

21 AUG 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 70 of our lawyers across 34 practice areas recognized in the 2020 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide.

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## Bretton Woods Law Canada to join DLA Piper (Canada) LLP's Montréal office

1 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce it has reached an agreement with the Montréal office of Bretton Woods Law Canada. Effective May 1, 2019, Bretton Woods Canada's team of four lawyers and an articling student will join DLA Piper

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Canada's Montréal office.

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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 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).

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