



## Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing

Our global technology transactions and strategic sourcing lawyers have the market knowledge, legal experience and global presence to provide you with the highest quality legal services throughout the world.

Recognized by the legal directories as one of the preeminent practices and with vast global reach, our technology transactions and strategic sourcing practice concentrates on complex transactions and multi-party, high-value project work which frequently spans multiple jurisdictions. We focus on the development, protection, exploitation and use of intellectual property and technology-related assets through the stages of a company's growth, as well as the sourcing of strategic assets and services for use in a company's operations.

Our team has deep industry experience in a variety of sectors, allowing us to provide practical advice and innovative solutions along with market leading technical know-how. Our clients range from emerging companies to large global corporations.

Core areas include:

- Cloud computing
- e-Commerce
- IP development
- Licensing
- Open source
- Outsourcing
- Procurement
- Strategic alliances and joint ventures
- Technology transactions
- Telecommunications

Our proprietary ASCENDANT methodology and its associated unique software tools continue to differentiate us in the market and allow us to deliver services cost efficiently to clients around the globe.

Our **Global Sourcing Portal** is an information gateway for both private and public companies that are involved with strategic sourcing initiatives including the outsourcing of key operations. Clients use the Global Sourcing Portal to access a range of proprietary tools that DLA Piper has developed while working on some of the world's largest, most complex sourcing projects. These tools include:

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**Sourcing Contract Dashboard** - An interactive, web-based contract assessment and reporting tool that answers the question "how good is this outsourcing contract compared to the market?"

**Requirements Builder** - An interactive tool that streamlines the critical "requirements capture" process at the start of outsourcing projects.

## EXPERIENCE

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- Advising one of Ireland's "pillar banks", on its outsourcing of core IT infrastructure services (following a competitive procurement process involving Atos, HP, HCL Technologies and IBM). We advised the bank throughout the process to final contract award and have since advised the bank on a number of other major sourcing engagements.
- Advising the world's largest travel and tourism company on the outsourcing of its IT, networks and main frame services to Dell, Wipro, T-Systems and IBM.
- Representing one of the world's largest beverage companies in connection with the global outsourcing of the company's finance, accounting, human resources and related information technology processes and functions in a deal valued at US\$350 million. This US- based deal involved UK and some additional European companies.
- Handling the strategic sourcing of certain call-center functions along with a complex transformation-driven outsourcing of a US-based telecommunications client's global order management functions. The transaction value was more than US\$350 million.
- Advising an Australian Government Department in relation to the outsourcing of the management of the Australian Synchrotron to the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation.
- Advising a leading Brazilian investment bank on their acquisition of the GlobeNet submarine cable network from Brazilian telecoms operator Oi in July 2013. At around US\$750 million this was one of the largest ever submarine cable acquisitions and our involvement focused on the critical capacity leaseback contract as well as on all the US regulatory elements.
- Advising a global Bank on the outsourcing of its worldwide payroll services, temp/permanent recruitment, and learning/training functions (combined value in excess of US\$1 billion).

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

25 February 2021

#### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Canada's AML regime amendments: is your interactive entertainment service or platform operating a "money service business"?

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#### Announced, proposed and implemented: Developments in Digital Services Tax in key European jurisdictions

9 February 2021

While the OECD and G20 work toward a global agreement on digital services taxes, some European countries have forged ahead on their own.

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#### Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of France's DST

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#### RELATED SERVICES

- Data Protection, Privacy and Security
- Patent Litigation

#### RELATED SECTORS

- Financial Services
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Insurance
- Industrials
- Technology

9 February 2021

The French definition of "taxable service" under the DST differs from the definition of "taxable services" as used for VAT purposes.

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### **Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of Italy's DST**

9 February 2021

The Italian DST applies only to revenues deriving from the provision of tax-relevant digital services linked to Italian-located users.

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### **Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of Spain's DST**

9 February 2021

The annual worldwide revenue threshold is not limited to revenues generated by the provision of digital services, meaning that non-tech businesses may also need to comply.

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### **Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of the United Kingdom's DST**

9 February 2021

The UK's DST is intended to be an interim measure pending a long-term global solution to the tax challenges arising from digitalization.

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### **Supreme Court dives into circuit split over the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act**

28 January 2021

What does it mean to "exceed authorized access" to an Internet-connected device?

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### **The UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Implications for technology services**

11 January 2021

The TCA includes a chapter relating to digital services which provides some key details relevant to both providers and customers of technology-related services.

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### **Who's responsible for content posted on the Internet? Section 230, explained**

22 December 2020

What the law does, what people are saying it should do, and what might happen next.

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### **US DOT issues groundbreaking proposals for regulation of automated driving systems, seeks input**

11 December 2020

The rulemaking initiates an important new chapter in autonomous vehicle development and commercialization in the US.

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### **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

23 November 2020

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## [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

IMF issues report on regulatory framework for CBDs and GSCs, SEC invites feedback on application of custody rule to digital assets.

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### **Regulatory framework for CBDs and GSCs: IMF's policy paper, "Digital Money Across Borders: Macro-Financial Implications"**

23 November 2020

The Report discusses the pros and cons of two important virtual currencies: central bank digital currencies and global stable coins.

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### **SEC invites feedback on application of Custody Rule to digital assets**

23 November 2020

Specifically, Staff is asking whether non-depository firms such as state-chartered trust companies can act as qualified custodians for digital assets.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

21 October 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

SDNY finds Kin token is a security; unpacking the DOJ's cryptocurrency guidance – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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### **Recognized as a top outsourcing advisor and for excellence in strategic partnerships**

30 September 2020

Recognition from the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (IAOP).

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### **A new EECC coming into play: Key points for electronic communications service providers**

15 September 2020

Entities providing an electronic communication service, such as email or video streamed over the Internet, may need to register as an ECS provider in relevant EU nations.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

21 August 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

California appellate court affirms judgment for Coinbase in lawsuit over Bitcoin Gold – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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### ***Schrems II*: Now what? New FAQs from EU data protection supervisors provide guidance on data transfers**

28 July 2020

Organizations relying on Privacy Shield for transfers to the US of personal data subject to GDPR must immediately implement an alternative mechanism or cease transfers.

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### **New Section 301 investigations into digital services taxes involving multiple countries**

29 June 2020

The US Trade Representative will investigate whether these DSTs discriminate against or place an unreasonable burden upon or restrict US commerce.

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### **First emerging technologies identified and controlled for export in the EAR**

26 June 2020

The designation also makes these a "critical technology," giving CFIUS jurisdiction over foreign investments in US businesses that engage with these items.

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### **CFIUS encourages public to provide tips and referrals**

24 June 2020

The new webpage encourages tips and referrals about non-notified deals, violations of CFIUS mitigation measures, and other matters that raise national security risk.

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### **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends June 2020**

18 June 2020

#### **[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

World Economic Forum announces Presidio Principles as a foundation of blockchain ecosystem design – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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### **World Economic Forum announces Presidio Principles as a foundation of blockchain ecosystem design**

18 June 2020

WEF's foundational values for a decentralized future.

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### **Chinese and other emerging market companies listed in the US face increased scrutiny from Congress and Nasdaq**

27 May 2020

Within a span of two days, the US Senate, House and Nasdaq each took steps to safeguard investors in the US capital markets.

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### **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

20 May 2020

#### **[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

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California may limit application of securities laws to tokens, French court says bitcoins are fungible assets – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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### **California bill proposes limits on application of securities laws to tokens**

20 May 2020

The proposed changes are likely to be well received by those considering issuing tokens.

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### **Latin America digital services tax update**

18 May 2020

For businesses that are non-resident digital service providers in Latin America.

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### **COVID-19 Framework for Managing Sourcing Relationships**

14 May 2020

A practical framework for formulating and executing your sourcing strategy in these unprecedented times

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### **Post-COVID-19 sustainability and ESG disputes: pinch points and practical pointers**

12 May 2020

Where businesses are putting all of their efforts into crisis mitigation and survival in response to COVID-19, it is worth considering the importance of balancing short-term mitigation measures with the preservation of long term value and sustainability and ESG commitments

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### **CFIUS filing fees effective as of May 1, 2020: What you need to know**

5 May 2020

The filing fees go into effect and must be paid for transactions filed on or after May 1, 2020.

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### **Post-COVID-19 Sustainability and ESG disputes: human rights commitments and key legal risk during times of crisis**

5 May 2020

Maintaining a consistent approach to sustainability and human rights is not just the right thing to do during the COVID-19 crisis, but an important consideration to mitigate medium and long-term legal risks

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### **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

30 April 2020

#### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Some key considerations for lenders looking to close loans electronically, either in person or remotely, plus latest regulatory, legal and case law developments around eSignatures and ePayments.

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## What COVID-19 could mean for the future of the Big Tech investigations

24 April 2020

### [ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD](#)

Rather than hampering the investigations over the long term, the pandemic may open new lines of inquiry for antitrust investigators.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 April 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

The FSB report on global stablecoin frameworks and related cryptoassets reflects views inside G20 governments – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## The Financial Stability Board Report on Stablecoins – implications for the international regulation of cryptocurrencies and other cryptoassets

23 April 2020

The report reflects views within G20 governments regarding both national and international regulation of cryptoassets.

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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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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

March/April 2020

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

COVID-19 special edition

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

25 March 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

The age of viral outbreaks – key contract considerations in a post-COVID-19 world, plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments around blockchain and digital transformation.

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## Coronavirus: Federal government stimulus response – Massive stimulus package may move through US Congress at “warp speed”

19 March 2020

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The economic stimulus package taking shape may be the biggest one ever.

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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19): ten practical steps for global employers, right now (Global)**

13 March 2020

These steps are not based on laws of any one jurisdiction but rather are designed to provide a global employer with themes to consider, understanding that what may be suitable for each employer may vary greatly depending on the employer's unique circumstances.

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### **Europe initiates regulations on artificial intelligence; industry presented with opportunity to provide inputs**

5 March 2020

#### **AI OUTLOOK**

The White Paper on AI initiates a process that could potentially establish the world's first far-reaching regulatory framework for AI.

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### **PropTech in the United States – where we're heading**

2 March 2020

#### **PROPTech INSIGHTS**

The legal implications of operating smart buildings.

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### **Huawei Temporary General License extended for third time**

14 February 2020

The extension applies to Huawei and the 114 other non-US Huawei affiliates on the Entity List.

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### **Italy's new Digital Services Tax is now in force**

11 February 2020

Not all digital services will be taxed – only those entailing a high degree of users' involvement in value generation.

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### **Foreign ITAR cloud storage now permitted**

4 February 2020

This may provide ITAR-registered companies some flexibility with the virtual storage and transmission of their technical data, but using non-US based cloud storage is still not without risk.

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### **OECD statement of Digital Tax Initiative highlights progress, sets timeline for consensus – key points on Pillar One and Pillar Two**

3 February 2020

The development of a new taxing right is a major initiative, and the OECD continues to work at a brisk pace.

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## **Argentina suspends Promotional Regime of the Knowledge-based Economy**

28 January 2020

The regime aims to promote digital, information and communication technologies and the highly skilled human capital that creates and advances those technologies.

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## **DLA Piper GDPR Data Breach Survey 2020**

20 January 2020

According to DLA Piper's latest GDPR Data Breach Survey, data protection regulators have imposed EUR114 million (approximately USD126 million / GBP97 million) in fines under the GDPR regime for a wide range of GDPR infringements, not just for data breaches.

France, Germany and Austria top the rankings for the total value of GDPR fines imposed with just over EUR51 million, EUR24.5 million and EUR18 million respectively. The Netherlands, Germany and the UK topped the table for the number of data breaches notified to regulators with 40,647, 37,636 and 22,181 notifications each.

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## **New regulations reinforce CFIUS's expanded role with respect to foreign investments in the United States**

16 January 2020

The new CFIUS regulations become effective on February 13, 2020.

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## **Taxation of cryptocurrency: reporting charitable contributions in the US and new developments in the UK**

16 January 2020

Charities that accept donations of cryptocurrency face a number of administrative challenges; plus new guidance from HMRC.

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## **PRA Consultation Paper on Outsourcing and Third Party Risk Management: CP30/19**

10 January 2020

Key points and differences from the EBA Guidelines on Outsourcing

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## **Commerce imposes export licensing requirement on geospatial imagery software**

8 January 2020

Companies that produce, design, test, manufacture, fabricate, or develop a software described in the new controls may now be operating within the category of "critical technologies" as defined in CFIUS regulations.

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## **Congressional hearing to focus on facial recognition and national security**

12 December 2019

### **AI OUTLOOK**

Technologies controlled by foreign governments and their implications for privacy and national security are expected to be a major topic.

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## **Hong Kong's SFC introduces strict conditions on cloud data storage**

8 November 2019

All entities licensed by the Hong Kong SFC and storing data in the cloud must urgently review their data storage arrangements in light of a new circular from the SFC on "Use of external electronic data storage". This circular introduces strict new conditions on both cloud users and cloud vendors.

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## **Argentina: Promotional Regime of the Knowledge-based Economy comes into force 1.1.2020 – key points**

7 November 2019

The new tax regime seeks to put Argentina at the forefront of the knowledge economy in Latin America.

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## **Hikvision and other Chinese companies added to the Entity List**

10 October 2019

The list includes Chinese companies in the video surveillance, artificial intelligence, voice recognition, deep learning and other technology fields.

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## **Beginning October 11, 2019: opportunity to obtain temporary reduction or suspension of US import duties**

7 October 2019

Miscellaneous Tariff Bill petitions can be submitted to the ITC until 5:15 pm EST on December 10, 2019.

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## **Treasury Department proposes regulations comprehensively implementing FIRRMA and reforming CFIUS national security review**

19 September 2019

The proposed regulations affect non-controlling investments involving critical technologies, critical infrastructure, and sensitive personal data; and transactions involving real estate near sensitive national security facilities.

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## **Amendment to Japanese Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act expands restricted business sectors for foreign investment in Japan**

22 August 2019

The Japanese Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act requires prior filings with relevant ministries via the Bank of Japan for foreign investments in certain business sectors relating to national security, public order, and public safety, etc.

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## **US Trade Representative publishes fourth list of Chinese products subject to Section 301 tariffs**

19 August 2019

Yet more Chinese products will be subject to an additional 10 percent tariff.

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## Changes in electronic communications and digital marketing – revised proposal for the ePrivacy Regulation

1 August 2019

### [PRIVACY MATTERS](#)

On 26 July 2019, at the level of the Council, the Finnish government has issued a revised (Council) proposal for the e-Privacy Regulation with some amendments concerning electronic communication content, data & metadata, and further processing of metadata.

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## The government in your cloud

24 July 2019

As companies shift more data to the cloud, the US government's ability to access that content should not be overlooked.

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## Updated FATF standards include interpretative note on virtual assets

16 July 2019

The FATF updates its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing standards.

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## Episode 4: Getting data out of China - the challenge of operating your China business offshore

26 June 2019

### [NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

An updated and substantially more onerous draft of China's long awaited position on cross border data transfers has just been published. The Measures on Personal Information Cross Border Transfer Security Assessment (Measures) apply to all "Network Operators" and will require specific action to be taken by all businesses that send personal information out of China.

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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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## Deadlines approaching fast for fourth set of Section 301 tariffs

4 JUN 2019

Companies have the opportunity to present their views on specific products before the list is finalized but there is less than one month before the window closes.

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## The Singapore Payment Services Act 2019 - What you need to know if dealing in crypto-currency or e-money

4 JUN 2019

If you issue crypto-currency or electronic money (i.e. money which is stored electronically), or provide services dealing in crypto-currency or electronic money in Singapore, you will now need to apply for a licence from the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).

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### Commerce issues Temporary General License for Huawei

22 MAY 2019

The Temporary General License is a brief reprieve.

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### Episode 1: Cyber enforcement starts

21 May 2019

#### [NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

China's cybersecurity regulators are now taking their first steps to verify organisations' (including foreign businesses') compliance with China's cybersecurity laws. As anticipated, the focus is on businesses that have an online presence in China.

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### Law à la Mode: Beauty Trends: 5 Key Beauty M&A deals; Street art and fashion; Word from the industry's mouth; The rise in innovative retail services; and more

20 MAY 2019

#### [LAW À LA MODE](#)

The Moroccan editorial team is delighted to bring you the 28th edition of Law à la Mode, the legal magazine produced by DLA Piper's Consumer Goods & Retail Sector Group for clients and contacts of the firm worldwide.

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### Trump issues Executive Order on securing information and communications technology and services – key points

16 MAY 2019

The order is issued pursuant to the National Emergencies Act and the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the latter creating potential civil and criminal liability for those violating EOs and regulations issued under its authority - liabilities that can expand to include those who facilitate a violation.

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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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### So you want to go digital...

11 APR 2019

This article assists businesses in identifying the core issues that must be addressed to ensure the legal sufficiency of transactions

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conducted on eSignature platforms.

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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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## **New Year, New Regulations: Cyberspace Administration of China launches new blockchain regulatory framework**

4 MAR 2019

You may need to comply with new regulations if you use Blockchain technology to conduct your business in mainland China. The "Regulations for Managing Blockchain Information Service" take effect on 15 February 2019. The new regulations encourage Blockchain industry organisations to enhance self-discipline and establish sound industry standards.

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## **US companies: EU data regulation means new oversight**

2 DEC 2015

Many US companies are about to experience new regulatory oversight.

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## **EU: new obligations for digital services providers and operators of essential services**

28 JUN 2016

In line with the EU's broader Cyber Security Strategy, the NIS Directive is a significant step towards a more secure cross-border cyberspace with a high shared level of network and information system security.

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## **The blockchain revolution, smart contracts and financial transactions**

26 APR 2016

Blockchain-based smart contracts have enormous potential to streamline financial transactions and reduce counterparty risks.

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## **Plan now to use off-band communications during an incident response: key points**

27 OCT 2015

A robust IR plan should include communications techniques that operate outside regular company communication methods.

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## **A new test for Mexico's structural changes: antitrust reform – key points in one chart**

16 JUN 2014

This entirely new framework should be carefully analyzed by investors in structuring their Mexico-related M&A transactions and

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managing their existing operations

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## Events

### Previous

#### **Sustainability and ESG: A case study on Timberland's strategic alliance in Haiti**

28 September 2020

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#### **Negotiating Sourcing Arrangements Following COVID-19**

1 July 2020

Webinar

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#### **Webinar: Skyscrapers for the masses: Real Estate Tokenisation and the future of STOs**

25 March 2020

Webinar

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## NEWS

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#### **DLA Piper's Luxembourg team enters World Trademark Review ranking**

25 February 2021

Our Luxembourg office is pleased to announce that we have been ranked as a recommended law firm in the World Trademark Review.

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#### **DLA Piper advised Box Inc who will acquire SignRequest**

10 February 2021

We are delighted to have advised Box Inc, who entered into a definitive agreement to acquire SignRequest, a cloud-based electronic signature company.

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## **New intellectual property partner joins DLA Piper's intellectual property and technology practice in Paris**

11 January 2021

DLA Piper is appointing Frank Valentin as partner to its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) Practice in Paris, joining with a team of four others on 15 January.

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## **DLA Piper advises ATI Global on GBP170 million acquisition of Groundsure**

21 January 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ATI Global on its GBP170 million acquisition of UK based location intelligence business Groundsure, a leading supplier of environmental searches, data, mapping and reports for the UK property market, from Ascential plc (Ascential) (LSE: ASCL).

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## **EUR272.5m in fines imposed by European regulators under GDPR - Survey by international law firm DLA Piper**

19 January 2021

EUR272.5 million (about USD332.4 million / GBP245.3 million) of fines have been imposed for a wide range of infringements of Europe's tough data protection laws according to international law firm DLA Piper.

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## **DLA Piper advises Wipro Limited on the acquisition of METRO-NOM GmbH and METRO Systems Romania**

4 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised Wipro Limited, a leading global information technology, consulting, and business process services company, on the acquisition of METRO AG's IT units – METRO-NOM GmbH in Germany and METRO Systems Romania S.R.L.

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## **DLA Piper advises Nemetschek on acquisition of DEXMA by subsidiary Spacewell**

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Nemetschek group, one of the world's leading software providers for the Architecture, Engineering, Construction and Owner-operated (AECO) industry, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in DEXMA by its subsidiary Spacewell.

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## **DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group on the acquisition of gaming company Sandbox Interactive**

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Stillfront Group AB, a leading free-to-play gaming studios company, on the acquisition of Sandbox Interactive GmbH, a rapidly growing and highly profitable gaming company based in Berlin and developer and publisher of the popular cross-platform free-to-play sandbox MMORPG Albion Online. The sellers are the four co-founders of Sandbox.

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## **DLA Piper advises EQT Ventures on a seed round in tech start-up Wonder**

15 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised EQT Ventures on its investment in Berlin-based tech start-up Wonder in a 9 million Euro seed round. In addition to EQT Ventures, other backers include Blueyard.

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## **Over three-quarters of investors expect Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) investment to increase over next 24 months**

3 December 2020

- **Nearly one quarter (23%) of investors believe pandemic has led to a higher FTTP project roll-out**
- **Germany, the UK and Poland are the most attractive locations for future FTTP investment, with low penetration levels, high end-user demand, and government incentives**
- **84% of respondents expect infrastructure funds to be most active in acquiring FTTP operators over the next 24 months**

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## **DLA Piper and Aldersgate DLS launch TOKO, a fast, secure and cost effective solution for buying and selling high value assets using blockchain technology**

5 November 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper in collaboration with Aldersgate DLS (Digital Ledger Solutions), has launched TOKO, a unique tokenisation engine and vital component in the digital asset ecosystem. Developed with Aldersgate DLS, TOKO provides smart contract functionality and digital asset creation functionality and assurance.

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## **DLA Piper advises GM Cruise on acquisition of Astyx**

8 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised GM Cruise Holdings LLC (GM Cruise) in connection with the acquisition of Astyx GmbH (Astyx) from Zukunft Ventures GmbH, a subsidiary of ZF Friedrichshafen AG, and the founders of Astyx.

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## **New partner joins DLA Piper's Intellectual Property and Technology practice in London**

27 May 2020

DLA Piper is appointing Sophie Lessar as partner to its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) Practice in London. She joins on 1 June.

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## **New partner joins DLA Piper's Intellectual Property and Technology practice in London**

1 May 2020

DLA Piper is appointing Deborah Bould as partner to its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) Practice in London, joining on 11th May.

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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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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Tirona on the acquisition of a stake in CashCape**

5 September 2019

DLA Piper has advised Tirona Ltd. on the acquisition of a 25 percent stake in the fintech app CashCape.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Bauer Media on acquisition of Camilyo Online Ltd.**

5 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Bauer Media Group on the acquisition of Israeli Camilyo Online Ltd., a provider of online-based white-labeled services for online-service provider and their small and medium businesses-clients. The transaction is the second recent acquisition by Bauer Media Group of a provider of online-based white-labeled services and part of Bauer Media Group's new business growth strategy in its business area in SME marketing and sales services.

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### **DLA Piper advises Allianz Real Estate on the acquisition of EDGE Hafencity in Hamburg**

2 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Allianz Real Estate on its acquisition of the office property EDGE Hafencity as part of an off-market forward deal. EDGE HafenCity Hamburg will be a 15-storey building with a total lettable area of approximately 22,500 sqm.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Rolls-Royce on acquisition of Siemens' eAircraft business**

21 June 2019

DLA Piper has advised Rolls-Royce plc on the acquisition of Siemens' electric and hybrid-electric aerospace propulsion activities, eAircraft. The acquisition will accelerate the delivery of Rolls-Royce's electrification strategy and boost its ambition to play a major role in the "third era" of aviation. The completion of the transaction is expected in late 2019, following a period of employee consultation.

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### **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.

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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 successfully defends Samsung Electronics against Dyson**

29 MAR 2019

DLA Piper acted on behalf of Samsung Electronics GmbH to lift a temporary injunction obtained by Dyson AG in January 2018 from the District Court of Düsseldorf. The injunction prohibited Samsung from making certain advertising statements for battery-powered vacuum cleaners. As some of the prohibited statements were also on the packaging this led to a de facto ban on the sale for the battery-powered vacuum cleaner.

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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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