



Transportation

DLA Piper's Transportation Law practice has extensive experience advising and representing clients in all aspects of law relating to the transportation industry.

We advise both foreign and domestic clients regarding transportation law, including purchases, sales, leasing or financing of aircraft or transport equipment, border security compliance requirements, and tax, customs and export controls issues as they relate to the aviation and transport sectors.

We have advised extensively on mergers and acquisitions in the transport sector and have a proven track record of successfully obtaining pre-merger clearances under Canada's competition, foreign investment and transportation legislation.

Our experienced transportation law lawyers are supported by the firm's extensive skills in areas of competition law, insolvency, litigation, technology and Internet transactions, and employment and labour law, as well as transportation infrastructure development.

Among our clients are air carriers, leasing companies, financiers, underwriters, international air and ocean freight forwarders and highway carriers, as well as warehouse and logistics services providers. We also advise manufacturers, producers, resource sector stakeholders, and exporters and importers of goods moving globally, whether by air, ocean vessel, rail, truck or inter-modally.

The Transportation Law team provides advice and representation to clients in the following areas:

Aviation

For more information about our aviation expertise, please visit our [Aviation Law page](#).

Surface

We provide legal advice in all aspects of the ground transportation industry and act for numerous international and Canadian trucking companies. We advise and represent several national and international vehicle credit and leasing organizations and automotive dealers. With respect to public transportation and infrastructure initiatives, we advise public transportation authorities and have acted for large infrastructure companies and financing companies on several bridge and highway public-private partnerships.

Specifically, we have:

- Acted as counsel to the Canadian Finance and Leasing Association and several of its members;
- Advised the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority on the Gateway infrastructure program, various commuter services,

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- Aviation

and real estate requirements;

- Advised a worldwide global logistics ground transportation provider based in Asia; and
- Acted as Canadian counsel to the U.S.-based International Warehouse and Logistics Association.

Maritime

Our commercial and litigation marine law practice includes the following services:

- Advice to insured and insurers regarding marine insurance policy coverage issues including, ship collisions both at sea and with respect to shore-based facilities;
- All types of maritime commercial contracts, including shipbuilding, charter party, insurance and freight forwarding contracts;
- Maritime bankruptcies and insolvencies;
- Tax advice as it affects the shipping and marine industries; and
- Advising passenger cruise shipping lines with respect to tax and customs compliance in connection to operations in Canadian waters.

EXPERIENCE

- Successfully represented the Canadian Industrial Transportation Association and Peace River Coal Inc. in a dispute involving charges imposed by the Canadian National Railway Company.

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DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized in the 2021 edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*

13 November 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and its lawyers have been recognized as industry leaders across multiple practice areas in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Canada 2021*

10 September 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 25 of our lawyers recognized across 16 practice areas in the 2021 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

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

28 AUG 2020

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

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP increases rankings in the 2020 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

24 APR 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that we have significantly increased the number of lawyers ranked as leading practitioners in the 2020 edition of the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory.

Onex Corporation completes acquisition of WestJet Airlines Ltd.

19 DEC 2019

Onex Corporation and WestJet Airlines Ltd. announced on December 11, 2019 that they have completed their previously announced purchase agreement valued at approximately \$5 billion including assumed debt. DLA Piper Canada acted as counsel for Onex Corporation on various aspects of what is the largest private equity purchase of an airline in aviation history, including with respect to aviation law, financing matters and corporate law matters.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recommended in the 2020 edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*

14 NOV 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP has been recommended across a broad range of practice areas in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Canada 2020*

20 Sep 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to be recognized as an industry leader in the 2020 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

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

21 AUG 2019

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

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acting for Onex Corporation in \$5 billion acquisition of WestJet Airlines Ltd.

16 MAY 2019

On May 13, 2019, Onex Corporation announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement in which it will acquire all outstanding shares of WestJet Airlines Ltd. in an all-cash transaction valued at CDN \$5 billion.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP ranked in 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that thirty-eight of the firm's lawyers have been recognized as leading practitioners in the 2019 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

In Canada

- *Chambers Global* (Transportation), 2014-2018
 - *Chambers Canada* (Transportation: Rail & Road), 2016-2020
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