



## Technology

DLA Piper works with many of the world's leading technology companies, offering advice throughout a broad range of areas - from corporate transactions to IP protection, patent law and litigation, and including regulatory, compliance, employment and contracting issues.

DLA Piper's global technology sector lawyers work across practice areas and offices to support technology clients wherever they do business. From startups to fast growing and mid-market businesses to mature global enterprises, our clients are companies that develop or create technology, are enabled by technology, or whose business model is fundamentally based on technology. Our technology sector clients include companies in the following areas:

- Software
- Computer hardware
- [FinTech](#)
- PayTech
- InsureTech
- [PropTech](#)
- [Artificial intelligence and robotics](#)
- [Blockchain](#)
- [Unmanned Aerial Systems and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles](#)
- [Telecommunications](#)
- Games and entertainment
- Online commerce and new media
- IT and outsourcing services
- CleanTech
- Semiconductors

We advise technology companies throughout the business life cycle. We help startups get organized and funded and assist both growing and established technology companies in employment matters, commercial and technology transactions and IP patent protection strategies.

Continued growth means a steady need for legal support in such areas as M&A, IPOs and dispute resolution. As companies expand their business internationally, we help with international tax planning, regulatory compliance, establishment of new entities and compliance with local laws for employment, benefit plans and company policies. For the largest companies, we partner with in-house legal departments, providing additional experience and capacity to address all these areas.

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#### RELATED SERVICES

- Data Protection, Privacy and Security
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- Patent Litigation
- Patent Prosecution and Strategic Patent Counseling
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- Public Company and Corporate Governance
- Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing
- Transfer Pricing

- Declarative Holdings, Inc., d/b/a Cloud Sherpas Inc., in its acquisition of Stoneburn Software Services Ltd (US\$5 billion)
- Virtustream, Inc., an enterprise-class cloud software and services provider, in its reverse triangular merger sale to EMC Corp., a provider of IT storage hardware solutions (US\$1.2 billion)
- Adobe Systems Inc. in its acquisition of Fotolia LLC (US\$800 million)
- Citigroup Global Markets Inc. as underwriters in the takedown of publicly registered floating-rate debt, guaranteed by Telefonica S.A. of Telefonica Emisiones S.A.U. (US\$500 million)
- Qualcomm Incorporated in the cross-border stock purchase acquisition by Qualcomm Life, its wholly owned subsidiary, of Capsule Technologies SAS, a France-based global provider of medical device integration and clinical data management solutions (US\$305 million)
- Comverse, Inc., a global provider of services and products to telecom companies, in the sale of its business support systems (BSS) to Amdocs Ltd., a multinational software services provider to communications and media companies (US\$272.8 million)

- Telecom

## RELATED SECTORS

- Media, Sport and Entertainment

## Intellectual Property

- Motorola for claims against Blackberry-maker RIM involving 27 patents in multiple courts and countries
- GSI Technology and five other clients against Cypress Semiconductor in a patent litigation matter in the ITC, and GSI in a parallel district court case, involving a total of six patents
- Toshiba in the successful defense of a Delaware district court action brought by Intellectual Ventures (IV) Litigation
- LUMOS Solar LLC in successfully opposing enforcement of an international arbitration award
- Extreme Networks, Inc. and its officers in a securities class action litigation filed in the Northern District of California
- ServiceSource International Inc., its CEO, and its subsidiary, Scout Analytics, Inc., achieving a total victory in a federal securities class action
- The former directors of TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS), achieving a total victory in two class action stockholder challenges to TCS's decision to be acquired by Comtech Telecommunications Corp. in an all-cash tender offer

## Strategic Sourcing / Technology Transactions

- HCL Technologies in concluding global outsourcing transactions with some of their very largest customers
- Atos in support of its sourcing engagements with its customers all around the world

## Awards and recognitions

- Named Band 1 for Technology, Media & Telecom (*Chambers Global*, 2018)
- Named one of the top five Most Tech-Savvy Law Firms (BTI Consulting, 2017)
- Law Firm of the Year in Corporate Venture (*Global Corporate Venturing*, 2015 and 2016)
- Tier 2 for Technology Transactions (*Legal500 US*, 2017)
- 2nd Most Favorable and Recognized Legal Brand Globally (Acritas, 2017)
- Recognized for strength of client relationships in many industries, including high tech (*BTI Industry Power Rankings*, 2017)
- #1 in Global M&A for ninth consecutive year (*Mergermarket*, 2018)
- #2 Most Active Global Firm for PE deals, (*Pitchbook*, 2018)
  - #2 Most Active in IT deals
- #5 Most Active Global Firm for VC deals (*Pitchbook*, 2018)
  - #4 Most Active in Software deals
  - #4 Most Active in IT/Hardware deals

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

**The advantages of Asia's data protection law: China's Coronavirus COVID-19 detection app**

14 February 2020

The media controversy surrounding China's Coronavirus COVID-19 detection app, the "close contact detector", has brought to light a common misapprehension about how data protection law is universally applied around the world, creating an expectation that Asia should follow the model set by Europe's GDPR.

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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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### **Going viral: the legal impact of coronavirus on force majeure events**

12 February 2020

This article focuses key consideration for parties that may wish to declare a force majeure event or dispute the declaration of a force majeure event by a counterparty.

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### **Hong Kong Government introduces mandatory quarantine measures**

11 February 2020

On 9 February 2020, the number of deaths due to the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Numerous governments have been implementing restrictions barring entry to those with recent travel history through Mainland China, including Singapore, Japan, Australia and the United States. Following pressure from public health workers, the Hong Kong Government has now followed suit and has begun a mandatory two-week quarantine for anyone arriving from Mainland China.

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### **How to resume business amid the coronavirus outbreak**

11 February 2020

As reported in our previous article, China has extended its Chinese New Year holiday and work suspension period as a result of the novel coronavirus outbreak which has now infected more than 40,000 people around the world.

This is a summary of the Back to Work Day and compensation for working before Back to Work Day in key cities and provinces across China.

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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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### **Israel Group News February 2020**

10 February 2020

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## ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

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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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### EU Policy & Regulatory Alert

3 February 2020

On 29 January 2020, the new European Commission has adopted its 2020 annual Work Programme, announcing 43 new concrete policy and legislative measures to be introduced over the course of the year of 2020, and thereby translating into practice the Political Guidelines of new European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

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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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### APAC employment issues arising out of the Coronavirus

31 January 2020

On 29 January 2020, the number of confirmed cases of the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Multinationals with local operations around the APAC region have been significantly affected. As staff return to the office following the Chinese New Year holiday period, businesses are now considering what they can do to minimise any risk to health and safety and support staff through this challenging period where anxiety and uncertainty is rife, whilst at the same time complying with their employment obligations and maintaining business continuity. Putting in place detailed business and contingency plans and ensuring careful communications with staff to address key topics and concerns is key, as is keeping such plans and communications under frequent review given the fluidity of the current situation.

This alert considers some of the key issues that HR and business leaders should be considering across the APAC region.

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### Harsher penalties on discriminatory employment practices in Singapore

29 January 2020

The Fair Consideration Framework was updated in January 2020 to impose harsher penalties on employers found to be engaging in discriminatory practices such as by favouring the hiring of foreigners over Singaporeans.

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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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### **China extends holidays for workers amid coronavirus outbreak**

28 January 2020

Learn about how the widely publicised corona virus outbreak affects business in Greater China.

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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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### **Iran nuclear deal: the launch of the 'Dispute Resolution Mechanism' and the 'potential snapback' of UN and EU sanctions**

17 January 2020

This week, France, Germany and Britain have triggered the Dispute Resolution Mechanism against Iran under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Will this process lead to the re-imposition of UN and EU sanctions on Iran?

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### **Top of Mind: Life Sciences**

16 January 2020

Eight big topics that life sciences businesses have been thinking about and how DLA Piper has been covering those stories.

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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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### Digital assets services: New level 2 regulation by the AMF

20 December 2019

The French administrative order dated 5 December 2019 has provided amendments to the AMF General Regulation to provide specific provisions related to digital asset services providers, a new category of services providers set forth in the French PACTE Law with a national ambit.

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### Supreme Court Corner

19 December 2019

We are watching two key cases – *Romag Fasteners v. Fossil* and *Thryv, Inc. v. Click-to-Call Technologies*.

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### Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 44, Q4 2019

19 December 2019

#### [INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

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

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### DLA Piper named a top-scoring firm for gender diversity and inclusion in IP and firm leadership by ChIPs

19 December 2019

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### Panels examine trademark litigation and the CCPA at our 13th annual Women in IP Law CLE Luncheon

19 December 2019

Most of the more than 180 guests were leading IP counsel] for some of the Bay Area's largest tech companies.

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### EU launches preparatory work for a global sanctions regime for human rights violations

17 December 2019

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On 9 December 2019, High Representative/Vice-President of the European Union Josep Borrell announced that the Foreign Affairs Council has agreed with strong consensus to start the preparatory work for a global sanctions regime to address serious human rights violations.

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### **2019 Sourcing and Commercial contracts case law round-up**

16 December 2019

A summary of key 2019 cases relevant to sourcing and commercial contracts.

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### **Triple Point Technology v PTT Public Company Ltd [2019] EWCA Civ 230**

16 December 2019

This case illustrates how carefully liquidated damages clauses need to be drafted. The Court of Appeal found that a particular liquidated damages clause for delay did not apply to an abandoned IT project (abandonment being a different scenario than late completion). It also commented that, where delay liquidated damages do apply, it is possible for them to continue to accrue after contract termination until a replacement supplier completes the work. The case is also a reminder to consider whether liquidated damages operated within, or outside of, the general liability cap.

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### **Stricter outsourcing rules for Singapore's banking sector**

13 December 2019

Banks and credit card providers in Singapore should consider updating their outsourcing arrangements in anticipation of stricter new laws. Singapore's Government has proposed new powers to regulate more closely the outsourcing arrangements of banks and credit card providers regulated by the MAS, and to impose stricter sanctions.

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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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### **The EU Commission trailblazing towards a sustainable future**

12 December 2019

The European Green Deal is a holistic approach to delivering transformational change and leading the transition towards a new paradigm.

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### **Penalties for violations of Data Localization Rules dramatically increased**

6 December 2019

Many companies have scrambled to comply with Russia's peculiar Data Localization Rules since their enactment in 2015. While these rules apply to a wide range of companies handling Russian personal data both in Russia and abroad, the penalties for non-compliance were traditionally limited to just blocking the data operator's websites.

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## **New European Commission Assumed Office on 1 December 2019**

2 December 2019

The new leadership of the European Commission has officially assumed office yesterday, Sunday, 1 December 2019, for a five-year term. The newly assembled College of Commissioners obtained a comfortable majority in an approval vote in the European Parliament plenary session on Wednesday, 27 November 2019.

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## **Real Estate Gazette: Finding profit in uncertain times**

22 November 2019

### **REAL ESTATE GAZETTE**

This issue highlights the various legal issues related to finding profit in uncertain times.

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## **Israel Group News November 2019**

18 November 2019

In this issue, IP considerations in augmented reality and virtual reality, plus our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

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## **Episode 8: Crackdown on infringing China apps**

13 November 2019

### **NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY**

China's authorities have launched a crackdown against non-compliant mobile apps. The crackdown is taking place during November and December 2019, so businesses operating apps in China must take urgent action or else face sanctions.

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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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## **Episode 7: New China encryption law passed**

6 November 2019

### **NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY**

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The new PRC Encryption Law will come into force on 1 January 2020. It will bring fundamental changes to the sale, import and use of encryption technologies in China by foreign and domestic organizations.

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## **Episode 6: Further developments in PRC data privacy regulations**

1 November 2019

### **NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY**

An updated draft of China's Amended Personal Information Security Specification (Amended PIS Specification) and proposed new amendments to the privacy specification for mobile apps (App Privacy Specification) were published this week, alongside brand new draft regulations for the banking sector.

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## **US Supreme Court denies review of *Robles v. Domino's Pizza*, opening door to more lawsuits on website and mobile app accessibility claims**

16 October 2019

Does the ADA apply to websites and mobile apps?

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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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## **Business Start-up Pack - UK**

18 JUN 2014

This Start-up Pack has been designed and prepared by DLA Piper's Technology Sector initiative, which includes lawyers with experience in intellectual property, corporate, employment and tax matters.

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## **Digital Transformation in Energy and Natural Resources**

9 October 2019

The global demand for power rises, the requirement for increased productivity, greater efficiencies in distribution and flexibility for consumers (both corporate and residential) is also growing. As such, we have launched report on how digital technologies are impacting the Energy and Natural Resources sector.

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## **Mexico: 2020 tax reform proposal**

7 October 2019

The proposed reform aims to broaden the scope of activities subject to tax, as well as the reporting obligations of Mexican and foreign taxpayers.

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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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## Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 43, Q3 2019

30 Sep 2019

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

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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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## A guide to the General Data Protection Regulation [Updated for 2019]

17 September 2019

On 4 May 2016, the text of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union, concluding over four years of intensive legislative work on a new data protection legal framework for Europe.

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## TechLaw Podcast: Future regulation for artificial intelligence

03 SEP 2019

### TECHLAW PODCAST

In episode 23 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, Consultant at DLA Piper, Lord Tim Clement-Jones is joined by Ed Thomas from GlobalData Plc. to discuss the regulatory framework likely to govern future innovation in AI-related technologies.

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## No-deal Brexit: Impact on the technology sector

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 the technology sector

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## **TechLaw Podcast: Transforming payment solutions for platform businesses with Paybase**

28 AUG 2019

### **TECHLAW PODCAST**

In episode 22 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, DLA Piper Partner, Chloe Forster, and Co-Founder of Paybase, Anna Tsyupko, discuss the challenges commonly faced by platform businesses and how to drive diversity and inclusion in an organisation.

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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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## **Three predictions for the future of AI: it's not evil, it's the new electricity**

12 August 2019

### **TECHNOLOGY'S LEGAL EDGE**

Top three predictions on the future of AI and IoT.

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## **Israel Group News August 2019**

7 August 2019

### **ISRAEL GROUP NEWS**

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## **TechLaw Podcast: Driving diversity through technology**

07 AUG 2019

### **TECHLAW PODCAST**

Laura Da Silva Gomes from WePlayFair.org joins DLA Piper's Katherine Gibson to explore how investing in diversity and inclusion strategies can offer a competitive advantage in episode 21 of our TechLaw Podcast Series.

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## Disrupting the real estate industry: emerging trends in proptech

6 August 2019

### TECHNOLOGY'S LEGAL EDGE

As companies strive to stay on the cutting edge, here are some of the trends we anticipate will play an significant role in the continued development of the proptech industry.

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## Artificial Intelligence: What we have seen so far in 2019 and what is to come...

5 August 2019

### TECHNOLOGY'S LEGAL EDGE

As an increasing number of industries begin opting for solutions based on machine learning, here are seven of the top AI trends that we have seen in 2019 and a prediction of what we think will come in the near future.

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## EU Impact - Issue 6

1 August 2019

While you are looking forward to departing on your well-deserved summer holidays (or are reading our newsletter while at your holiday destination already), the EU institutions have likewise reduced their activities to a minimum as from last week until the end of August.

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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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## FTC announces Cambridge Analytica settlement

25 July 2019

A sign that the FTC may be stepping up its pursuit of individual liability in addition to corporate liability.

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## Real Estate Gazette: Technology

26 July 2019

### REAL ESTATE GAZETTE

This issue highlights the various legal issues related to technology.

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## FTC unfriends Facebook

25 July 2019

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The FTC order imposes new penalties and requirements on Facebook.

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## Q2 Editor's Column

24 July 2019

As we enter the dog days of summer, we can reflect on the first half of the year and plan for success for the coming months.

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## 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.

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## Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 42, Q2 2019

24 July 2019

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## Top Patent Litigation Firm

24 July 2019

*Lex Machina's 2018 Patent Litigation Year in Review* recognizes DLA Piper as one of the top ten most active national law firms representing defendants in US patent disputes.

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## *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.

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## ITC Section 337 update: Commission decision stayed?

24 July 2019

Significant new developments.

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## The states look at autonomous vehicles

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24 July 2019

Many US states are experimenting with a wide range of approaches to autonomous vehicles, some cautious and others more ambitious.

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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 5: Apps are being shut down in China - will yours be next?**

12 July 2019

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

While apps are incredibly popular in China, in recent months some have been disappearing from app stores in the country because they do not comply with recent apps regulations. Indeed many companies are not even aware of the comprehensive new privacy compliance obligations for apps in China.

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### **Updated guide on the insurability of GDPR fines across Europe**

11 July 2019

We've partnered again with Aon for the second edition of The Price of Data Security, our guide to the insurability of GDPR fines across Europe, which includes common issues faced by organisations and practical case studies.

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### **Ethiopian Communications Service Proclamation**

3 July 2019

The Communications Service Proclamation, which was adopted by the Ethiopian Parliament recently, introduces a number of major changes into the Ethiopian telecom sector. A brief explanation of the major changes is provided below together with some commentary from DLA Piper's telecoms team.

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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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## Shall we play a game? Reinforcement learning and the AI training data challenge

24 June 2019

A properly trained special-purpose AI can be a wonderful thing. AI systems have already displayed super-human performance in many fields, from diagnosing specific medical conditions, to spotting fraudulent transactions, or identifying infringing content amongst the fire-hose of social media.

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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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## Episode 3: Yet more regulators join the party in enforcing cybersecurity

4 June 2019

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

Licensed telcos and internet businesses in China face a new wave of investigations by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) as they announce a new enforcement campaign aimed at ensuring network security compliance.

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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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## Episode 2: New stringent cyber security rules announced in China, what will your business need to do?

29 May 2019

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

Organisations with operations in China must prepare now for new comprehensive cybersecurity rules. The Chinese authorities have announced MLPS "version 2.0", which will come into force on 1 December 2019, and have potential significant impact to businesses' infrastructure and operations in China.

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## Singapore data security - Recent incidents and compliance steps you

23 May 2019

Organisations handling Singapore personal data should re-evaluate their data security compliance programmes in light of recent regulatory scrutiny and enforcement action.

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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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## Technology and disruption in the insurance sector: 2019 and beyond

21 MAY 2019

### [INSURANCE HORIZONS](#)

The past decade has seen disruption become a key catchphrase in business, politics and public thought, as the impact of disruption spreads across economies. While this disruption may manifest as new business models, and the upending of old ones, it is technology that is enabling all of this change.

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## The error of trials: Legal considerations when deploying AI in drug development

21 May 2019

Trial and error – with the vast majority of trials ending in error – has long been the default method of drug discovery.

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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 quarterly 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

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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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## Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) May 2019

15 MAY 2019

### [INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) is our biannual publication designed to report on worldwide development in intellectual property and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

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## EU Impact - Issue 4/2019

10 MAY 2019

With only two weeks left until the European elections of 23-26 May 2019, Europeans find themselves at the beginning of a months-long period of crucial transformations that are expected to significantly impact citizens and businesses in the medium- and long term.

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## Israel Group News May 2019

9 MAY 2019

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## Washington state HB 1450 is signed into law, limiting enforceability of non-compete agreements – key takeaways

9 MAY 2019

The new prohibitions on non-compete agreements in Washington have the potential to greatly impact employers in the state both positively and negatively.

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## Collaboration in Financial Services - Regulation and Challenges

3 MAY 2019

One of the most noticeable recent trends in financial services is the number of collaboration which are taking place between FinTechs and banks. As banks have been transforming to increasingly drive business through digital channels, they have sought to partner with FinTechs to accelerate the pace of change.

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## TechLaw Podcast: How tech is shaping the future of retail

23 APR 2019

### [TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

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Chloe Forster is joined by Liliana Danila and James Martin, both from the British Retail Consortium, to discuss the impact tech is having on the retail experience in episode 20 of our TechLaw podcast series.

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### **Isn't the whole point of a black box to tell you exactly what happened? AI's explainability conundrum.**

19 April 2019

Sitting at 36,000 feet over the Atlantic writing this article, I'm unusually aware of the traditional use of the phrase "black box:" an aircraft's flight data recorder, there to let investigators understand what went awry should the worst happen. It seems odd that a device whose purpose is to provide an explanation should so often be called upon as a metaphor for the unexplainable.

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### **TechLaw Podcast: The Future of Cryptoassets**

15 APR 2019

#### **[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)**

Regulation and policy expert in the field of FinTech, Teana Baker-Taylor from Global Digital Finance, discusses the latest regulatory developments around cryptoassets with one of our partners, Bryony Widdup.

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### **TechLaw Podcast: The Future of FinTech**

15 APR 2019

#### **[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)**

What's next for FinTech? Giles Andrews, Co-Founder of Zopa, looks to the future with our International Group Head of Finance, Projects & Restructuring and FinTech Global Co-Chair, Martin Bartlam, in episode 18 of our TechLaw podcast.

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### **2019 IFA Annual Convention**

11 APR 2019

The International Franchise Association (IFA) held its 59th Annual Convention in Las Vegas from February 24-27, 2019.

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### **Q1 Editor's Column**

11 APR 2019

Welcome to our 41st issue, marking the 10th anniversary of *IPT News*.

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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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### **Recognized as one of the best firms for client service**

11 APR 2019

BTI Consulting's 2019 Client Service A-Team rankings report names DLA Piper as one of the best law firms for providing a superior level of client service.

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### **DLA Piper's sixth annual Global IP Symposium in Japan**

11 APR 2019

Our Intellectual Property and Technology group recently hosted its Sixth Annual Global IP Symposium in Japan.

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### **Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 41, Q1 2019**

11 APR 2019

#### **[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)**

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

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### **CCPA vs. GDPR: the same, only different**

11 APR 2019

Businesses that have undertaken GDPR compliance will have an advantage in addressing CCPA, but those efforts alone won't suffice.

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### **DLA Piper welcomes seasoned data privacy lawyer Tracy Shapiro**

11 APR 2019

DLA Piper recently welcomed seasoned data privacy lawyer Tracy Shapiro as a partner in Northern California.

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### **28 DLA Piper lawyers in 10 countries ranked among The World's Leading Trademark Professionals**

11 APR 2019

*The World's Leading Trademark Professionals 2019* names 28 DLA Piper lawyers from 10 countries to its list of top trademark professionals.

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

11 APR 2019

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This article assists businesses in identifying the core issues that must be addressed to ensure the legal sufficiency of transactions conducted on eSignature platforms.

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### **TechLaw Podcast: The opportunities and challenges of digital transformation across the private and public sectors - Part 2**

09 APR 2019

#### **[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)**

DLA Piper's Chloe Forster and Gary Barnett of Global Data Plc conclude their discussion on digital transformation in the second part of episode 17 of our TechLaw podcast.

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### **TechLaw Podcast: The opportunities and challenges of digital transformation across the private and public sectors - Part 1**

03 APR 2019

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### **EU Impact - Issue 3/2019**

29 MAR 2019

Monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments relevant for your sector

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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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### **EU Impact - Issue 2/2019**

4 MAR 2019

Monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments relevant for your sector

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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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## **The Final EBA Outsourcing Guidelines**

28 FEB 2019

The European Banking Authority has published its Final Report on EBA Draft Guidelines on outsourcing arrangements. The Guidelines are relevant to UK banks, building societies, designated investment firms and IFPRU investment firms.

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## **DLA Piper in Latin America: 2018 in review**

28 FEB 2019

While challenges always lie ahead, we are excited by the region's continuing growth.

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## **OECD issues far-reaching proposals for restructuring the international tax framework to address the challenges caused by the digitalization of the economy**

26 FEB 2019

Proposals being considered by the OECD's 128 Inclusive Framework members for tackling the tax challenges arising from digitalization of the economy.

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## **Data privacy law: the top global developments in 2018 and what 2019 may bring**

25 FEB 2019

In 2018, the world saw numerous significant privacy law developments, a trend that is continuing in 2019.

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## **Explainability: where AI and liability meet**

25 FEB 2019

Makers and users of AI face a new and interesting problem: what is the acceptable tradeoff between explanation and accuracy?

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## **Sharpen your pencils: California AG's Office announces start of its important CCPA pre-rulemaking and schedule for issuing its important CCPA rules**

13 FEB 2019

Because the CCPA is littered with drafting errors and confusing definitions, this AG rulemaking is extremely important.

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## Israel Group News

12 FEB 2019

### [ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

In this issue, the rise of the Data Protection Officer, plus news and coming events.

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## Keeping watch on smartphone app payments in China

7 FEB 2019

Now could be a good time to think about the level of transparency your company may have in connection with smartphone app payments by your employees.

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## Contracting for Transformative Benefits

06 FEB 2019

Much of the talk in the sourcing market is - and has been over the past couple of years - about transformation, especially of the digital nature. For some, any initiative under the digital transformation banner is seen as the panacea to numerous business and operational challenges.

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## US and Australian regulators enter into FinTech cooperation agreement

24 JAN 2019

At the heart of the agreement is a desire to enhance mutual understanding about FinTech regulatory issues, identify market developments, promote innovation and encourage use of technology in market oversight.

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## EU Policy & Regulatory Update: First Designations under EU's Chemical Weapons Sanctions Regime

24 JAN 2019

On 21 January 2019, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/86 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons, listing nine individuals and one entity under the EU's Chemical Weapons Sanctions regime.

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## TechLaw Podcast: Cloud computing, cybersecurity & supercomputers; a changeable future

22 JAN 2019

### [TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Is cloud computing the new norm? Jan Meents & Dirk Scheumann discuss cloud strategies & solutions in the changing IT landscape in episode 16 of our TechLaw podcast.

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## TechLaw Podcast: Breaking new ground: the revolution of the crypto asset lending marketplace

15 JAN 2019

### [TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

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Can traditional lending be paralleled in the digital asset space? In episode 15 of our TechLaw podcast, Bryony Widdup & Linda Wang, Co-Founder of Lendingblock, examine how the cryptocurrency market is redefining securities lending.

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### **EU Policy & Regulatory Update - EU Adds Three Iranian Persons to EU Terrorist List**

14 JAN 2019

On 8 January 2019, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/25 amending and updating the list of persons, groups and entities subject to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP.

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### **TechLaw Podcast: Managing risks & creating opportunities: Technology's role in the human rights agenda**

08 JAN 2019

#### **[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)**

What role can technology play when business and human rights agendas converge? DLA Piper's, Sarah Ellington and Dr Christine Chow of Hermes EOS analyse the new opportunities for tech in the latest episode of our DLA Piper TechLaw podcast.

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### **IP Litigation Powerhouse**

21 DEC 2018

BTI's *Litigation Outlook* names DLA Piper an "IP Litigation Powerhouse," a "Standout" and "Complex Commercial Litigation Powerhouse."

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### **Q4 Editor's Column**

21 DEC 2018

This quarter's issue of *IPT News* ...

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### **The Music Modernization Act: stronger protections for artists and publishers**

21 DEC 2018

The MMA revamps the Copyright Act in three major aspects.

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### **DLA Piper Sponsors Seventh Annual ChIPs Global Summit 2018**

21 DEC 2018

DLA Piper was a platinum sponsor of the seventh annual ChIPs Global Summit 2018.

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### **Taking part in 2018 ANA/BAA Marketing Law Conference**

21 DEC 2018

Ben Mulcahy and Gina Reif Ilardi actively participated in the 2018 Association of National Advertisers/Brand Activation Association Marketing Law Conference in Chicago.

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## **Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 40, Q4 2018**

21 DEC 2018

### **[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)**

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## **12th Annual Women in IP Law Seminar on patents and big data**

21 DEC 2018

DLA Piper's Intellectual Property and Technology group hosted its twelfth annual Women in IP Law CLE Luncheon at the Four Seasons Silicon Valley in November.

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## ***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.

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## **EU Impact: Monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments relevant for your sector**

21 DEC 2018

Edition 12 of our monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments

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

20 DEC 2018

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

In this issue, digitally transforming your business – the year's big legal and regulatory developments and breaking news.

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## **Episode 13: Not just doom & gloom - Technology's positive impact on the retail sector.**

18 DEC 2018

### **[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)**

Can retail's biggest threat also be its biggest opportunity? In episode 13 of our TechLaw Podcast Chloe Forster, Ruth Hoy and Gurpreet Duhra analyse tech's role in the changing retail landscape.

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## TechLaw Podcast: Data, capital and talent: Analysing FinTech's biggest Brexit risks - Part 2

13 DEC 2018

### [TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

How does Brexit affect Big Data and what can businesses do to mitigate the risk of added friction and dual regulations? In part 2 of our conversation with Bankable CEO, Eric Mouilleron, Paul Hardy and Richard Bonnar explore the regulatory challenges that the tech sector could encounter as a result of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

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## TechLaw Podcast: Data, capital and talent: Analysing FinTech's biggest Brexit risks - Part 1

11 DEC 2018

### [TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Will Brexit lead to a tech talent exodus? Will data movement grind to a halt? DLA Piper's Paul Hardy & Richard Bonnar analyse all scenarios with Bankable CEO, Eric Mouilleron, in episode 12 of our TechLaw podcast.

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## Top of mind: Litigation

10 DEC 2018

Our coverage of big compliance, enforcement and litigation issues that businesses are thinking about this quarter.

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## Global Anticorruption Newsletter

5 DEC 2018

DLA Piper's *Global Anticorruption Newsletter* offers practical guidance on complying with international bribery laws.

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## TechLaw Podcast: The Series A Round: "The who, what, where, why and how much" the Vita Mojo Revolution Part 2

04 DEC 2018

### [TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

In Part 2 of our interview with Vita Mojo co-founder, Stefan Catoi, Dylan and Stefan discusses his experience regarding their recently announced £10m Series A round and the rapidly evolving world of the foodtech industry.

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## The European Data Protection Board issues long-awaited guidelines on the territorial scope of the GDPR

30 NOV 2018

Among other provisions, the Guidelines concern GDPR's application to entities in the EU even when they process personal data of persons outside the EU.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

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30 NOV 2018

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

In this issue, a fintech Q&A with the team, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts

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### **TechLaw Podcast: Ultra-personalisation and the Vita Mojo Revolution Part 1**

28 NOV 2018

## [TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

DLA Piper associate, Dylan Kennett, is joined by Vita Mojo co-founder and Deloitte Fast 50 Rising Star award winner, Stefan Catoi to discuss personalisation and automation in the food industry.

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### **Law à la Mode: Word of the industry's mouth; Enforcement of IP rights through Ukrainian customs register; E-commerce in Poland; The development of artificial intelligence in the fashion industry; and more**

26 NOV 2018

## [LAW À LA MODE](#)

The US editorial team is delighted to bring you the 27th edition of *Law à la Mode*, the quarterly legal magazine produced by DLA Piper's Retail Sector Group for clients and contacts of the firm worldwide.

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### **EU Policy & Regulatory Alert: New Regulation on Foreign Direct Investment Screening in the EU**

22 NOV 2018

The European Union is moving fast towards establishing a joint regulatory and policy framework for Europeans to seize the opportunities provided by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to reinforce Europe's competitiveness in this field.

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### **Embrace the future: How technology is transforming legal practice**

20 NOV 2018

In this podcast, Stéphane discusses how technology is transforming the legal landscape. He shares his experiences of the way the legal and IP ecosystems interact with technology and why practitioners must embrace technology sooner rather than later "to remain relevant and efficient".

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### **ICO publishes draft Regulatory Action Policy**

8 NOV 2018

Following the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA18) coming into force on 25 May 2018, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) (the UK's data regulator) has refreshed its Regulatory Action Policy.

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### **Supply chain human rights risk management: Blockchain and emerging technology**

8 NOV 2018

Global businesses, financiers and investors are faced with an increasingly complex and interconnected legal, financial and

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reputation risk agenda related to human rights and other responsible business conduct issues.

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### **Spanish government to introduce new digital services tax**

1 NOV 2018

The proposed DST will apply only when the user's digital devices are located in Spain.

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### **How technical touchpoints can ensnare foreign cryptocurrency companies**

29 OCT 2018

Useful guideposts for overseas companies assessing whether they are exposed to US securities laws.

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

26 OCT 2018

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

In this issue, obtaining remote epayment authorizations from customers – are you in compliance? Plus the latest legislative and regulatory news.

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### **Israel Group News**

24 OCT 2018

#### **[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)**

In this issue, legal developments worldwide that affect this dynamic ecosystem.

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### **European parliament adopts resolution on distributed ledger technologies and blockchains**

22 OCT 2018

On 3 October 2018, the European Parliament adopted a non-legislative resolution on distributed ledger technology (DLT) and blockchain. The resolution discusses potential benefits from the application of DLT in various sectors of the economy, including financial services, and sets out the suggested regulatory approach.

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### **CFIUS pilot program mandates declarations for certain non-controlling investments in critical technologies**

17 OCT 2018

The pilot program covers critical technologies in 27 industries.

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### **Recent Landmark Case on Comparative Advertising in Hong Kong**

12 OCT 2018

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On 5 September 2018, the Hong Kong Court of First Instance handed down a significant win to Hong Kong Broadband Network Limited (HKBN) in dismissing a trade mark infringement claim brought against it by the PCCW-HKT group (PCCW). The case is the first decision the Hong Kong Court has made on section 21 of the Trade Mark Ordinance (Cap. 559) (TMO) and provided important guidance on the use of trademarks in the context of comparative advertising.

HKBN was represented by the legal team from DLA Piper Hong Kong led by May Ng, Partner, assisted by Queenie Chan, Associate.

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### **Digital Transformation in Financial Services white paper**

10 OCT 2018

How do industry insiders see financial services evolving: which will be the real game-changers, and are institutions and regulators keeping pace?

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### **Section 301 additional tariffs on imports of Chinese products: options for high tech and manufacturing companies**

3 OCT 2018

Additional tariffs of 10 percent or 25 percent have been imposed on three different lists of thousands of imports from China. Companies can request exclusion from these tariffs.

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### **Q3 Editor's Column**

27 SEP 2018

This quarter's issue of *IPT News* discusses some emerging technologies and their intersection with intellectual property law.

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### **DLA Piper hosts clients at INTA Annual Meeting in Seattle**

27 SEP 2018

More than 10,000 trademark professionals and brand owners from around the world took part in the 140th International Trademark Association Annual Meeting.

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### **Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) September 2018**

27 SEP 2018

#### **[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)**

Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) is our annual publication designed to report on worldwide developments in intellectual property and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

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### **Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 39, Q3 2018**

27 SEP 2018

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

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### How blockchain, Internet of Things and smart contracts improve the supply chain

27 SEP 2018

Incorporating three key technologies into the supply chain can significantly improve profitability while reducing risk.

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### Copyright in esports: a top-heavy power structure, but is it legally sound?

27 SEP 2018

Central to the esports industry are novel intellectual property issues arising from the structure of the esports ecosystem.

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### Embedding content: uncertainty about the Copyright Statute undermines digital media

27 SEP 2018

Companies creating digital content have to more carefully weigh the potential risks of embedding copyrighted content into their sites.

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### Ben Mulcahy and Gina Reif Ilardi recognized in *Variety's 2018 Legal Impact Report*

27 SEP 2018

Benjamin Mulcahy and Gina Reif Ilardi have been recognized in the *2018 Variety Legal Impact Report*.

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### 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.

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### Argentina introduces VAT on digital services

24 SEP 2018

VAT is triggered by the "digital services" rendered by a non-resident to a resident individual or entity, when the effective use or exploitation of the service takes place inside Argentina.

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## **Podcast: How technology is transforming financial services**

21 SEP 2018

Martin Bartlam, International Group Head of Finance & Projects and FinTech Global Co-Chair at DLA Piper, is joined today by Chet Behl, group general council of the New Payment System Operator and Khalid Talukder from IFX Payments to discuss digital transformation in financial services.

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## **Four tips for an effective eDiscovery plan in China**

19 SEP 2018

A timely and well-documented eDiscovery plan, comprehensively addressing compliance with local laws, can also go a long way to address potential post-collection inquiries.

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

14 SEP 2018

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

In this issue, remote notarization – US state requirements, plus blockchain, the new stablecoin, the validity of esignatures, and more.

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## **Innovative development of Ukraine**

15 AUG 2018

Recently DLA Piper together with Innolytics Group, Singularity University and Unit City conducted a research on innovations in Ukraine based on patent and international scientific databases.

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## **Congress finalizes CFIUS reform bill to broaden national security reviews of foreign investments**

25 JUL 2018

A summary of the major changes FIRRMA presents to the CFIUS review process.

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## **The tide turns: If your company is doing business in the US, it may soon be required to collect state sales taxes**

24 JUL 2018

Companies selling online products and services to customers in US states may soon be required to register, collect and remit taxes in those states.

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## **Electronic Signatures: The element of intent in the digital environment**

23 JUL 2018

Failure to establish intent means that while the person's actions may manifest assent to, or agreement with, a record, the record has not been signed.

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

23 JUL 2018

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

This regular publication from DLA Piper aims to help companies identify significant news and legal developments impacting digital transactions.

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## **Super-apps complicate corporate compliance, pose heightened risks under FCPA Corporate Enforcement Policy**

10 JUL 2018

Super-apps allow seamless interaction between colleagues, customers, suppliers and other business parties. In some jurisdictions, local employees communicate exclusively via such apps – but this conduct presents grave legal, compliance and risk-management challenges.

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## **Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Automation Brochure**

5 JUL 2018

An insight on the potential benefits and challenges of implementing AI, RPA and robotics within a business.

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

29 JUN 2018

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

In this issue, is your website ADA compliant? Plus news on federal and state law, federal and state regulatory activities, fresh judicial precedent and more.

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## **Is your website ADA compliant? A brief look at the current legal status**

29 JUN 2018

Websites too face regulatory issues around compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other rules involving accessibility and accommodation.

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## **Events**

28 JUN 2018

More than 50 guests attended DLA Piper's reception during the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

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## Honors

28 JUN 2018

Mark Fowler was named one of *Daily Journal's* Top IP Lawyers and a *National Law Journal Trailblazer*, and Edward "Smitty" Smith was named to World Economic Forum's 2018 class of Young Global Leaders.

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## Online gaming and gambling are changing

28 JUN 2018

Two recent federal court decisions have disrupted the online and mobile gaming and gambling industry in the United States. Shifts are taking place in other jurisdictions as well.

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## Q2 Editor's Column

28 JUN 2018

In this issue, we take a look at audit logs for enforcing digital signatures, changes in online gaming and gambling, and patent ensnarement.

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## Audit logs: key to enforceable electronic signatures

28 JUN 2018

Audit logs serve a number of purposes, and a particularly vital role when the authenticity of an electronic signature is in dispute.

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## DLA Piper expands media, sport and entertainment capabilities

28 JUN 2018

DLA Piper recently welcomed Benjamin Mulcahy and Gina Reif Iardi to the firm's IPT practice.

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## Supreme Court Corner Q2 2018

28 JUN 2018

Key Supreme Court decisions in the copyright and patent areas.

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## News from our Franchise team

28 JUN 2018

*Who's Who Legal*, *Franchise Times* and The International Franchise Association have recognized our Franchise team.

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## Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 38, Q2 2018

28 JUN 2018

### [INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

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## Tamany Bentz joins DLA Piper's Trademark, Copyright and Media Group in Los Angeles

28 JUN 2018

Tamany Bentz has joined the firm's Intellectual Property and Technology practice as a partner in our Los Angeles office.

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## California privacy law poised to alter US privacy landscape

28 JUN 2018

A major development in privacy law.

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## Grace Koh joins DLA Piper's Telecom practice in Washington, DC

28 JUN 2018

Grace Koh joins our Telecom team and will look to address a range of legislative and regulatory issues related to US public policy on emerging technologies and telecommunications.

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## China data and cyber: New guidelines you need to know

28 JUN 2018

In the last two weeks the Chinese authorities have been busy providing much-anticipated guidance on the practical steps organisations must take to comply with the new data protection, cybersecurity and technology regulations.

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## DLA Piper adds Clayton Thompson and Jake Zolotorev to its Patent Litigation practice in Silicon Valley

28 JUN 2018

Clayton Thompson and Yakov "Jake" Zolotorev have re-joined the firm's Intellectual Property and Technology practice as Patent Litigation partners in Northern California.

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## EU Policy and Regulatory update: A European approach to Artificial Intelligence

18 JUN 2018

The European Union is moving fast towards establishing a joint regulatory and policy framework for Europeans to seize the opportunities provided by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to reinforce Europe's competitiveness in this field.

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### **Russia's new VAT rules on cross-border e-commerce services: key points for B2B service providers**

14 JUN 2018

Russia has introduced new value-added tax (VAT) rules pertaining to certain cross-border e-commerce services.

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### **Time to update your Singapore data protection compliance programme**

30 MAY 2018

If you handle Singapore personal data - whether inside or outside of Singapore - you need to review and update your data protection compliance programme in light of recent developments and imminent changes.

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### **May a power of attorney be electronically executed?**

24 MAY 2018

Exploring the relationship between a power of attorney and the state and federal laws governing the use of electronic records and signatures.

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### **Asian businesses will be impacted by new EU data protection regulation**

24 MAY 2018

The territoriality of the new European data protection framework will be significantly extended once the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on May 25, 2018, potentially impacting Asian companies doing business in the EU. Given the heavy sanctions (up to €20 million or 4 percent of the annual global turnover, whichever is higher) and the risk of reputational damage for non-compliance, businesses in Asia need to get up to speed with the GDPR requirements to adapt their practices and strategy accordingly.

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

24 MAY 2018

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

In this issue, can a power of attorney be electronically signed? Plus news on federal and state law, federal and state regulatory activities, fresh judicial precedent and more.

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### **What can Al Capone teach us about business and human rights?**

23 MAY 2018

You may well ask - how on earth can a mafia capo in Chicago from the early 20th century have anything to do with Business and Human Rights in the 21st century?

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## Chinese businesses cannot afford to ignore new EU data rules

21 MAY 2018

From May 25 2018, non-compliance with the new EU General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") could lead to fines of RMB150 million or 4% of your annual global group turnover, along with significant reputational damage and adverse publicity.

从2018年5月25日起, 不遵守欧盟新的《一般信息保护条例》("GDPR")可能会导致人民币1.5亿元人民币或集团全球全年营业额4%的罚款, 以及严重的声誉损害和不利的宣传。

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## Law à la Mode: Social Media Influencers & Effective Disclosures, IP and E-Commerce: Your basic checklist, Longchamp's Handbag Copyright Saga, IP Protection of Fashion Shows in Italy and more

21 MAY 2018

### [LAW À LA MODE](#)

The UK editorial team is delighted to bring you this special edition of Law à la Mode, produced by DLA Piper's Retail Sector group for distribution to clients and contacts of the firm worldwide and marking the 140th Annual Meeting of INTA in Seattle.

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## Using drones at US sporting events: what do I need to know?

10 MAY 2018

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has adopted a number of regulations governing the operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in the national airspace of the United States. As UAS use becomes more prevalent, a review of the agency's specific policies regarding the use of these aircrafts around sporting events is necessary to ensure that operations maintain compliance with the applicable rules.

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## Global Trend: Smart Buildings

9 MAY 2018

The real estate sector has recently been marked by the advent of "PropTech". PropTech (or property technology) has been described as a "new explosive wave of innovation", seeing start-up companies pioneer technological products to address a range of inefficiencies in the property market. For example, Airbnb and BuyMyPlace are among the most prominent PropTech inventions (or "disruptors"), which have transformed the traditional property leasing and purchasing markets.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

2 MAY 2018

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

This bulletin is the first in a series aiming to help companies identify important and significant news and legal developments impacting digital offerings.

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## A short primer on applicable US eSignature laws

2 MAY 2018

Two bodies of law in the US govern the legality of electronic signatures and electronic records: ESIGN and UETA. Here is a quick look at each of them, plus notes on other selected laws governing digital transactions.

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### **In long-awaited TCPA case, DC appellate panel vacates material sections of FCC's 2015 TCPA order**

2 MAY 2018

Because of the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (ESIGN) and equivalent state laws, companies are delivering important disclosures and other information that traditionally needed to be presented "in writing" electronically instead. In addition, the medium of choice for communicating with consumers electronically is rapidly migrating from email to text messaging. As a result, understanding the requirements of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) are a must. This edition's Insight looks at the most recent judicial examination of the FCC's interpretation of the TCPA.

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### **Once more unto the breach: Canada's PIPEDA breach notification and reporting regulations in force November 1, 2018**

30 APR 2018

Organizations have about seven months to get ready for compliance.

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### **Multinationals take note: tax changes in Oman and considerations for foreign investors**

24 APR 2018

Services provided by foreign persons to residents of Oman will be subject to Omani withholding tax, wherever the services are performed.

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### **Crypto industry sweep: ICOs and token offerings under increasing scrutiny by US regulators**

18 APR 2018

Recent enforcement developments targeting the cryptocurrency community, and the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

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### **Section 301 trade action against Chinese products: time for quick action**

4 APR 2018

Companies wishing to seek removal of a product from the final list have the opportunity to present their views, but less than two months remain before the window completely closes.

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30 MAR 2018

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### **The Internet of Things and the real estate sector**

14 MAR 2018

Smart homes, smart buildings and smart cities are now part of everyday life, and they will only become smarter and more connected with the world around us as time goes on. Technological advances are revolutionizing how the sector operates for all existing participants whilst drawing in new players who have technology at the core of their business.

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### **Industry 4.0. The Fourth Industrial Revolution. The Industrial IoT. IIoT. What are they anyway?**

13 MAR 2018

They are different names for what is essentially the same thing – the adoption of new advanced technology and systems by industrial and manufacturing businesses – with a particular emphasis on connectivity.

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### **EU Data Privacy Law Presents New Challenges and New Opportunities**

7 MAR 2018

Joint report from BCG and DLA Piper reveals how companies can meet—and exceed—the data privacy requirements of the EU's impending General Data Protection Regulation to become trusted data stewards.

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### **Global Media Sector Trends 2018**

6 MAR 2018

DLA Piper's new Global Media Sector Trends 2018 report explores how new commercial opportunities are being created by disruption, specifically in relation to the rise of over-the-top (OTT) content, virtual / augmented reality (VR/AR) and the internet-of-things (IOT).

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### **Techlaw Podcast: Blockchain - Driving adoption and navigating challenges**

22 FEB 2018

#### [TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

How is Blockchain transforming the way firms do business - and what are the challenges? With DLA Piper associate Dylan Kennett, Luther Systems CEO Dr Hossein Kakavand and Alex Wood, the Forbes Europe Editor

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### **Blockchain: background, challenges and legal issues**

2 FEB 2018

Blockchain and distributed ledger technology offers significant and scalable processing power, high accuracy rates, and

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apparently unbreakable security at a significantly reduced cost compared to the traditional systems the technology could replace, such as settlement, trading or accounting systems. Like all new technology however, it poses challenges for suppliers and customers. So what are the key issues in relation to blockchain and distributed ledger technology?

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22 SEP 2016

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29 MAR 2016

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2 DEC 2015

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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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#### **Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 27, Q3 2015**

25 AUG 2015

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#### **Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 26, Q2 2015**

9 JUN 2015

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24 MAR 2015

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#### **Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States), Issue 24, Q4 2014**

18 DEC 2014

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#### **Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States), Issue 23, Q3 2014**

10 SEP 2014

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#### **Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States) Issue 22, Q2 2014**

26 JUN 2014

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#### **Patent litigation heats up in the Southern District of Florida: practical implications for brand owners**

26 MAR 2014

Patent litigation is on the rise nationally, with a record number of cases being filed every year. In 2013, over 6,800 cases were filed in the United States, the highest number ever and about a 10 percent increase from 2012.

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**Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States)**  
**Issue 21, Q1 2014**

26 MAR 2014

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**Tax incentives in Puerto Rico: a quick introduction**

13 JUN 2017

Puerto Rico offers a spectrum of economic incentives aiming to promote many key industries. This handbook offers a quick look at ten of the most significant of these incentives.

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**Japan exempts virtual currencies from consumption tax**

31 MAR 2017

Comparable treatment can be found in Europe, where EU member states exempt virtual currencies from taxation as a result of a CJEU ruling.

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**Artificial intelligence: patentability of an interface between the human brain and a computer**

30 MAR 2017

Drafted appropriately, inventions that allow interaction between the human brain and a computer can indeed be patent-eligible.

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**Blockchain - a revolution for the insurance sector with some risks**

9 MAR 2017

Blockchain is “the most important invention since the Internet itself” according to Marc Andreessen. And there is no doubt that there are huge potentials for the insurance sector to exploit such technology, but as any new technology, it will also lead to new legal risks.

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**Brexit and MiFID II implementation in the UK – impacts on foreign markets**

14 SEP 2016

Brexit prompts legal uncertainty regarding the implementation of pending EU financial regulations.

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**European Commission tackles financing risks linked to virtual currencies**

13 SEP 2016

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The proposal seeks to bring greater transparency to the virtual currency market in the European Union by imposing customer due diligence requirements on certain market participants, now considered “obligated entities.”

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## Can blockchain live up to the hype?

28 JUL 2016

Is blockchain the revolutionary technology that will rewrite the rules for the finance industry, identifying authenticity and verifying payment flows that arise at a business-to-business level or between business and consumers and peer-to-peer? The consequences of the blockchain evolution would significantly open the field for technology platforms and reduce operational costs.

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## Global Financial Markets Insight - Issue 10, 2016

28 JUL 2016

### FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union in a so-called Brexit referendum. The exit result was a surprise for many working in the finance sector. The change will impact the position of the UK under critical legislation such as the Capital Requirements Regulation, European Market Infrastructure Regulation, Market Abuse Regulation and many other Regulations and Treaties applicable in the UK. We will also see a change as to the role of the UK in significant market initiatives such as the Capital Markets Union. It is likely that these changes will present both threats and opportunities. Until policy is clearer, we will comment on some of the existing challenges caused by EMIR and similar EU Regulations.

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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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## US and EU reach an important agreement on CCP global equivalence: how will it affect you?

10 MAY 2016

This historic agreement allows market participants to use clearing infrastructures in both the US and Europe and assures a level playing field for US and EU CCPs.

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## Insurance Review May 2016

5 MAY 2016

Welcome to *Insurance Review May 2016*. DLA Piper's annual publication dedicated to the insurance industry. In this issue we look at the following topics:

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## The blockchain revolution, smart contracts and financial transactions

26 APR 2016

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

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## **GST to be removed from Bitcoin transactions – how best to fix the "double taxing" of digital currency?**

1 APR 2016

The Treasurer, Scott Morrison, recently announced that the Government is committed to working with the FinTech industry on legislative solutions for the GST "double tax" issues that can arise on domestic transactions involving digital currencies such as Bitcoin.

In this update we outline the issues that the Government and industry will need to consider as a part of any reform process. Given the "Netflix Tax" is intended to apply from 1 July 2017, and would apply to relevant inbound supplies of digital currency, any reforms should ideally commence prior to that date.

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## ***The Cybersecurity Framework: Administration, Congress move to incentivize private-sector cooperation, strengthen federal acquisition process***

12 SEP 2013

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## **The future of DNA patents**

4 SEP 2013

The US Supreme Court rules on the patentability of a test for breast cancer related genes - a decision that, we find, is a partial victory for all involved.

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## **The right of publicity in college sports**

4 SEP 2013

College athletes' right-of- publicity claims have the potential to dramatically alter current business models.

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## **Trade Dress Watch - the value of trade dress litigation is on the rise**

4 SEP 2013

Do you need an enforcement strategy to protect your trade dress?

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## **Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure**

11 JUL 2013

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## **Cybersecurity and US federal public procurements: what contractors need to know**

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11 MAR 2013  
Practical considerations for US federal contractors

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### **Corporate governance also means protecting your technology and information**

7 MAR 2013

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### **EU releases cybersecurity strategy**

15 FEB 2013

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### **What companies need to know about the Obama Administration's Cybersecurity Order**

14 FEB 2013

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### **Auditing Colombia's agriculture IP**

10 Dec 2012

A DLA Piper team audits Colombia's agriculture-related IP and sought to identify Colombian agricultural innovations which are not protected by patents and may have export value.

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### **Colombia: gateway to South America's Patent Prosecution Highway**

10 Dec 2012

Understanding the need for more robust patent laws, the Colombian government is aggressively reshaping its IP system.

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### **Federal agencies, Congress accelerate defense against cyber attacks – every private company will be affected**

21 Mar 2012

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### **UK: The real risk of cyber attack**

1 AUG 2011

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### **Spiders, bots and other creepy crawlers: protecting your company website**

10 Mar 2010

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#### Israel Dealmakers Dinner: Enterprise Blockchain

6 SEP 2018

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#### The Israeli Technology Ecosystem

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#### Antitrust Big Data webinar

22 FEB 2018  
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## NEWS

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#### Investors expect boom in European data centres in the next two years

3 December 2019

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The vast majority (92%) of debt and equity investors surveyed expect the overall value of investment into Europe's data centre infrastructure to increase over the next 24 months, according to research commissioned by DLA Piper and published today.

Data centres are used by organisations for the remote storage, processing and distribution of large amounts of data and are currently estimated to use 3-4% of world's power<sup>1</sup>. According to DLA Piper's report *European Data Centre Investment Outlook: Opportunities and Risks in the Months Ahead*, investors anticipate an investment increase in data centres of between 10% and 29% over the next two years.

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### **DLA Piper advises MiddleGame Ventures on the set up and launch of new fintech fund**

25 November 2019

DLA Piper has advised fintech venture capital firm MiddleGame Ventures (MGV) on the structuring, setting up and launching of the MGV Fund I. The new fund will invest in early stage fintech startups developing new business models powered by advanced technologies.

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### **DLA Piper advises Jaja Finance on its £530m acquisition of Bank of Ireland's UK credit card business**

12 July 2019

DLA Piper has advised digital finance company Jaja Finance Limited (Jaja) on the acquisition of Bank of Ireland's (The Bank) UK credit card portfolio.

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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 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 teams up with Tokeny to bridge the gap between blockchain and finance to provide companies with a new approach to global securities offerings**

2 APR 2019

DLA Piper has teamed up with the compliant tokenization platform, Tokeny, to provide an approach to capital raising which enables companies to raise funding in a regulatory compliant manner from their own website. The initiative, called 'The Digital Securities Alliance', is a sophisticated off-the-shelf tool which links corporate issuers with investors through blockchain technology.

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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 advises on AFS Technologies merger with Exceedra**

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Symphony Technology Group (STG), the parent company of AFS Technologies (AFS) - a provider of software solutions purpose-built for consumer goods manufacturers and food distribution companies - on its merger with Exceedra.

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## **DLA Piper advises 10x Future Technologies on £32m Series B fundraising**

12 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised fintech banking start-up 10x Future Technologies (10x) on its £32 million Series B funding round. A number of investors participated in the Series B funding including Nationwide, the world's largest building society, China's Ping An and global managing consulting firm Oliver Wyman.

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## **Galyna Zagorodniuk Re-Elected to the Public Council with the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine**

28 FEB 2019

Galyna Zagorodniuk, Head of Competition at DLA Piper in Ukraine and member of the Ukrainian Professional Association of Corporate Governance, has been re-elected to the Public Council of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine for 2019-2020.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper enhances cross-border tax capability with new partner hire in Dublin**

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Maura Dineen as a Tax partner in the firm's newly opened Dublin office. This is the fifth partner hire for DLA Piper in Dublin in a month, following the announcements in January of Conor Houlihan (Finance & Projects), Éanna Mellett (Corporate), Mark Rasdale (Intellectual Property & Technology) and Ciara McLoughlin (Employment).

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## **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.

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### **DLA Piper recognized as a leading private equity, venture capital and M&A firm in *PitchBook's* league tables**

19 FEB 2019

For the second consecutive year, DLA Piper was the only firm to rank as one of the top five most active law firms for private equity, venture capital and M&A deal volume in *PitchBook's* 2018 global league tables report.

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### **Over 59,000 personal data breaches reported across Europe since introduction of GDPR, according to DLA Piper survey**

6 FEB 2019

Over 59,000 data breach notifications have been reported across the European Economic Area by public and private organizations since the GDPR came into force on 25th May 2018, according to DLA Piper's GDPR Data Breach survey.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper completes global compliance survey of initial coin offerings and securities token offerings**

6 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has completed a global compliance survey of initial coin offerings (ICOs) and securities token offerings (STOs), identifying how governments and agencies in more than 70 jurisdictions define, regulate and tax tokens and associated transactions.

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### **DLA Piper advises STG Partners on the acquisition of Extenda and Visma Retail**

4 OCT 2018

DLA Piper has advised STG Partners, a California-based private equity firm focused on investing in innovative software, data, and analytics companies, on its acquisition of Visma Retail and Extenda, two of the most prominent technology providers in the

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tier 1 & 2 retail industry STG Partners will merge both companies to form Extenda Retail.

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### **DLA Piper advises Baring Vostok on the acquisition of a minority stake in Belarusian software developer Itransition**

23 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Baring Vostok, a private equity fund investing in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States, on its acquisition of a minority stake in Itransition, a leading Belarusian software solutions developer and full-spectrum IT services provider.

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### **DLA Piper secures victory for Transatel SA in landmark telecoms dispute**

20 JUN 2018

DLA Piper has secured a victory for the French telecommunications service provider, Transatel SA, in a dispute under telecommunications law before the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA). In this landmark procedure, the BNetzA ordered the German mobile network operator, Telefónica Germany GmbH & Co. OHG, to submit a draft agreement regarding access to regulated wholesale roaming services to Transatel.

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### **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

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### **DLA Piper receives *Latin Lawyer* Deal of the Year award**

25 APR 2018

DLA Piper received *Latin Lawyer's* Project Finance Deal of the Year award for its representation of Abengoa in the sale of a combined cycle power plant to a consortium consisting of Macquarie Capital and Techint.

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