



Restructuring

DLA Piper's restructuring lawyers have significant experience advising clients on investigation, enforcement, litigation and asset recovery on a multijurisdictional basis. We advise clients on all matters relating to public and private companies in underperforming and distressed situations.

We manage assignments from the mid-market to the largest national and international restructurings and insolvencies. Our experience also extends to any contentious issues arising from restructurings and insolvencies.

DLA Piper serves a diverse client base that includes debtors, lenders, government entities, trustees, shareholders, senior executives, as well as distressed debt and asset buyers and investors.

With dedicated restructuring lawyers across the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe, Africa and the Middle East, we have the knowledge, experience and resources to address our clients' restructuring and insolvency needs on a national and international basis.

CAPABILITIES

We counsel clients on all aspects of restructuring and insolvency/bankruptcy, whether in anticipation of them or in dealing with their consequences.

We advise clients on:

- Debt and asset tracing and recovery
- Disposals, including pre-packaged solutions, distressed M&A and real estate workout
- Distressed debt trading
- Financial restructuring
- Formal insolvency/bankruptcy procedures and creditor committee representation
- Insolvency/bankruptcy-related investigation, litigation and enforcement
- International restructuring strategy and procedures
- Operational restructuring

In a number of European countries our restructuring lawyers take insolvency office holder appointments.

EXPERIENCE

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СООТВЕТСТВУЮЩИЕ УСЛУГИ

- Corporate
- Finance
- International Corporate Reorganizations

We advise clients across a wide range of industry sectors and have particular strength in energy, financial services, healthcare, hospitality and leisure, real estate, retail, sports, technology and transportation.

Some of the most significant cross-border matters we have recently worked on are set out below:

- Abengoa – Represented Abengoa US Holding LLC and affiliates, the US unit of Spanish renewable energy company Abengoa SA, in its chapter 11 and chapter 15 petitions in the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware in Wilmington. Also represented US Abengoa SA with the approved sale of five ethanol plants in Indiana, Illinois and Nebraska for more than US\$355 million.
- China Fishery Group Limited – Represented Rabobank, Standard Chartered Bank and DBS in connection with the multijurisdictional restructuring and insolvency proceedings of China Fishery Group Limited, one of the world's largest producers of fish oil and fishmeal. DLA Piper successfully sought the appointment of a chapter 11 trustee over one of the key entities in the US bankruptcy proceedings in the Southern District of New York.
- Trident Microsystems – Representing Trident Microsystems, Inc., a chip and software company, in its filing for chapter 11 in the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and the sale of Trident's set-top box business unit to Entropic Communications in exchange for the assumption of obligations and US\$55 million in cash, the sale of Trident's TV business unit to Sigma Designs in exchange for the assumption of obligations and for US\$30 million, and the winding-up of Trident's 16 foreign subsidiaries located in 11 different countries. The 2013 M&A Advisor International Awards honoured us with the 'Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year' award (over US\$50 million to US\$100 million) for the sale of Trident Microsystems.
- Dawnay Day – Advising Norwich Union (now Aviva), the largest senior lender, and BDO Stoy Hayward as administrators on the restructuring of Dawnay Day, a global real estate and financial services conglomerate with assets of £1 billion.
- Nortel Networks Canadian Creditors Committee – Engaged as US and cross-border counsel to the Nortel Networks Canadian Creditors Committee in the multi-nation insolvency proceedings of Nortel's Canadian parent and its US and EMEA affiliates, including their dispute over how \$7.3 billion in global asset sale proceeds should be allocated among them.
- Lexi Holdings – Advising a syndicate of UK banks and KPMG as administrators in the restructuring/insolvency of Lexi Holdings. The company was defrauded of approximately £50-70 million. We obtained judgments against 18 parties, committed the main director behind the fraud to prison, and recovered approximately £40 million in real estate worldwide.
- Ineas – Advising on the administration of Ineas, a pan-European online car insurance company. This was one of the largest insolvencies of an insurance company in Europe in recent history. We worked closely with the Dutch Central Bank and the Dutch Financial Supervision Authority with regard to the treatment of insurance policies, continuation and/or transfer of activities and the application of guarantee funds.
- Solar Enertech Corp – Advising on the restructuring of Solar Enertech Corp, a US-headquartered solar product manufacturer with Asian operations in Hong Kong and Shanghai. We were appointed, in conjunction with FTI Consulting, to restructure both the parent company and its subsidiaries.
- Velti plc - Representing Velti plc's US subsidiaries in connection with its chapter 11 case in Wilmington, Delaware and the section 363 sale of its US, UK and India mobile marketing businesses and certain of its US-based advertising businesses to GSO Capital Partners, the credit division of Blackstone. The 2014 M&A Advisor International Awards honored us with the 'Restructuring Deal of the Year' award (under \$1 billion) for the chapter 11 Restructuring of Velti plc's US subsidiaries.
- Lehman Waterfall Application - Advising the administrators of Lehman Brothers Limited (LBL) over the last 18 months on the high profile Lehman Waterfall Application, which is set to, amongst other things: determine how realisations in LBL's estate (expected to comprise of approximately £300 million) will be distributed; determine how claims for interest rank within the insolvency waterfall; and have a substantial impact on the value of LBIE debt of which there is currently a very active market.
- Project Dawn - Working with IBRC and the Special Liquidators on the various Phases of the IBRC loan book sale. Leading various workstreams including 1) undertaking reviews of the c. 40 connections that DLA were initially in relation to, 2) creating a data room for the DLA connections, 3) reviewing all loan and security documents for transferability, 4) responding to Q&A sessions from bidders.
- Scottish Resources Group - Advising the Bank of Scotland plc on the restructuring and the subsequent liquidation of Scottish Coal Company Limited (SCCL) and the various environmental risks to the Bank following liquidation. SRG was the largest surface mining producer in the UK operating 7 open-cast mines and had a turnover exceeding £200m and a land-bank of some 25,000 acres. This matter attracted significant press in Scotland given its strategic importance and the fact that it employed around 800 employees.
- Viaduct Capital Limited - Advised receivers on priority issues relating to security sharing arrangements between company subject to receivership and Mutual Finance Limited (In Receivership).

- Dominion Finance Group Limited - Advised the receivers of Dominion Finance Group Limited on all aspects of the receivership.

ПУБЛИКАЦИИ И МЕРОПРИЯТИЯ

Публикации

UK Corporate Insolvency And Governance Act: Moratorium

Updated 01 April 2021

The Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 has introduced a new standalone moratorium procedure for companies. The moratorium is part of a package of significant legislative reforms contained in the Act, intended to enhance the UK's restructuring rescue culture. These were originally consulted on between 2016 and 2018 and were fast-tracked to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gategroup: Planning and scheming - are super schemes actually insolvency proceedings?

23 February 2021

The new Part 26A Companies Act Restructuring Plan procedure, dubbed the "Super Scheme", was gathering pace in the English courts since its introduction in June last year. Last week's judgment in gategroup presents a potential speed bump in terms of its implementation as the restructuring tool of choice in European cross-border restructurings.

Restructuring Global Insight – January 2021

18 January 2021

RESTRUCTURING - GLOBAL INSIGHT

2020 was a challenging, but exciting, year of growth and development for the DLA Piper Global Restructuring Group. We would not have been able to achieve the level of success we did without the support of our clients and dedication of our professionals who remained steadfast through difficult circumstances, and continue to do so.

Extension of USD LIBOR – ICE Benchmark Administration Consultation

12 January 2021

On 30 November 2020, the ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA) which compiles and oversees LIBOR, announced that it will hold a consultation on its intention to extend most US Dollar LIBOR (USD LIBOR) tenors until 30 June 2023.

COVID-19: An international guide to changes in insolvency law

1 December 2020

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, a number of insolvency laws have been updated.

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.

Draft bill of the Stabilization and Restructuring Framework

30 September 2020

Germany's planned Stabilization and Restructuring Framework (Stabilisierungs- und Restrukturierungsrahmen) is essentially an independent, out-of-court tool to implement a restructuring process by means of a restructuring plan in order to avert insolvency proceedings.

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.

Restructuring Global Insight: COVID-19 edition

23 June 2020

[RESTRUCTURING - GLOBAL INSIGHT](#)

News, views and analysis from DLA Piper's Global Restructuring group.

Restructuring in an uncertain environment

18 May 2020

DLA Piper's Thomas Califano, Richard Hans and Rachel Albanese discuss the challenges and opportunities businesses should be aware of as they navigate these shoal waters.

Superior Court of Québec renders omnibus order to provide procedural flexibility amidst COVID-19

15 MAY 2020

The unique situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures implemented to contain the spread of the virus has severely disrupted the economy, and as a consequence, has made it increasingly challenging for debtors to fulfill their obligations. The situation has also made it arduous for all parties involved in insolvency proceedings to comply with the statutory deadlines set by the BIA. While a jointly issued Suspension Order by the Chief Justice of Québec and the Québec Minister of Justice suspends the extinctive prescription and forfeiture periods in civil matters, as well as civil procedure deadlines until the expiry of the declared

public health emergency, unfortunately, it does not apply to insolvency matters. Following on an application by the Superintendent of Bankruptcy of Canada, The Superior Court of Québec rendered an omnibus order to provide much needed procedural flexibility.

CARES Act and eligibility under the Paycheck Protection Program

6 May 2020

The CARES Act does not expressly exclude debtors in bankruptcy from eligibility for PPP loans; however, it grants the SBA broad rulemaking authority.

Israel Group News May 2020

4 May 2020

ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

Providing access to valuable business resources in real time.

Post-COVID-19: What to expect in the "next normal"

30 April 2020

Issues that are front of mind, based on an informal survey of some of the largest companies and most influential global business leaders.

Are high voltage DC networks the future of electricity distribution?

29 April 2020

In the late 19th century direct current (DC) electricity supply networks were promoted by Thomas Edison as a purportedly safer alternative to alternating current (AC) which was championed by George Westinghouse for use in high voltage street arc lighting and which caused many fatalities.

COVID-19: Critical due diligence considerations for M&A, financing and strategic corporate transactions in the retail industry

29 April 2020

Parties to retail-related transactions must consider unprecedented issues.

Precautionary revolver draws – financial cure for COVID-19?

29 April 2020

Many companies with access to revolving credit facilities find themselves considering whether to make a pre-emptive draw now to ensure they have enough liquidity for the future.

A discussion of California plugging and abandonment rules

27 April 2020

US OIL AND GAS PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT RULES

Requirements for onshore oil and gas wells in California, as well as ties among these requirements and bankruptcy.

Guidance from the courts (England and Wales) on the application of the Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme (or employee furlough) in administrations.

21 April 2020

The High Court has given directions to the administrators of each of Carluccio's Limited and Debenhams Retail Limited on the application of the Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme, but can the government tread a course that protects the rights of employees and follows the scheme?

Key issues to consider when undertaking distressed M&A

20 April 2020

With businesses around the world facing unprecedented challenges, opportunities will exist for those with the resources and risk appetite to conduct M&A involving targets or sellers in financial distress. This article provides insight into distressed M&A transactions for anyone less familiar with how they have developed over the last decade.

Portfolio company risk analysis during COVID-19

20 April 2020

An overview of certain material issues for PE firms and portfolio companies to consider when conducting financial risk analyses.

A discussion of Texas plugging and abandonment rules

17 April 2020

US OIL AND GAS PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT RULES

An outline of the plugging and abandonment requirements of onshore oil and gas wells in Texas plus a discussion of ties between the plugging requirements and bankruptcy.

UK government to provide additional financial support measures for mid-market business impacted by COVID-19

9 April 2020

On 3 April 2020 the Chancellor announced a new scheme for larger companies, with the creation of the new Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILS) to ensure that more firms are able to benefit from government-backed support during this difficult time.

The Hospitality & Leisure sector's response to COVID-19 in Europe

8 April 2020

COVID-19 has without doubt had the biggest impact on the hospitality and leisure sector in recent living memory. Our global hospitality team has been talking a lot over the last few weeks and we have all become inherently aware of the profound effect of the quarantines, lock-downs, social distancing and travel restrictions that have been applied across the globe. Whilst China appears to have ridden the worst of the initial wave, the Western world is now in the middle of the furnace and the hospitality industry has probably been burnt the most. With the Christian holiday of Easter just around the corner, it is usually a time of activity and

positivity in the sector, this Easter will be different.

Coronavirus - Mitigating supply chain and customer insolvency risk (Canada)

7 APR 2020

The on-going impact of the COVID-19 outbreak could have a significant impact on your global supply and customer chains.

The Finnish government proposes measures to limit the commercial impact of coronavirus

31 March 2020

On Friday 20 March 2020, the Finnish government has agreed on a comprehensive package to safeguard jobs and livelihoods and ease the economic pressure on businesses. According to the government's estimate, the overall scale of the measures will be approximately EUR15 billion.

Economic relief for Calgary business owners impacted by COVID-19 (Canada)

27 MAR 2020

Canadian governments have implemented numerous measures to assist business owners economically affected by COVID-19. This article outlines the measures for business focused relief available to Calgary business owners from the federal, provincial, and municipal governments.

COVID-19: The benefits of US chapter 11 relief in a time of economic crisis

19 March 2020

Highlighting some of the most significant benefits of US chapter 11 for companies facing severe challenges under the current circumstances.

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.

Commercial bankruptcy practice in the US today: Chapters 11 and 15

29 January 2020

The current legal framework in the US for companies seeking to reorganize and restructure their business operations and debt.

Global Insight - Issue 31, December 2019

20 December 2019

RESTRUCTURING - GLOBAL INSIGHT

News, views and analysis from DLA Piper's Global Restructuring Group on the UNCITRAL Model Law on cross border insolvency, a new restructuring tool known as WHOA or the Dutch scheme to be implemented in the Netherlands, and an examination of a proposal to elevate the UK tax department in the order of priority on insolvency.

Getting insolvency proceedings recognized in the UK: Have you thought about section 426?

7 October 2019

Many distressed situations involve a cross-border element. Section 426 of the Insolvency Act 1986 is a unique tool that can be used where insolvencies taking place in a designated jurisdiction require recognition or assistance in the UK. Here we outline how this tool can be used, its scope and the advantages for cross-border situations.

Global Insight - Issue 30, October 2019

7 October 2019

RESTRUCTURING - GLOBAL INSIGHT

News, views and analysis from DLA Piper's Global Restructuring Group.

Secured creditors and Colombia's insolvency proceedings

7 October 2019

The Colombian Secured Interest Law, which came into effect in 2014, has substantially affected the legal scope of creditors' rights in the context of insolvency proceedings, potentially creating a new type of creditor; the secured creditor. Is this new type of creditor compatible with the current hierarchy system, and what are the specific rights of that new creditor in arrangement proceedings?

Understanding DIFC's new insolvency law: What impact will it have?

7 October 2019

Peter Somekh analyses whether the new insolvency law recently adopted by the Dubai International Finance Centre can effectively promote the rehabilitation of viable businesses whilst ensuring fairness and preservation of stakeholder rights and value.

Dictionary of Insolvency Terms in EU Member States

16 September 2019

Despite some efforts towards a more consistent approach to financial distress, there continues to be a variety of restructuring and insolvency procedures. To assist, our Restructuring team has launched a dictionary, which lists the key features of corporate, personal and partnership insolvency proceedings for EU member states.

No-deal Brexit: Impact on cross-border corporate recovery and insolvency

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 cross-border corporate recovery and insolvency.

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.

Energy related risks in corporate transactions and restructurings

16 July 2019

Numerous energy-intensive companies having production facilities in Germany benefit from energy regulatory opportunities to reduce their electricity costs. The economic benefits of using these opportunities can be significant and quickly amount to several million euros a year. This article explores the risks in this context.

Global Insight - Issue 29, June 2019

28 June 2019

[RESTRUCTURING - GLOBAL INSIGHT](#)

News, views and analysis from DLA Piper's Global Restructuring Group.

Creditors' schemes of arrangement in Australia

26 June 2019

The use of creditors' schemes of arrangement is on the rise in Australia (as we discussed in our previous article - [Update on Creditors Schemes of Arrangement in Australia](#)). Along the way the Australian courts have made valuable contributions to international scheme jurisprudence. In this article we look at some of these contributions and then explore how Australian law might be further developed to remain a leading jurisdiction for creditors' schemes.

Goods vehicle operators' licenses in an insolvency context

25 June 2019

When dealing with a goods vehicle operator in an insolvency context: early engagement with the Traffic Commissioner is crucial; directors should be proactive in informing the Traffic Commissioner of a material change in circumstances (e.g. a change in the company's financial standing, which extends to launching a company voluntary arrangement (CVA)); and insolvency practitioners should engage as early as possible with the Traffic Commissioner and build such engagement into their contingency planning.

Debt restructuring in the UK and Spain

4 June 2019

Since the turn of the century, many foreign companies - including large Spanish groups - have resorted to the English scheme of arrangement procedure under part 26 of the UK Companies Act in order to restructure their debt. Between 2009 and 2015, EUR11 billion of Spanish debt has been restructured in English courts.

Read the full article.

События

Прошедшие мероприятия

Pan-European Restructurings – challenges and solutions when working across borders – and a CRO perspective

15 April 2021
Webinar

Payments Forum – New Year challenges for lawyers in the payments sector

26 January 2020
Webinar

Webinar - Restructuring, Hospitality & Leisure - Challenges and Opportunities

19 November 2020
Webinar

Essential Legal Update 2020

12 October 2020 - 15 October 2020
Webinar

Virtual Live PT Sessions

13 May 2020
Virtual Live PT Sessions
Webinar

Virtual Live PT Sessions

6 May 2020
Virtual Live PT Sessions
Webinar

Virtual Live PT Sessions

29 April 2020

Virtual Live PT Sessions
Webinar

Virtual Live PT Sessions

22 April 2020
Virtual Live PT Sessions
Webinar

Restructuring in the Corona Era

6 April 2020
Webinar

COVID-19: Important Issues for Israeli Companies to Consider

6 April 2020
Webinar

IPEM 2020

28-30 January 2020
Paris

2019 Insolvency and Restructuring Forum — Edmonton

9 MAY 2019

НОВОСТИ

DLA Piper advises IHG Hotels & Resorts on continuation of Tidal Group hotels and transfer to new operator Westmont

2 March 2021
DLA Piper has advised the global InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) Hotels & Resorts on the continuation of 10 hotels of franchisee Tidal Operations Germany GmbH (TOG) and the subsequent transfer to a new operator, Westmont Hospitality Group (Westmont).

DLA Piper appoints new International Head for Finance, Projects & Restructuring practice

25 February 2021
DLA Piper today announces the appointment of David Trott as a partner, and International Group Head of the firm's Finance, Projects and Restructuring group.

DLA Piper advises Otto Group on the sale of Hansecontrol to Qima

15 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Otto Group in relation to the agreement to sell its Quality Assurance and Product Safety service provider, the Hansecontrol Group headquartered in Hamburg, to Qima, a leading global provider of supply-chain compliance solutions, headquartered in Hong Kong.

DLA Piper advises Lufthansa Group as main creditor in ZIM Flugsitz insolvency proceedings

11 January 2021

DLA Piper has successfully advised the Lufthansa Group with its entities Deutsche Lufthansa AG, Lufthansa Technik AG and SWISS as main client and main creditor in the insolvency proceedings of ZIM Flugsitz GmbH.

DLA Piper advises Lufthansa Technik AG on the sale of its majority stake in Lufthansa Bombardier Aviation Services

7 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Lufthansa Technik AG on the sale of its majority stake in Lufthansa Bombardier Aviation Services GmbH to the Canadian business jet manufacturer Bombardier. Lufthansa Technik AG previously held 51 percent of the joint venture and Bombardier 29 percent. A further 20 percent were held by co-shareholder ExecuJet, which also sold its shares to Bombardier.

DLA Piper advises on sale of FLABEG to CORDET

2 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised the insolvency administrator of the automotive supplier FLABEG, lawyer Volker Böhm of Schultze & Braun, on the sale of the group with headquarters in Germany and international sites (France, Hungary, China, Brazil, USA) to international investment company CORDET.

DLA Piper lawyer elected INSOL Europe Council Member

1 October 2020

DLA Piper Restructuring counsel Florian Bruder has been elected member of the Council of the INSOL Europe insolvency association, where he will represent Germany for the next three years, effective 2 October 2020.

DLA Piper recognised at the Australasian Law Awards 2020

8 September 2020

DLA Piper's Restructuring and Finance practices have been recognised at the annual 2020 Lawyers Weekly Australian Law Awards, announced on 20 August 2020.

DLA Piper appointed as trustee in Jet Time bankruptcy proceedings

27 August 2020

DLA Piper is advising Danish airline Jet Time A/S as the company filed for bankruptcy at the Maritime and Commercial Court in

Copenhagen on 21 July 2020.

DLA Piper continues to grow UK Restructuring practice with new partner hire

25 May 2020

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of James Davison as a partner in its UK Restructuring practice. This appointment follows the recent hire of partner David Manson from Paul Hastings.

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.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on package of measures to increase profitability

20 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the comprehensive package of measures to increase its profitability which has been announced by the company. The aim is to reduce structural costs at short notice and to sustainably improve the company's profitability. This will significantly improve Heidelberg's financial stability.

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.

DLA Piper advises Guala Closures Group on the acquisition of the assets of Germany's Closurelogic

6 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Guala Closures Group, one of the world leaders in the production of security closures for spirits and aluminium closures for wines, as well as one of the major world producer and distributor of aluminium closures for the beverage industry, on the acquisition of the activities of Closurelogic GmbH, the German producer specialised in the aluminium closures.

DLA Piper makes double Restructuring hire in London

9 December 2019

DLA Piper is strengthening its London Restructuring practice with the appointment of Sarah Archer and Philippa Hill as legal directors

within the London office.

DLA Piper advises on the agreement to support the Ukrainian energy efficiency fund

5 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the Energy Efficiency Fund (EEF) on the execution of the agreement between the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and EEF to provide grant assistance to homeowners' associations (HOAs) to co-finance the implementation of energy efficiency measures in multi-family buildings.

DLA Piper advises Homebase on Bathstore acquisition

23 July 2019

DLA Piper today announced that it has advised leading home improvement and garden retailer, Homebase, on the acquisition of certain assets of specialist bathroom retailer, Bathstore from its administrators. The move will see Bathstore concessions added to Homebase stores as well as securing the continued operation of 44 of Bathstore's retail outlet.

DLA Piper named among the top 10 firms globally for Restructuring

18 June 2019

Global Restructuring Review (GRR) has unveiled its annual ranking of the world's leading restructuring law firms, with DLA Piper ranked #7 in the GRR 30, up three places from the previous year.

10 rankings for DLA Piper Ukraine in the Legal 500 EMEA 2019 guide

22 APR 2019

DLA Piper in Ukraine has been recognized and ranked in 10 key practice areas in the latest edition of The Legal 500 Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) 2019.

In Ukraine

OVERVIEW

Our dedicated restructuring team based in Ukraine advises local and international clients on all aspects of restructuring and insolvency, whether in anticipation of them or in dealing with their consequences.

We work closely with specialist lawyers in our Finance, Corporate, Tax and Real Estate practices to offer a full service provision to our clients. We serve a diverse client base encompassing financial institutions, financial advisors/accountants, corporates, trustees/custodians, private equity funds, shareholders, distressed debt funds/investors, bondholders/loan note holders and creditors' committees.

Our restructuring team in Ukraine is part of our Global Restructuring Group, which is one of the world's leaders. With dedicated restructuring lawyers across the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East, we have the knowledge, experience and resources to address our clients' restructuring and insolvency needs on a national and international basis. Around the world, our experienced restructuring lawyers 'on the ground' have extensive knowledge of local markets and the associated challenges our clients face.

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Some significant restructuring matters we have recently worked on include:

- Donetsksteel - Advising Donetsksteel, one of the largest Ukrainian industrial groups and principal steel producers, on the restructuring of its debt portfolio (estimated at US\$ 850 million). The portfolio included a creditors' pool of more than 30 domestic and global banks. Our work included full-scope representation, involving the coordination of all parties, drafting various UK- and Ukrainian-law documents, providing advice for successful completion of the deal and participating in negotiations with the lenders.
- Apollo Real Estate Advisors and 1849 plc - Advising an Apollo Real Estate Advisors and 1849 plc joint venture on all aspects of the corporate reorganisation of the client's Ukrainian assets by means of an upstream merger between the two Ukrainian companies. The deal involved the transfer of title to the affected real estate assets, full legal support throughout the restructuring process, the implementation of a debt push down strategy and in-depth tax advice.
- East Balt - Providing full legal support to East Balt, an international bakery business, in its sale to One Equity Partners (OEP), the private investment arm of JP Morgan Chase & Co. As part of the deal we advised on the pre-transactional corporate restructuring of the business in Ukraine.
- Global manufacturer - Advising a global quartz-plated goods producer on its pre-IPO restructuring and the associated implementation. We worked on the transfer of corporate shareholdings in a number of jurisdictions across the globe, including the US, the Netherlands, Spain, Malta, British Virgin Islands, the Netherlands Antilles and Ukraine.
- Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd (Japan) - Advising Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. on restructuring the debts of a well-known Ukrainian bank (value over US\$ 400 million).
- Retail and financial services sector client - Advising a large Ukrainian group of companies, involved in development, retail trade and financial services, on the restructuring of its group. The asset value exceeded hundreds of millions US dollars. Our work combined the efforts of other DLA Piper offices around the world.
- Steel and machinery manufacturer - Representing more than 20 international and local financial creditors in respect of the restructuring of one of the largest Ukrainian steel and machinery producers' debts. The total debt held by the borrower's group amounts to more than US\$ 500 million. The project comprised full-scope representation of creditors in the course of financial restructuring, including due diligence of the borrower group, inter-creditor relationships and advising on standstill arrangements, as well as the restructuring itself.