



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:

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- Games and entertainment
- Online commerce and new media
- IT and outsourcing services
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- 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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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

- Ranked Band 1, Technology, Media & Telecom (*Chambers Global*, 2019)
- Ranked Band 3, FinTech (*Chambers Global* and *Chambers USA*, 2019)
- Named one of the top five Most Tech-Savvy Law Firms (BTI Consulting, 2019)
- Twice named Law Firm of the Year in Corporate Venture (*Global Corporate Venturing*, 2015-2016)
- Ranked Tier 2, Technology Transactions (*Legal500 US*, 2019)
- Ranked Tier 2, FinTech (*Legal500 US* and *Legal500 UK*, 2019)
- Ranked 2nd "Most Favorable" and "Recognized" Legal Brand Globally (*Acritas*, 2019)
- Recognized for strength of client relationships in many industries, including high tech (*BTI Industry Power Rankings*, 2017)
- #1 in Global M&A deal volume for tenth consecutive year (*Mergermarket*, 2019)
 - #1 in Europe and #3 in the US
- The only law firm to be ranked in the top five for venture capital, private equity, and M&A (*Pitchbook*, 2019)
- #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*, 2019)
 - #2 in Europe and #5 in the US
- Recognized as one of the top ten "Most Innovative Law firms" in North America for both the Business of Law and Legal Expertise overall categories (*The Financial Times*, 2018)

Publications

Supreme Court Corner

30 March 2020

Notable cases involve trademark protectability and federal preclusion principles.

DLA Piper's seventh annual Global IP Symposium in Japan

30 March 2020

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 45, Q1 2020

30 March 2020

[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.

Court grants SEC's motion for preliminary injunction against Telegram's sales of Gram cryptocurrency; Telegram appeals

30 March 2020

The decision is likely to significantly impact digital asset sales in the US.

Lessons learned from Bates v Post Office in an increasingly software dependent world: "Bugs, errors and defects"

30 March 2020

As businesses process and store increasingly vast volumes of data, so the reliability and robustness of their IT infrastructure becomes increasingly critical. The recent decision in Bates and others v Post Office Ltd is a salutary reminder that IT the systems in place can be far from infallible.

Episode 11: Important clarifications and changes to China's data privacy standards

27 March 2020

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

Important updates to China's de facto data privacy regulations will come into force on 1 October 2020. The amendments to the Personal Information Security Specification (PIS Specification) comprise important clarifications rather than substantial changes to the existing regulations.

ESG: the rise of private ordering and the role of the NCGC committee (United States)

26 March 2020

PROXY SEASON HOT TOPICS

This inaugural ESG handbook, part of our 2020 Proxy Season Hot Topics series, aims to help public companies as they develop and maintain a robust ESG program.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

25 March 2020

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

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

US Department of Transportation proposes significant regulatory changes to facilitate deployment of self-driving vehicles

25 March 2020

The proposed changes to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards aim to eliminate key regulatory barriers to deployment of autonomous vehicles while maintaining the same level of vehicle occupant protection provided by existing standards.

[UPDATED] Coronavirus: Federal and state governments work quickly to enable remote online notarization to meet global crisis

25 March 2020

As more businesses work remotely due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis, several federal and state governments are moving quickly to enable fully electronic processes to keep businesses operating.

90-day deferral for US federal income tax payments

20 March 2020

Those who decide to defer their federal tax payments will be able to do so on a penalty-free and interest-free basis, with penalties and interest beginning to accrue for payments submitted after July 15, 2020.

Coronavirus: New York State enacts emergency paid sick leave law, effective immediately (United States)

20 March 2020

To be eligible for the benefits available under the Act, an employee must be subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or isolation.

The Defend Trade Secrets Act reaches foreign conduct

19 March 2020

In January, a federal court ruled that the Defend Trade Secrets Act (DTSA) applies to acts of misappropriation occurring outside of the United States. Under the ruling, international actors face new exposure to domestic lawsuits alleging misconduct occurring in other countries.

Coronavirus: business resilience and continuity planning (United States)

19 March 2020

Prudent companies understand that their response to the COVID-19 pandemic should be consistent with their business resilience plans.

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

19 March 2020

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

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

19 March 2020

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

Coronavirus: executive summary - key highlights from Washington (March 19, 2020) (United States)

19 March 2020

Key highlights for March 19, 2020.

Coronavirus: Congress passes revised paid leave law (United States)

18 March 2020

Congress passed a revised version of The Families First Coronavirus Response Act requiring employers with fewer than 500 employees to provide COVID-19-related paid sick and family leave to eligible employees.

Version 3.0 of the CCPA: Major Implications

18 March 2020

On March 11, 2020, the California Attorney General's Office issued a third version of its draft CCPA rules. While the quick turnaround of Version 3.0 suggests that the AG's Office may be close to finalizing its regulations, there are several significant issues raised by the changes in Version 3.0.

US employee benefits and the coronavirus

17 March 2020

Some of the many benefit plan issues that employers are facing.

Coronavirus: federal and state tax relief (United States)

16 March 2020

Congress and state legislatures and administrative agencies are working hard to provide necessary tax relief for those affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Coronavirus: Congress expected to pass expanded paid leave (United States)

16 March 2020

The paid leave requirements in the current version of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

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

13 March 2020

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

The age of growing viral outbreaks: key contract considerations in a world facing the latest outbreak – COVID-19 (Global)

13 March 2020

The effect of viral outbreaks on overall business continuity and performance as a priority in assessing operational, reputational and contract risks and their potential consequences and liabilities.

Negotiations begin on legislation to mitigate economic impact of coronavirus outbreak: Congressional tax writers seek your input

10 March 2020

The Congressional tax writers are seeking private sector input in two different but equally important forms.

Episode 10: Stricter data localisation and security rules for financial and insurance data in China

06 Mar 2020

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The People's Bank of China has released new guidelines on the collection and processing of personal financial information (PFI Guidelines), which provide much-needed clarity on how personal financial information in China should be processed, secured, and transferred. While the PFI Guidelines do not impose an outright ban on personal financial information leaving China, mandatory compliance steps (including consent and impact assessments) must be taken.

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

5 March 2020

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

AI.

PropTech in the United States – where we're heading

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PROPTech INSIGHTS

The legal implications of operating smart buildings.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

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ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

What does it mean to design ethical algorithms that are transparent and fair? Testimony from the latest House Task Force on AI hearing; plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

Task Force on Artificial Intelligence hearing: Equitable Algorithms: Examining Ways to Reduce AI Bias in Financial Services – key testimony on challenges and opportunities

28 February 2020

What does it mean to design ethical algorithms that are transparent and fair, and how do we program fairness? Testimony before the House Task Force on Artificial Intelligence.

Important changes proposed to Hong Kong's data protection law

27 February 2020

Any organisation processing Hong Kong personal data must plan ahead to anticipate significant new compliance obligations requirements. These are proposed in a recent consultation paper to amend Hong Kong's Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PDPO), and would – if passed – constitute the first changes to the PDPO since 2012.

What if the coronavirus leads to an interruption of your company's IT functions? (Belgium)

25 February 2020

The ongoing global coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak is significantly affecting international business and cross-border commercial operations. Whereas the possible impact of coronavirus COVID-19 on the IT functions of a company active in Belgium might, at first sight, seem limited, the risk of such an impact is real in particular when parts or all of a company's IT functions is outsourced to one or more IT service providers.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

19 February 2020

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

In this issue, SEC Commissioner Peirce proposes bold new safe harbor for digital tokens, plus the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

Coronavirus COVID-19 and corporate governance (Australia)

18 February 2020

The coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak and ensuing government restrictions raise corporate governance concerns and create areas of risk across the ESG spectrum that should be considered by companies and their directors and officers.

Opportunities arising from Asia's data protection frameworks (AsiaPac)

14 February 2020

The media controversy surrounding China's coronavirus COVID-19 detection app, the "close contact detector," has highlighted a common misapprehension about how data protection law is universally applied around the world.

Coronavirus COVID-19 and other supply chain disruptions (Europe)

14 February 2020

In a world of increasingly long, international and interdependent supply chains, the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak is just the most recent event to highlight the ever more complex considerations arising from a disruption to supply.

FTC issues 6(b) orders to tech companies – healthcare companies could be next

14 February 2020

The agency seeks information on unreported acquisitions with the goal of deepening its understanding of the competitive tech sector landscape.

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.

White House proposes doubling artificial intelligence budget

13 February 2020

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Lawmakers now have the opportunity to debate and amend the budget proposal in the upcoming appropriations process.

Coronavirus COVID-19: The legal impact on force majeure events (Australia)

12 February 2020

Key considerations for parties that may wish to declare a force majeure event or dispute the declaration of a force majeure event by a counterparty in relation to coronavirus COVID-19.

California issues CCPA proposed modified regulations 2.0

12 February 2020

Version 2.0 adds clarity to the proposed California Consumer Privacy Act regulations.

An update on the impact of the coronavirus on business in Singapore (Singapore)

12 February 2020

Due to the evolving 2019 novel coronavirus (the “**2019-nCoV**”) situation, the Ministry of Health (the “**MOH**”) and the Ministry of Manpower (the “**MOM**”) have issued several advisories which employers will need to be aware of. Employers and employees should ensure that they work together to comply with the various obligations and advisories given the various penalties that may be imposed. Additionally, it is recommended that both employers and employees regularly check the MOM and the MOH websites for the latest updates and advisories and to adopt the recommended measures proposed therein.

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.

How to resume business amid the coronavirus outbreak (China)

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.

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.

Israel Group News February 2020

10 February 2020

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

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

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.

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.

APAC employment issues arising out of the Coronavirus (AsiaPac)

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.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

30 January 2020

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

The impact of the newly effective California Consumer Privacy Act on commercial websites and mobile applications, plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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.

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.

China extends holidays for workers amid coronavirus outbreak (China)

28 January 2020

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

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.

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?

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.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

16 January 2020

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

Taxation of cryptocurrency: challenges for charities in the US and new guidance in the UK, plus latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

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.

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.

New federal government automated vehicle policy announces core principles, describes role and contributions of agencies across the federal government

13 January 2020

The policy document emphasizes the DoT's *voluntary* approach to AV regulation and emphasizes the importance of collaboration between the many stakeholders in the AV development and commercialization enterprise.

Episode 9: 2020 - Privacy, Security and Content Regulation to Increase in China

10 January 2020

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China's authorities have published a much-anticipated brand new directive on internet content regulation and governance, which will come into force on 1 March 2020. This law will require organizations which host websites in China to make fundamental changes to their website governance frameworks.

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

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.

White House issues guidelines for regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to artificial intelligence

8 January 2020

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Michael Kratsios, Chief Technology Officer of the United States, called the new initiative the "first of its kind" – the first "binding document" for how government agencies will regulate emerging AI technology.

Supporting the health of your health system

6 January 2020

Guidance to help tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

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.

Artificial intelligence software tools tested for demographic impact

20 December 2019

A NIST report quantifying demographic differences in nearly 200 face recognition algorithms found “empirical evidence for the existence of a wide range of accuracy.”

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

20 December 2019

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, a NIST report examines the demographic accuracy of nearly 200 facial recognition algorithms; plus latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

Supreme Court Corner

19 December 2019

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

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.

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

19 December 2019

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.

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

17 December 2019

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.

2019 Sourcing and Commercial contracts case law round-up

16 December 2019

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

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.

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.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

13 December 2019

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A new lawsuit alleges the CFPB Prepaid Rule violates free speech; plus the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

New lawsuit alleges CFPB Prepaid Rule requires use of certain fee terminology without permitting clarification, thereby violating free speech

13 December 2019

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The suit alleges that some requirements of the rule are in violation of the First Amendment.

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.

What starts the avalanche? Earlier triggers for life sciences mass torts in the era of big data and social media

9 December 2019

The bar for safety issues to lead to claims that ultimately result in mass tort litigation has never been lower.

FCC proposes new rules and spectrum reallocation that could change the future of auto safety communications – agency seeks comments and input

6 December 2019

This significant rulemaking proposal seeks to make watershed changes in the use of spectrum, Intelligent Transportation Systems, and the future of auto and road safety and communication applications in the US.

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.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

25 November 2019

ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

In this issue, requirements and expectations for financial institutions and tech vendors striving to safeguard customer information, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

Financial institutions and technology vendors: requirements and expectations when safeguarding customer information

25 November 2019

Guidance from the FDIC contains valuable advice for any business contracting with a technology vendor, and it alerts vendors to what their financial institution customers will be asking of them.

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.

Podcast: Developing AI tech can mean walking through a patient privacy minefield

19 November 2019

[TECHNOLOGY'S LEGAL EDGE](#)

While artificial intelligence has become the new big thing in medtech, privacy regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act have stayed the same. In this podcast, *Medtech Insight* interviews Danny Tobey to get a clearer picture of what companies need to know in order to avoid running afoul of HIPAA.

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.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

15 November 2019

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

The latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

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.

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.

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.

Episode 7: New China encryption law passed

6 November 2019

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

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.

DC policymakers working to stay ahead of – or keep up with – AI innovations

4 November 2019

[AI OUTLOOK](#)

The inaugural issue of *AI Outlook* reviews the latest developments around AI in Washington and discusses what these bills and trends mean for business.

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.

America can't afford to sit out the artificial intelligence race

31 October 2019

[ROLL CALL](#)

Federal government must lead with purpose, smart policy and appropriate investment.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

31 October 2019

ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

In this issue, the potential risks in relying on a data processing system that may contain a programming or processing error, plus latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

Testing and protecting key data processing systems

31 October 2019

Protecting the integrity of key systems through regular evaluation and testing is important to every business that relies on system outputs to process transactions or to make, or help make, transaction decisions.

Cloud computing in the financial services sector

18 October 2019

TECHNOLOGY'S LEGAL EDGE

As banks and other financial services companies adopt cloud computing for a variety of purposes, questions about the operational risks involved have emerged. In order to use the cloud, many banks are depending on cloud service providers to protect sensitive information rather than managing their own systems, with the potential of harm to consumers and businesses if a breach occurs. Regulators have begun to take a close look at how financial institutions are mitigating risk while relying on third-party providers to secure their data.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

18 October 2019

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

In this issue, new guidance on the taxation of cryptocurrency from the IRS, plus the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

US regulators assert jurisdiction on several fronts regarding digital assets

16 October 2019

Companies offering digital assets are taking note of this upswing in regulatory activity and their compliance obligations.

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?

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.

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.

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.

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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eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

27 September 2019

ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

In this issue, the future of identity in financial services, plus latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

19 September 2019

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In this issue, Wyoming aims to provide legal framework for using blockchain and transacting in digital assets, plus the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

Wyoming aims to provide legal framework for using blockchain and transacting in digital assets

19 September 2019

The most notable of these new laws.

Task Force on Artificial Intelligence hearing: the future of identity in financial services – key testimony on threats, challenges, opportunities

17 September 2019

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On September 12, 2019, the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, which is a task force within the House Financial Services Committee (FSC), held a hearing titled "The Future of Identity in Financial Services: Threats, Challenges, and Opportunities."

FTC announces record \$170 million COPPA settlement with Google and YouTube for children's privacy violations

5 September 2019

This is the first time the FTC has found a general audience online service in violation of the COPPA Rule for collecting personal information from a child-directed portion of its service.

PropTech in the United States – where we're heading

Part II: Real estate security tokens - potential challenges, potential benefits

4 September 2019

[PROPTech INSIGHTS](#)

Real estate tokens offer a more efficient capital-raising process and more efficient management of investments, but at present there are legal and regulatory challenges.

TechLaw Podcast: Future regulation for artificial intelligence

03 SEP 2019

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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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30 August 2019

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, an analysis on the requirements for receiving an electronically signed 4506-T form, plus latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 August 2019

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In this issue, blockchain consortium governance, plus the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

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.

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.

Breach and cyber incident reporting: disclosure challenges for public companies

13 August 2019

What incident reporting trends are we seeing that affect public companies, and what is SEC staff focusing on in comments related to cybersecurity?

FTC seeks comment on proposed changes to COPPA – action steps

12 August 2019

The proposed changes arise from concerns about the safety of the rapidly evolving online environment for children.

Ninth Circuit finds Article III standing in case alleging Facebook violated the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act

9 Aug 2019

The Ninth Circuit will likely continue to be a hotbed of privacy litigation for years to come.

Israel Group News August 2019

7 August 2019

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

ACH debit entries: NACHA rule change and guidance from CFPB consent order - key takeaways on compliance

31 July 2019

Without proper consideration of the NACHA rule changes and the consent order, banks processing ACH debits may be exposed to unnecessary risk.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

31 July 2019

ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

In this issue: without proper consideration of the NACHA rule change and the CFPB consent order, banks processing ACH debits may be exposed to unnecessary risk; plus latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

Houston, we have a breach. Now what? Lessons learned from the SEC's Facebook settlement

31 July 2019

Much has been written about preventing breaches. But what should companies think about doing when they become aware of a breach?

Surviving the service provider data breach

29 July 2019

From the bad guy's perspective, why hack one organization when you can hit a service provider with potentially weaker defenses and the sensitive data of many organizations?

Facebook announces Libra cryptocurrency – Congress responds

26 July 2019

The Libra/Calibra project - two recent congressional hearings.

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.

Real Estate Gazette: Technology

26 July 2019

REAL ESTATE GAZETTE

This issue highlights the various legal issues related to technology.

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26 July 2019

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In this issue, Facebook announces Libra currency, plus the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

FTC unfriends Facebook

25 July 2019

The FTC order imposes new penalties and requirements on Facebook.

Announcing Accelerate's newly updated market data

25 July 2019

Data may be filtered by time period, transaction volume, transaction type and, in some cases, industry vertical.

PropTech in the United States – where we're heading

Part 1 - Blockchain-based smart contracts and transaction automation

25 July 2019

PROPTech INSIGHTS

Smart contracts facilitate automation, certainty, and efficiency. But they also present a challenge to the existing legal framework.

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.

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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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.

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.

ITC Section 337 update: Commission decision stayed?

24 July 2019

Significant new developments.

The states look at autonomous vehicles

24 July 2019

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

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.

Updated FATF standards include interpretative note on virtual assets

16 July 2019

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

SEC and FINRA issue joint statement on broker-dealer custody of digital asset securities

12 July 2019

The Joint Statement discusses issues facing those wishing to intermediate transactions in digital asset securities and facilitate the creation of an organized marketplace.

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.

DC Circuit's ruling in OPM data breach case deepens circuit split on Article III standing

10 July 2019

The court finds a heightened risk of identity theft alone can provide data breach litigants with standing.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

28 June 2019

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, an analysis of California's recent law regarding chatbots, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

24 June 2019

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

In this issue, consortium blockchain governance, plus the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

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.

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.

Major developments in class action litigation for 2018 – 2019

18 June 2019

A top-level look at class action litigation for 2018-2019 and a look at trends, issues, and strategies that businesses face in the months to come.

***District of Columbia v. Facebook*: General Consumer Protection Statute can serve as vehicle for state attorney general seeking redress for data privacy violations**

12 June 2019

This case should be carefully examined by entities that collect data for a number of reasons.

Software Malpractice in the Age of AI: A Guide for the Wary Tech Company

11 June 2019

Danny Tobey analyzes the case law rejecting software malpractice for clues about where the doctrine might go in the age of AI, then discusses what technology companies can learn from the safety enhancements of doctors, lawyers, and other historic professionals who have adapted to such heightened legal scrutiny for years.

Nevada colors within the lines of CCPA, offering a do not sell right for covered information

10 JUN 2019

The bill offers a more workable and understandable alternative to the CCPA, with rights tied to clearer definitions and provisions that will require fewer operational resources to implement.

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.

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.

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).

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

31 MAY 2019

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, website accessibility – the growing regulatory and litigation risk, plus latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

Website accessibility – not just about complying with the ADA

31 MAY 2019

Both regulatory and litigation risks related to website accessibility are on the rise.

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.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

24 MAY 2019

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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.

Commerce issues Temporary General License for Huawei

22 MAY 2019

The Temporary General License is a brief reprieve.

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.

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.

The twists and turns of the CCPA class action

21 MAY 2019

The range of data elements whose breach could give rise to class-action exposure under the CCPA appears likely to grow.

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.

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.

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

16 MAY 2019

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

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15 MAY 2019

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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.

The cybersecurity of digital medical devices: higher technological capabilities, higher likelihood of liability

8 MAY 2019

To prepare for potential new regulatory requirements, medical device manufacturers should take this opportunity to assess their compliance with HIPAA and FDA's Draft Guidance, then complete a Risk Management Plan.

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.

Washington state seeks repeal of Electronic Authorization Act

30 APR 2019

Washington state moves steadily toward recognizing E-SIGN

CCPA update: The California Assembly Privacy Committee begins smoothing some rough edges

26 APR 2019

The California Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee has begun the important work of clarifying significant ambiguities in the California Consumer Privacy Act.

Digital asset regulation: SEC suggests possible path from security to non-security

25 APR 2019

Examining the concept that digital assets can reach a tipping point – an “evolutionary moment” in their development – where they transform from a security to a non-security.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

24 APR 2019

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

The inaugural issue looks at the SEC's Digital Guidance Framework and No Action Letter and covers the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

TechLaw Podcast: How tech is shaping the future of retail

23 APR 2019

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Chloe Forster is joined by Liliانا 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.

Innovation and Technology Task Force to consider the future of anti-rebating laws

23 APR 2019

A recommendation to repeal or materially revise antirebating laws could be one of the most significant reforms in insurance regulatory law in many years.

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.

Unpacking the SEC's Digital Assets Guidance Framework and No Action Letter

16 APR 2019

The Framework describes factors for assessing whether digital assets are "investment contracts" subject to federal securities laws; the No Action letter applies those factors.

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.

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.

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.

Q1 Editor's Column

11 APR 2019

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

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

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.

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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perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

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.

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.

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.

So you want to go digital...

11 APR 2019

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

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.

FDIC highlights common deficiencies in technology vendor contracts

5 APR 2019

An indicator that not only the FDIC but other regulators may focus more intently on ambiguity of roles and rights in bank contracts during future examinations.

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The future of DOD contracting

1 APR 2019

A review of an array of factors, from commercial buying and cybersecurity to "Other Transaction" authority and the recently established Army Futures Command.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

30 APR 2019

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, Washington state moves closer to ESIGN, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

29 MAR 2019

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, the new prepaid rule may affect virtual currency wallet providers, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

As new prepaid rule takes effect, virtual currency wallet providers need to take notice

29 MAR 2019

While much focus has been on how the new rule impacts traditional prepaid card issuers, the Prepaid Rule is sufficiently broad that it could apply to virtual currency wallets.

In-venue streaming and broadcasting of live sporting events – key legal issues for sports clubs and leagues

25 MAR 2019

Approaches to consider for US sporting event organizers seeking to combat peer-to-peer broadcasting of live events.

March 2019 - Key issues in brand cross-licensing in China

20 MAR 2019

In recent years, Chinese brands have been increasingly gaining global recognition, especially in the technology, ecommerce, and consumer goods sectors. In this context, an increased number of foreign businesses are considering branded partnerships with a Chinese counterparty as a way of operating in China (e.g., co-branded joint venture). In recent years, Chinese brands have been increasingly gaining global recognition, especially in the technology, ecommerce, and consumer goods sectors. In this context, an increased number of foreign businesses are considering branded partnerships with a Chinese counterparty as a way of operating in China (e.g., co-branded joint venture).

DOJ relaxes stance on personal communications and ephemeral messaging platforms in enforcement policy amendment

13 MAR 2019

While allowing greater flexibility, this change requires enhancements to compliance programs.

Patent case filings surge in the WDTX

11 MAR 2019

Soon after Judge Alan Albright was nominated, and accelerating considerably since his confirmation, patent case filings have spiked in the WDTX.

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.

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.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

28 FEB 2019

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In this issue, digitally complying with data breach notification laws, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

Digitally complying with data breach notification laws: a little planning goes a long way

28 FEB 2019

Can you send an electronic data breach notice?

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.

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.

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?

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.

Israel Group News

12 FEB 2019

ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

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

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.

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.

Fairness by Design

31 JAN 2019

The "net impression" created by the consumer's entire online interaction with a site will be reviewed by regulators and the courts when evaluating regulatory compliance.

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.

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.

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.

Assistance and Access Act, December 2018 - Uncertainty created by new rushed-in data encryption laws

17 JAN 2019

In Australia, amendments to the Telecommunications Act 1997 were made in December 2018 by issuing the Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Bill 2018 (Cth). Our article outlines the amendments, what public concerns and lessons learnt from the UK Investigatory Powers Act 2016 and GDPR.

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

15 JAN 2019

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

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.

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.

5 antitrust trends to watch in 2019

14 JAN 2019

2018 was a memorable year for antitrust law and all signs point to 2019 being equally memorable.

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.

2018: the year in privacy

3 JAN 2019

A landmark year in state consumer privacy legislation.

Local strategies in global class actions for product manufacturers and distributors

2 JAN 2019

We explain what global class actions are, how they may affect product manufacturers, distributors and retailers operating in the global marketplace and what you can do – or should at least consider – if your company is the target of such actions.

IP Litigation Powerhouse

21 DEC 2018

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

Q4 Editor's Column

21 DEC 2018

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

CCPA: risk of class actions makes early preparation imperative

21 DEC 2018

Failure to address risk mitigation now could lead to significant liability if a company is breached following the CCPA's January 1, 2020 effective date.

The Music Modernization Act: stronger protections for artists and publishers

21 DEC 2018

The MMA revamps the Copyright Act in three major aspects.

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.

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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21 DEC 2018

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Top of mind: Litigation

10 DEC 2018

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

DOJ tells SCOTUS it plans to seek to dismiss a major *qui tam* action because burdensome FCA discovery would not be in the public interest

6 DEC 2018

The DOJ's filing is a significant development for FCA defendants and may portend more dismissals to come.

Global Anticorruption Newsletter

5 DEC 2018

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

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.

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.

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.

Device manufacturers have a little over a year to prepare for the first state law regulating the security of Internet of Things devices

27 NOV 2018

California law will require manufacturers of most Internet of Things and Bluetooth connected devices to implement one or more "reasonable security features" by January 1, 2020.

BIS wants your help with emerging technology export controls

26 NOV 2018

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) has issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) requesting public comment on identifying "emerging technology."

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.

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.

Security breach notification and reporting requirements are now in force under Canada's *PIPEDA*

13 NOV 2018

PIPEDA's obligations are now in force, including detailed regulations relating to breach notification and reporting. *PIPEDA* may apply to US organizations when there is a "real and substantial connection" with Canada.

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

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.

BIS proposes export restrictions on electronic waste

30 OCT 2018

The Bureau of Industry and Security has proposed new export restrictions on electronic waste.

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.

Obtaining remote epayment authorizations from customers: are you in compliance?

26 OCT 2018

The consequences of non-compliance can be significant.

Israel Group News

24 OCT 2018

ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

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

Artificial Intelligence: from diagnostic programs to sex robots - unresolved liability questions

24 OCT 2018

Could AI develop to a point where a jury can be persuaded to blame the product, but not the manufacturer?

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.

Record-breaking \$16 million settlement for potential HIPAA violations

22 OCT 2018

The settlement should be viewed as a clear message that OCR will continue to enforce HIPAA vigorously in the Trump era.

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.

Recent Landmark Case on Comparative Advertising in Hong Kong

12 OCT 2018

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.

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.

California mandates female board directors for publicly held companies

1 OCT 2018

California becomes the first state in the US to mandate gender diversity in the corporate boardroom, but the law may face legal challenges.

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.

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.

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

27 SEP 2018

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Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) September 2018

27 SEP 2018

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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*.

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.

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.

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.

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.

EDNY: US securities laws can be used to prosecute ICO fraud

18 SEP 2018

While the order allows the criminal prosecution to advance, it does not settle the investment contract debate.

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.

Remote notarization: authentication requirements, by US state

14 SEP 2018

A high-level summary of remote notarization laws by US state.

California amends Consumer Privacy Act to clarify exemptions and fix some technical deficiencies, but significant work remains

10 SEP 2018

SB 1121 clarifies only a handful of the dozens of drafting ambiguities and drafting errors in the CCPA.

FIRRMA, reforming CFIUS process, is signed into law

13 AUG 2018

FIRRMA will now broadly take effect with respect to any covered transaction whose review or investigation is initiated on or after August 13, 2018.

OCC supplements process for fintechs seeking to become Special Purpose National Banks: key takeaways

7 AUG 2018

An SPNB will be subject to the laws, rules, regulations and federal supervision that apply to all national banks as well as additional requirements, meaning that becoming an SPNB is a very substantial undertaking.

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.

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.

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.

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.

First judicial finding that digital tokens are securities

16 JUL 2018

But the precedential value of this finding remains an open question.

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.

New changes to California's Automatic Renewal Law

5 JUL 2018

The newly amended ARL puts into effect additional requirements to what is arguably the country's stiffest consumer-protection law focused on subscription-style plans.

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.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

29 JUN 2018

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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.

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.

Events

28 JUN 2018

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

DLA Piper expands media, sport and entertainment capabilities

28 JUN 2018

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

Supreme Court Corner Q2 2018

28 JUN 2018

Key Supreme Court decisions in the copyright and patent areas.

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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28 JUN 2018

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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.

California privacy law poised to alter US privacy landscape

28 JUN 2018

A major development in privacy law.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The rise of the "Crypto Czar," the fall of a "blockchain evangelist," and other crypto developments

12 JUNE 2018

Three legal developments and their implications for the blockchain and cryptocurrency communities.

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.

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.

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.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

24 MAY 2018

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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.

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。

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

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for distribution to clients and contacts of the firm worldwide and marking the 140th Annual Meeting of INTA in Seattle.

How one New York court is shaping the future of cryptocurrency regulation

17 MAY 2018

Cases with far-reaching implications for the cryptocurrency regulatory landscape.

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.

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.

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.

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.

A short primer on applicable US eSignature laws

2 MAY 2018

Two bodies of law in the United States generally govern the legality of electronic signatures and electronic records: the Electronic

Signature in Global and National Commerce Act (ESIGN) and state adoption of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA). Here is a quick look at each of them, plus notes on other selected laws governing digital transactions.

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.

DoD suggests flexibility with cybersecurity compliance deadline

30 APR 2018

Cautious optimism that DoD may be more flexible and reasonable than anticipated about the implementation process.

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.

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.

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.

ONC guide for accessing and using medical records breaks no new ground, instead doubles down on old processes

16 APR 2018

The ONC Guide to Getting and Using your Health Records educates patients on their rights of access and provides detailed instructions on how patients should request their records.

CLOUD Act bolsters US government powers to obtain data stored abroad

12 APR 2018

The CLOUD Act makes clear that government demands for information apply whether the data is stored in the US or abroad.

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.

Blockchain: background, challenges and legal issues

2 FEB 2018

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

Canadian Securities Administrators provide new guidance on cryptocurrency offerings and approve exemptive relief for Canadian ICO

1 SEP 2017

On August 24, 2017, Staff of the Canadian Securities Administrators (the "CSA") released CSA Staff Notice 46-307 - *Cryptocurrency Offerings* ("Staff Notice 46-307"). Staff Notice 46-307 follows the report of the Securities Exchange Commission in the United States regarding tokens as securities.

Initial Coin Offerings – something new under the regulatory sun?

7 AUG 2017

An Initial Coin Offering (**ICO**) is a process by which an organisation raises funds, using block chain technology, through the offer and sale of cryptographically secured digital tokens. Purchasers may use fiat currency (such as NZ or US dollars) or virtual currencies (such as BitCoin or Ether) to buy these digital tokens. Once they are issued, the tokens can usually be traded in secondary markets using virtual currency exchanges.

SEC report on tokens as securities: seven takeaways

31 JUL 2017

Sneak peek: DAO Tokens are securities. Double-sneak peek: many tokens are securities.

Women in IP Law: panel examines divided infringement, cyber-risk

20 DEC 2016

High points from a CLE panel discussion about cutting-edge issues in the IPT space.

Supreme Court Corner - Q4 2016

20 DEC 2016

Two patent cases, two copyright cases

Best practices in defending patent litigation

20 DEC 2016

Key issues for companies that engage in patent litigation.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 31, Q3 2016

22 SEP 2016

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Supreme Court Corner: Q4 2015

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A recent fair use decision, plus three significant cases to watch

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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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25 AUG 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

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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.

Supreme Court Corner Q1 2014

26 MAR 2014

A review of cases relevant to intellectual property and technology.

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

26 MAR 2014

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Stays pending inter partes review: the first year

26 MAR 2014

Since IPRs became available in September 2012, more than 800 have been requested. What can we learn from looking at use of the new procedures?

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30 Mar 2012

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20 Dec 2011

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3 Dec 2009

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11 Sep 2009

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1 Jun 2009

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17 Feb 2009

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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.

Patents on the blockchain - Bitcoin and beyond

29 MAY 2017

Disruptive technologies have transformed the global economy, and will continue to do so at exponential rates. Innovators at the cutting edge of these technologies should carefully review their patenting strategy, or risk being pushed out of emerging market opportunities.

Blockchain: UK regulator asks for input as it addresses emerging business models

13 APR 2017

Financial Conduct Authority discussion paper seeks views by July 17 on the potential for future development of distributed ledger technology in the markets it regulates

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.

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.

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.

NYDFS announces final cybersecurity rules for financial services sector: key takeaways

22 FEB 2017

The Final Rule's reach is very broad and presents operational challenges. It may prompt other states to enact their own rules.

UAE Central Bank regulations targeting digital currencies

23 JAN 2017

Paul Allen, Middle East Head of Intellectual Property and Technology, was live on breakfast radio this morning with Dubai Eye discussing the UAE Central Bank's new security requirements for digital payments and virtual currencies.

Central Bank of UAE issues new security requirements for digital payments and prohibits virtual currencies

16 JAN 2017

Digital payment service providers in the UAE must now comply with a range of new rules including those relating to licensing, data protection and outsourcing

The OCC confirms special purpose national bank charters for fintech companies

5 DEC 2016

Three primary factors motivated the OCC's decision to move forward and make special purpose national charters available to fintech companies.

Opportunity for temporary duty suspension or reduction - submit petitions for Miscellaneous Tariff Bills to ITC by 12/12/16

1 NOV 2016

Interim rules governing the petition process and a web portal – the MTB Petition System – to facilitate submission of duty suspension requests.

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.

European Commission tackles financing risks linked to virtual currencies

13 SEP 2016

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."

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.

Global Financial Markets Insight - Issue 10, 2016

28 JUL 2016

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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.

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.

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.

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:

CFTC announces its largest whistleblower award to date – key takeaways

2 MAY 2016

CFTC sends a clear message to commodities futures traders that it means to aggressively court tipsters who have information about possible violations of the CEA.

The blockchain revolution, smart contracts and financial transactions

26 APR 2016

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

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.

What to watch for in 2016 in financial regulation: important changes to AML rules for investment advisers coming this year

10 FEB 2016

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FINCEN's proposed rule scopes certain investment advisers into the definition of "financial institution" and subjects them to certain requirements under the anti-money laundering program and Bank Secrecy Act.

China's launch of its own digital currency will shake up the payments industry

1 FEB 2016

On 21 January 2016, the People's Bank of China issued a statement announcing its plan to launch its own digital currency.

Hands-off digital currencies! Canada's Senate calls for a light regulatory approach

16 NOV 2015

Formerly considered a gimmick for geeks and gamers, digital currencies, such as Bitcoin, have since grown into a worldwide phenomenon that now garner significant public attention. Among the interested parties are both regulators and governments, including, recently, the Senate of Canada (Canada's Upper House of Parliament).

Bitcoin: Bringing you up to speed on a digital currency

7 JUL 2014

While the use of Bitcoin may not presently be widely accepted like cash or electronic funds transfers, it is undeniable that the interest and market opportunities for Bitcoin are rapidly increasing.

Mixed feelings: China censures bitcoin while Hong Kong embraces it

4 JUL 2014

Last December, bitcoin prices plummeted by nearly half, after Chinese authorities banned all financial institutions and payment processor companies in China from engaging in bitcoin-related business, denominating prices in bitcoins, and providing bitcoin trading, settlement, clearing or other linked financial products and services.

Can you take a security interest in Bitcoin?

7 MAY 2014

Bitcoin is constantly in the news. Whether you believe it is the currency of the future or just a fad, a great investment or just an easy and cheap way to effect transactions, what is not yet clear is whether bitcoin will be a financing tool and if so, whether a security interest can be taken in bitcoin.

Bitcoin is property, not currency, IRS says – Notice leaves many open questions about convertible virtual currencies

3 APR 2014

IRS says virtual currencies, such as bitcoin, should be treated as “property” rather than “currency” for US federal income tax purposes.

Supreme Court Corner: Q4 2013

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Is Delaware the new Texas? A neck-and-neck race to the finish

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China amends trademark law: practical implications for brand owners

5 DEC 2013

China's eagerly anticipated amendments to its Trademark Law will come into force on May 1, 2014. Brand owners must move quickly to come to grips with the practical implications.

Trade Dress Watch: A case for counterfeit trade dress

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

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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.

The impact of inter partes review on patent litigation

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The right of publicity in college sports

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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

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

Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure

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In the ITC: ITC or district court? Look at the math

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The AIA's one-year grace period - a trap for the unwary?

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Corporate governance also means protecting your technology and information

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EU releases cybersecurity strategy

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

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Divided court revives divided infringement

10 Dec 2012

A recent Federal Circuit decision restores a type of patent infringement claim that it had extinguished five years earlier. The issue is: can a defendant be liable for infringement of a method claim when no single actor commits all the acts that constitute direct infringement?

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.

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.

Trademark or certification mark? The standards body's dilemma

10 Dec 2012

When standards bodies look to protect the marks associated with their standards, they are faced with a dilemma: should they use trademarks or certification marks? One may think the answer is obvious: "certification" seems to be what standards bodies do, and therefore a standards body should always use certification marks. But the obvious answer is not always the right one. Some standards bodies find that trademarks better fit their needs.

Ongoing royalties: a new development in patent damage awards

5 Sep 2012

Following the Supreme Court decision in *eBay, Inc. v. MercExchange, LLC*,¹ injunctions do not automatically follow from a finding that a patent is infringed and not invalid. In cases where an injunction is denied, in lieu of the injunction the district court has the power to award what are called “ongoing royalties,” a relatively new development in patent damages.

China's patent litigation landscape shifts

5 Sep 2012

China bested the United States to become the No. 1 patent filing country in the world in 2011 by obtaining 526,412 invention patent applications, compared to 503,582 utility patent applications in the US. Of these, 79 percent went to domestic Chinese entities, as compared to 49.2 percent to domestic entities in the US.

Privacy and your business

5 Sep 2012

Privacy has become an issue that 21st century business leaders and GCs cannot ignore or leave to the engineers. In the information age, personal data is a key asset for many businesses and a centerpiece of business opportunities.

Uncertain future: patentability of gene-based inventions in the US

26 Jun 2012

IP industries spur US economy

26 Jun 2012

IP-related industries support at least 40 million jobs and contribute more than US\$5 trillion of the US gross domestic product – that is, about 35 percent of the GDP.¹

An interview with the Honorable Arthur J. Gajarsa, Senior Judge of the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, on uniform patent law, pro bono work and fine Italian spirits

26 June 2012

As the Federal Circuit heads into an era of transition, Judge Gajarsa sat down with his former clerk, DLA Piper's Aaron Fountain, to share his observations

Your patent portfolio: how much is it worth and what are you going to do about it?

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Embryonic stem cell derivations are not patentable in the EU

20 Dec 2011

The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)¹ ruled in *Brüstle v Greenpeace*,² that processes involving derivation of stem cells from a human embryo at the blastocyst stage, entailing the destruction of that embryo, cannot be patented.

Brüstle concerns a patent for isolated and purified neural precursor cells derived from human blastocysts. Central to the case was the interpretation of Article 6(2)(c) of Directive 98/44/EC (the Biotech Directive),³ which excludes patentability of inventions involving “the use of human embryos for industrial or commercial purposes.”

The CJEU decision followed Advocate General Yves Bot’s March 2011 opinion that neither totipotent nor pluipotent stem cells from an embryo that has been modified or destroyed are patentable. In reaching its decision, the CJEU held that the definition of an “embryo” should be read broadly, to include any fertilized ovum whether created by transfer of a nucleus from another mature cell or stimulated to cell division by parthenogenesis. Further, the CJEU decided that processes involving a human embryo are only patentable if therapeutic or diagnostic purposes are applied to and are useful to the human embryo.

The CJEU decision

The CJEU determined that the intent and purpose of the Biotech Directive was to remove any possibility of patentability where human dignity could thereby be harmed. Thus, the concept of “human embryo” must be understood broadly. Accordingly, the CJEU ruled:

- Any human ovum after fertilization, any non-fertilized human ovum into which the cell nucleus from a mature human cell had been transplanted and any non-fertilized human ovum whose division and further development have been stimulated by parthenogenesis constitute a “human embryo.”
- The referring court should ascertain whether a stem cell obtained from a human embryo at the blastocyst stage constitutes a “human embryo” within the Directive’s meaning. However, it was clear from the CJEU’s ruling that such a cell line would not be patentable.
- The use of a human embryo for therapeutic or diagnostic purposes which were applied to the human embryo and were useful to it are *prima facie* patentable.
- If an invention does not itself “use” human embryos, but relates to a product necessitating prior destruction of a human embryo or a process requiring a base material obtained from such destruction, then that invention would not be patentable.

Some research has shown that human embryonic stem cells offer advantages in cellular therapies over other cell lines. By holding that inventions relating to processes for deriving cells from human embryos, or cell lines derived from those processes, are not patentable, the CJEU has reduced the scope within the EU of proprietary protection for inventions relating to embryonic stem cells. Its decision that the definition of embryo should encompass cells derived from parthenogenesis as well as any fertilized ova may also affect those with rights in cell lines and processes covering cell lines derived from fetal tissue.

The decision does not mean such processes or cell lines are not valuable or protectable. Research and innovation will go on and will likely be protected as trade secrets. This could mean that discoveries may be held closely, rather than shared in the scientific community.

There is concern in the industry that in the absence of patent protection, European companies and universities may find it harder to obtain funding for research, and investment may shift to markets that afford patent protection. Because Europe retains a significant knowledge base, it is likely research funding will go on; indeed, because of the *Brüstle* decision, activities enabling stem cell technologies, adult stem cells and iPS cell technologies may grow. In the race toward cellular therapies, companies with pioneering processes using human embryonic stem cell lines will have to decide whether to apply for patent protection in such countries, with no prohibition on others reproducing their work in Europe, or decide not to file for patent protection anywhere, keeping their knowledge confidential and thereby keeping a competitive edge.

The CJEU decision has firmly placed protection of commercial rights in embryonic cell lines, the processes to derive such stem cells and the application of those lines in cellular therapy into the realm of contractual rights. It remains to be seen whether the *Brüstle* decision will affect stem cell research toward therapeutic applications in the EU.

For more information about the CJEU’s decision, please contact:

Philippa Montgomerie

Grant Strachan

1. Formerly the European Court of Justice (ECJ).
2. Case C-34/10 *Oliver Brüstle v Greenpeace e.V.*

3. Directive 98/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 1998 on the legal protection of biotechnological inventions.

Federal Circuit rules that gene patents are valid

20 Dec 2011

In a decision of landmark importance for the biotechnology industry, the Federal Circuit recently held that isolated genes remain patentable subject matter.

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Cloud computing and how to use it

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The use of cloud computing technology has grown significantly as IT departments have sought to extend their existing capabilities without investing significantly in new infrastructure or training new personnel.

One size does not fit all: protecting trade secrets when drafting employment agreements

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In this competitive, potentially litigious environment, companies should consider customizing employment agreements for each position, and in some cases, for each individual employee, especially those in executive and leadership roles.

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FTC's new guidelines could change how testimonials are used in social media

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Patent litigation in the ITC: the year in review

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DLA Piper advises Rocket Lab on its agreement to acquire Sinclair Interplanetary

19 March 2020

DLA Piper advised Rocket Lab, a space systems company and the global leader in dedicated small satellite launch, on its agreement to acquire Sinclair Interplanetary.

Carole Bellis joins DLA Piper's Corporate practice in Northern California

17 March 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Carole Bellis has joined the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in Northern California.

DLA Piper advises Overhaul in its Series A financing

16 March 2020

DLA Piper represented Overhaul Group, a provider of real-time supply chain integrity technology solutions, in its recent US\$17.5 million Series A financing.

DLA Piper advises Cloudbeds in its US\$82 million Series C financing

13 March 2020

DLA Piper represented Cloudbeds, a San Diego-based hospitality management solution provider, in its recent US\$82 million Series C financing.

DLA Piper advises fintech company Scivantage in its sale to Refinitiv

11 March 2020

DLA Piper represented Scivantage, a digital wealth management technology company, in its sale to Refinitiv US LLC, a global provider of financial markets data.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.

DLA Piper advises Talespin in US\$15 million Series B financing

9 March 2020

DLA Piper advised Talespin in a US\$15 million Series B funding round led by cloud-based learning software provider Cornerstone OnDemand.

DLA Piper advises DT Holdings Corporation in the US\$350 million sale of Docutech to First American

3 March 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm represented DT Holdings Corporation in Docutech's US\$350 million sale to First American.

DLA Piper advises INTL FCStone Inc. in US\$236 million acquisition of GAIN Capital

27 February 2020

DLA Piper is representing INTL FCStone Inc. in its US\$236 million acquisition of Gain Capital Holdings, Inc.

DLA Piper advises ABS Capital Partners in Series C financing of SquadLocker

26 February 2020

DLA Piper represented ABS Capital Partners in its investment in SquadLocker, a leading provider of online tools and services for teams and organizations to manage custom apparel and equipment purchasing.

DLA Piper advises court-appointed receiver in sale of Essai, Inc. to US subsidiary of Advantest Corporation

11 February 2020

DLA Piper represented Andrew Hinkelman of FTI Consulting, Inc. as a court-appointed independent receiver in the sale of Essai, Inc. to Advantest America, Inc. for more than US\$300 million.

DLA Piper represents Aumni in US\$10 million Series A financing

3 February 2020

DLA Piper advised Aumni, Inc., a software-as-a-service (SaaS) company developing a robotic process automation and data analytics platform for private capital investors, in a US\$10 million Series A funding round led by SVB Financial Group, the parent company of Silicon Valley Bank.

DLA Piper announces new US Intellectual Property and Technology practice leadership

22 January 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Ann Ford will become the sole US chair and global co-chair of the firm's Intellectual

Property and Technology practice. She will assume these roles from Frank Ryan, the incoming chair of DLA Piper LLP (US).

DLA Piper advises Visa on US\$5.3 billion acquisition of Plaid

14 January 2020

DLA Piper served as privacy diligence counsel for Visa in its US\$5.3 billion acquisition of San Francisco-based fintech company Plaid.

DLA Piper advises Resilience360 in its combination with Riskpulse

10 January 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm represented Resilience360 in its combination with Riskpulse and its related financing from Columbia Capital, Greenspring Associates and DHL.

DLA Piper advises LLR Partners in its acquisition of a majority stake in Geoforce

19 December 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm represented LLR Partners in its acquisition of a majority stake in Geoforce.

DLA Piper advises CallMiner in US\$75 million investment from Goldman Sachs

17 December 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm represented CallMiner in connection with a US\$75 million investment from GS Growth.

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

3 December 2019

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 power¹. 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.

DLA Piper achieves victory for California Institute of Technology

26 November 2019

DLA Piper recently represented the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in the dismissal of a case filed by David Lillie, an employee of Caltech subcontractor ManTech International, which alleged defamation and a number of other causes.

DLA Piper advises AiCure in US\$24.5 million Series C financing

18 November 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that AiCure chose the firm to represent AiCure in its US\$24.5 million Series C financing.

DLA Piper represents Total Server Solutions in US\$35 million of new financing

15 November 2019

DLA Piper represented Total Server Solutions (TSS) in closing US\$35 million of new financing with a US\$27.5 million credit facility provided by Crestline Investors.

DLA Piper advises Vindex in launch and key acquisition

6 November 2019

DLA Piper represented Vindex in its launch along with the acquisition of Next Generation Esports (NGE) and the launch of Esports Engine.

DLA Piper named Communications Law Firm of the Year by *U.S. News and Best Lawyers*

6 November 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that it has been named Communications Law Firm of the Year by *U.S. News and Best Lawyers* as part of the 2020 rankings.

DLA Piper advises Contino in its sale to Cognizant

5 November 2019

DLA Piper represented Contino, a privately-held technology consulting firm, in its sale to Cognizant.

DLA Piper's Victoria Lee named an Innovator of the Year finalist by the *Recorder*

29 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Victoria "Vicky" Lee, Silicon Valley-based global co-chair of the Technology sector, has

been named by the Recorder an Innovator of the Year finalist as part of their California Leaders in Tech Law and Innovation Awards.

DLA Piper advises Plexium in US\$28 million Series A financing

18 October 2019

DLA Piper represented Plexium, a San Diego-based emerging biotechnology company whose proprietary platform, DELPhe, enables cell-based phenotypic screening of DNA-encoded libraries in nanoliter volumes, in its US\$28 million Series A financing.

DLA Piper advises Insilico Medicine on successful Series B funding

17 October 2019

DLA Piper advised Insilico Medicine, a pioneer in next-generation artificial intelligence technology for drug discovery, on a successful US\$37 million Series B funding round to commercialize the validated generative chemistry and target identification technology.

DLA Piper advises Camden Partners in Series D financing

1 October 2019

DLA Piper represented Camden Partners in its investment in RedPoint Global, a top provider of customer data platform (CDP) and customer engagement technologies.

Michael Lewis named to US delegation to World Radiocommunication Conference

23 September 2019

Michael Lewis, a senior engineering advisor in DLA Piper's Telecom practice, has been named a member of the United States delegation to the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19).

DLA Piper advises Clutter on its US\$152 million acquisition of the New York real estate portfolio of The Storage Fox

23 September 2019

DLA Piper represented Clutter, an on-demand a tech-enabled storage company that manages the pickup, storage and retrieval of customers' belongings, in its US\$152 million acquisition of the New York-based real estate portfolio of The Storage Fox.

DLA Piper represents Blue Ocean Robotics in its acquisition of the Beam telepresence robot business from Suitable Technologies

30 August 2019

DLA Piper is representing Denmark-based Blue Ocean Robotics in its acquisition of the assets and rights associated with the Beam® telepresence robot from Silicon Valley-based Suitable Technologies, Inc. The deal is subject to necessary approvals.

DLA Piper announces launch of Technology sector blog

12 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce the re-launch of its new, upgraded technology-focused blog, Technology's Legal Edge.

DLA Piper advises Credible on merger with Fox

6 August 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX-listed US fintech company Credible Labs Inc. (ASX: CRD) on its AUD585 million proposed merger with NASDAQ listed Fox Corporation.

DLA Piper advises VMware on its proposed acquisition of Bitfusion

29 July 2019

DLA Piper represented VMware, Inc., a global leader in cloud infrastructure and digital workspace technology, in its proposed acquisition of Bitfusion.io Inc.

DLA Piper represents Bridge Investments in sale of QDiscovery

24 July 2019

DLA Piper represented Bridge Investments in the sale of e-discovery provider QDiscovery LLC to Xact Data Discovery.

DLA Piper represents Advizr in its acquisition by Orion Advisor Services

23 July 2019

DLA Piper represented Advizr, Inc. in its acquisition by Orion Advisor Services.

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.

DLA Piper represents New Enterprise Associates in US\$100 million Series C financing of DivvyPay

8 July 2019

DLA Piper represented New Enterprise Associates, Inc. (NEA) in connection with its participation in a US\$100 million round of Series C preferred stock financing of DivvyPay, Inc., a financial platform for businesses to manage payments and subscriptions, build strategic budgets and eliminate expense reports.

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.

DLA Piper advises Adaptive Biotechnologies in its US\$345 million IPO

2 July 2019

July 2, 2019 – DLA Piper represented Seattle-based Adaptive Biotechnologies Corporation in its US\$345 million initial public offering.

DLA Piper's Brad Gersich named to the *Daily Journal's* list of Top Artificial Intelligence Lawyers

27 June 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Brad Gersich, co-chair of the Northern California Corporate and Securities practice, has been selected by the *Daily Journal* as one of the Top Artificial Intelligence Lawyers for 2019.

DLA Piper's Mark Radcliffe named to the *Recorder's* 2019 list of California Trailblazers

26 June 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Mark Radcliffe, a Silicon Valley-based partner, has been named to the *Recorder's* 2019 list of California Trailblazers.

DLA Piper advises Q2 Holdings in concurrent common stock and convertible note offerings

17 JUN 2019

DLA Piper advised Q2 Holdings, Inc. in a US\$210.8 million underwritten registered public offering of its common stock and a concurrent private placement of US\$316.25 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes.

Khoa D. Do rejoins DLA Piper's Corporate practice in Northern California

13 June 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Khoa Do, who was previously a partner at the firm, has returned to the Corporate practice as a partner in Northern California, based out of the Silicon Valley office.

DLA Piper advises Critical Start in US\$40 million investment from Bregal Sagemount

12 June 2019

DLA Piper represented Texas-based cybersecurity firm Critical Start in a US\$40 million minority investment by Bregal Sagemount.

DLA Piper's Mark Radcliffe named to the *National Law Journal's* list of Technology Trailblazers

10 June 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Mark Radcliffe, a Silicon Valley-based partner, has been named to the *National Law Journal's* list of Technology Trailblazers.

DLA Piper's Margo Tank named to the *National Law Journal's* list of Technology Trailblazers

10 June 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Margo Tank, a US co-chair of the firm's Financial Services sector, has been named to the *National Law Journal's* list of Technology Trailblazers.

DLA Piper advises New Signature in acquisition of Nebbia Technology

20 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented New Signature, a Washington, DC-based provider of Microsoft technologies, in its acquisition of Nebbia Technology, a consulting provider focused on Microsoft's Azure cloud computing platform.

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.

Andrew Serwin joins DLA Piper's Intellectual Property and Technology practice in San Diego

7 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Andrew Serwin has joined the Data Protection, Privacy and Security subgroup of the firm's Intellectual Property and Technology practice as a partner in San Diego.

DLA Piper advises Lightspeed Systems in investment by Madison Dearborn Partners

6 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented Austin, Texas-based education technology company Lightspeed Systems in connection with a strategic growth investment it received from private equity funds advised by Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC.

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition

30 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announced that 158 of the firm's lawyers and 64 of its practices were ranked in *Chambers USA's* 2019 guide.

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Thomas Dombrowsky named to NTIA Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee

26 APR 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Thomas Dombrowsky has been named to the Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (CSMAC) of the US Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

DLA Piper advises Summit Infrastructure Group in majority investment by SDC Capital Partners

18 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Summit Infrastructure Group, Inc. (SummitIG), a network solutions and bandwidth infrastructure provider, in the sale of a majority stake in the company to SDC Capital Partners.

DLA Piper advises OMRON in US\$893 million sale of automotive electronics division to Nidec

16 APR 2019

DLA Piper is representing OMRON Corp. in the ¥100 billion (US\$893 million) sale of its automotive electronics division, OMRON Automotive Electronics Co. Ltd., to Nidec Corp., headquartered in Kyoto, Japan.

DLA Piper advises Riverwood Capital in its Series F investment in Sauce Labs Inc.

9 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Riverwood Capital in its Series F investment in Sauce Labs Inc., a California-based provider of cloud-based mobile and web-testing platforms. In conjunction with the funding, Jeff Parks from Riverwood Capital will join the Sauce Labs Board of Directors.

DLA Piper advises Tilson Technology Management in SDC Capital Partners' US\$100 million investment

9 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Tilson Technology Management in the completed transaction through which funds managed by SDC Capital Partners, LLC will invest US\$100 million in the company.

DLA Piper advises Securly in its acquisition of TechPilot Labs

5 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Securly, Inc., an education technology company and provider of a cloud-based web filtering platform for school computers, in its acquisition of the business of Atlanta-based TechPilot Labs, Inc., a fast-growing provider of K-12 education technology.

Two DLA Piper lawyers recognized by BTI Consulting Group for superior client service

3 APR 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that BTI Consulting Group has recognized two of its lawyers for providing superior service to clients.

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.

Travis Leach joins DLA Piper's Corporate practice in Phoenix

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Travis Leach has joined the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in Phoenix, bringing new talent to the well-established group.

Patrick Anding joins DLA Piper's Corporate practice in Los Angeles and San Diego

20 MAR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Patrick Anding has joined the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in Los Angeles and San Diego.

DLA Piper advises Stack Infrastructure, Inc. in its inaugural securitization, an US\$850 million issuance of asset-backed secured notes

13 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented Stack Infrastructure, Inc. (Stack), a wholesale data center company, in its inaugural securitization, an US\$850 million issuance of asset-backed secured notes. The notes are secured by pledged mortgages, deeds of trust and/or deeds to secure debt and the rights under certain tenant leases.

Peter Karanjia joins DLA Piper's Telecom and Appellate practices in Washington, DC

4 MAR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Peter Karanjia has joined the firm's Telecom and Appellate practices as a partner in Washington, DC.

DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Blockchain and Digital Assets practice, which will offer strategic advice on a global basis to address the needs of companies implementing blockchain technology solutions and creating and deploying digital assets.

DLA Piper 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).

DLA Piper recognized for fourth consecutive year as a top outsourcing advisor

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm has been selected for the 2019 Best of the World's Best Outsourcing Advisors list by the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (IAOP).

DLA Piper joins Governing Council for Hedera Hashgraph

20 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has joined the initial group of Governing Council members for Hedera Hashgraph, a next-generation public ledger designed to have highly diversified governance and the most distributed consensus at scale. The announcement was made at Hedera Hashgraph's first annual summit in Seoul, Korea.

As part of the council, DLA Piper will help oversee changes to the software run by millions of Hedera distributed nodes over time. The governing council has been established to ensure stability and guaranteed continued decentralization to the Hedera Hashgraph distributed public ledger.

DLA Piper 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.

Edward J. McAndrew joins DLA Piper's Intellectual Property and Technology practice in Wilmington and Washington, DC

19 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Edward J. McAndrew has joined the firm's Intellectual Property and Technology practice as a partner based in Wilmington and Washington, DC.

DLA Piper advises Qualcomm in sale of Qualcomm Life to Francisco Partners

12 FEB 2019

DLA Piper represented Qualcomm in the sale of Qualcomm Life, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Qualcomm Incorporated that offers end-to-end medical device connectivity, to private equity firm Francisco Partners.

DLA Piper is advising Buddy Platform on AU\$71 million acquisition of LIFX

12 FEB 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper is advising leading Internet of Things (IoT) and cloud-based solutions company Buddy Platform Limited (ASX: BUD) on its AU\$71 million acquisition of global smart lighting technology company LIFX and associated AU\$18.1 million placement.

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.

DLA Piper advises Neopost on both the acquisition of Parcel Pending and the sale of Satori Inc.

30 JAN 2019

DLA Piper represented Paris-based Neopost, a global leader in digital communications, logistics and mail solutions, in two recent merger and acquisition matters.

DLA Piper announces launch of Proptech practice

23 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Proptech practice, which will enable the firm to better advise clients working at the intersection of the Real Estate and Technology sectors and further the firm's mission as the leading global business law firm.

DLA Piper advises Summit Infrastructure Group in its majority recapitalization by SDC Capital Partners

11 JAN 2019

DLA Piper represented Summit Infrastructure Group, Inc., a network solutions and bandwidth infrastructure provider, in its majority recapitalization by SDC Capital Partners.

Michael Jay joins DLA Piper's Intellectual Property and Technology practice in Los Angeles

3 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Michael Jay has joined the firm's Intellectual Property and Technology practice as a partner in Los Angeles.

DLA Piper represents Securly in Series B financing led by Defy Partners and Owl Ventures

28 DEC 2018

DLA Piper represented Securly, Inc. in a US\$16 million round of Series B financing led by Defy Partners, along with participation by Owl Ventures.

DLA Piper advises BuildingConnected in US\$275 million sale to Autodesk

27 DEC 2018

DLA Piper represented BuildingConnected, a construction software provider, in its sale to software company Autodesk for US\$275 million.

DLA Piper advises SoftBank Vision Fund in investment in Zymergen

15 DEC 2018

The DLA Piper team representing SoftBank Vision Fund included partner Craig Lang and associate Evan Youngstrom (both of Silicon Valley).

DLA Piper lawyers ranked in *Chambers FinTech*

14 DEC 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm was ranked in the USA Legal 2019 edition of *Chambers FinTech*.

Nancy Victory named a MVP by Law360

12 DEC 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that co-Chair of the global Telecom practice, Nancy Victory, has been named a Law360 MVP.

DLA Piper named by the *Financial Times* as one of the top ten Most Innovative Law firms in North America for both the Business of Law and Legal Expertise

11 DEC 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce it was named by the *Financial Times* as one of the top ten Most Innovative Law firms in North America in both the Business of Law and Legal Expertise overall categories.

DLA Piper advises ResMed in acquisition of Propeller Health

4 DEC 2018

DLA Piper represented ResMed (NYSE: RMD), a world-leading connected health company, in its entry into a definitive agreement to acquire Propeller Health, a digital therapeutics firm, for US\$225 million.

DLA Piper advises RealtimeBoard on its US\$25 million fundraising from Accel

19 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has advised RealtimeBoard, a whiteboarding platform that allows teams to collaborate remotely, on its US\$25 million series A financing round led by the venture capital firm Accel.

DLA Piper advises Columbia Capital, LLC in its US\$21 million equity investment in Resilience360

13 NOV 2018

DLA Piper represented Columbia Capital, LLC in its US\$21 million equity investment in Resilience360 GMBH.

DLA Piper advises ResMed in agreement to acquire MatrixCare for US\$750 million

7 NOV 2018

DLA Piper represented ResMed, a world-leading connected health company, in a definitive agreement to acquire privately held MatrixCare, a leader in US long-term post-acute care software, for US\$750 million.

DLA Piper advises SolarWinds in its initial public offering

6 NOV 2018

DLA Piper represented SolarWinds Corporation (NYSE: SWI), a leading provider of powerful and affordable IT infrastructure management software, in its initial public offering.

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.

Eric Grossman named to the *Washingtonian* magazine 2018 Tech Titans list

24 SEP 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Eric Grossman has been named a 2018 Tech Titan on the *Washingtonian* magazine's list of the "the most important and innovative people in Washington's digital economy."

DLA Piper advises BTG in acquisition of Novate Medical

10 SEP 2018

DLA Piper represented BTG plc, a global specialist healthcare company, in its acquisition of Novate Medical Ltd.

DLA Piper advises Maryland Proton Treatment Center in US\$277.4 million tax-exempt municipal bond financing

6 SEP 2018

DLA Piper represented Maryland Proton Therapy Center (MPTC) in its US\$277.4 million tax-exempt municipal bond financing.

DLA Piper advises Nemetschek on acquisition of MCS Solutions

31 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised the software supplier Nemetschek SE on the acquisition of the real estate and facilities technology firm MCS Solutions in Belgium, Sweden, India and the USA. The acquisition sees Nemetschek SE gain access to the rapidly growing market in building management.

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.

Tami Howie to join DLA Piper's Corporate practice in Washington, DC

15 AUG 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Tami Howie will join the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

DLA Piper advises Helios Technologies on acquisition of Custom Fluidpower

13 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Helios Technologies (Nasdaq: SNHY) on the 100% acquisition of Australian business Custom Fluidpower for AU\$35 million (approximately US\$26 million) on 1 August, 2018. The acquisition was funded using cash and shares of SNHY common stock.

DLA Piper advises Franklin Templeton Investments in its Series E investment into Optoro, Inc.

2 AUG 2018

DLA Piper represented Franklin Templeton Investments in connection with its investment into Optoro, Inc.

DLA Piper advises doc.ai in partnership with Anthem, Inc., to launch AI data trial

2 AUG 2018

DLA Piper represented doc.ai in its partnership with Anthem, Inc. to launch a groundbreaking AI data trial on the blockchain.

DLA Piper advises Olive in US\$32.8 million Series D financing

31 JUL 2018

DLA Piper represented Olive, a technology company applying artificial intelligence to healthcare administration, in its US\$32.8 million Series D financing.

DLA Piper advises Globant S.A. in US\$347.8 million follow-on public offering

11 JUL 2018

DLA Piper advised Globant S.A. (NYSE: GLOB) in the follow-on underwritten offering of Globant shares held by a subsidiary of WPP plc.

DLA Piper advises NEA and General Atlantic in their Series A investment into Automation Anywhere, Inc.

2 JUL 2018

DLA Piper represented co-lead investor New Enterprise Associates (NEA) and investor General Atlantic in connection with an aggregate US\$250 million Series A investment into Automation Anywhere, Inc.

DLA Piper recognized again as a Top Global Outsourcing Advisor

28 JUN 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm has been selected for the 2018 World's Best Outsourcing Advisors list by the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (IAOP).

Craig Lang joins DLA Piper's Corporate practice in Silicon Valley

18 JUN 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Craig Lang has joined the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in Silicon Valley.

DLA Piper advises Centric Software in definitive agreement to sell majority stake to Dassault Systèmes

14 JUN 2018

DLA Piper represented Centric Software, a venture capital-backed technology platform driving digital transformation with software innovation in the fashion, apparel, luxury and retail sectors, in entering into a definitive agreement to sell a majority stake to Dassault Systèmes.

DLA Piper advises Insilico Medicine in Series A financing

12 JUN 2018

DLA Piper represented Insilico Medicine Inc. in the completion of Series A financing led by WuXi AppTec's Corporate Venture Fund.

Nancy Victory shortlisted for The Deal's Technology and Telecom Lawyer of the Year award

4 JUN 2018

Nancy Victory, co-chair of DLA Piper's global Telecom practice, has been shortlisted for The Deal's Technology and Telecom Lawyer of the Year award.

DLA Piper wins Legal Adviser of the Year and recognized as UK Top Performer 2018 by Global Sourcing Association

25 MAY 2018

DLA Piper's Global Co-Head of Technology Sector, Kit Burden, was last night named Legal Adviser of the Year at the Global Sourcing Association (GSA) UK Top Performers and Professional Awards, held at the Hilton Manchester Deansgate

DLA Piper secures victory for WebSpectator

24 MAY 2018

DLA Piper secured a victory this week in its representation of WebSpectator Corporation, a Santa Monica-based company that pioneered online analytics and attention ad space, as the plaintiff before the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

DLA Piper advises T-Mobile and Deutsche Telekom in planned merger with Sprint

30 APR 2018

DLA Piper is acting as regulatory counsel representing T-Mobile US, Inc. and Deutsche Telekom, AG in the announced merger with Sprint Corporation.

DLA Piper advises Bregal Sagemount in sale of Remote DBA Experts

25 APR 2018

DLA Piper represented Bregal Sagemount in the sale of its portfolio company Remote DBA Experts, LLC.

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.

DLA Piper advises SparklineData on its acquisition by Oracle

18 APR 2018

DLA Piper represented SparklineData, an industry leader in analytics and smart data warehouse solutions for optimal Business Intelligence, in its acquisition by California-based Oracle Corporation.

DLA Piper advises Airbus Group on appointment of Google as digital workplace provider

12 APR 2018

DLA Piper advised Airbus S.A.S. in selecting Google as preferred service provider within the context of Airbus' Digital Workplace

request for proposal. This selection is part of Airbus' general efforts towards digital transformation of the company and of its productivity tools.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper advises Lux Capital Management on recent round of Series B financing

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper represented Lux Capital in its investment in Mythic's recent US\$40 million Series B financing.
