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With 20 years of international legal experience, Paul Allen provides counsel to clients in relation to their most complex and challenging IT and digital transformation programs.

As Co-Chair of DLA Piper's Global Technology and Sourcing practice, Paul is committed to supporting clients to achieve their organizational objectives. Paul is also a member of DLA Piper's Change Council which is responsible for fostering radical change and innovation at the firm, and building on the firm's recognition by the FT as one of the world's top 10 firms for innovation.

In recognition of this work, Paul and his team are ranked Band 1 in both leading legal directories, Chambers Global and Legal 500.

Paul completed his INSEAD Executive MBA in December 2019 (on the Dean's List with Distinction), with a focus on the design and implementation of strategies and new business models that leverage new and emerging technologies to provide a superior sustainable competitive advantage.

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Technology
- Financial Services

- Advising a UAE free zone on the outsourcing of its entire IT function.
- Negotiating a USD50 million engineering services outsourcing on behalf of an Indian based supplier.
- Advising a Middle East government entity on a private network programme, including preparation of a master agreement for the delivery by a national telecoms operator of managed services in respect of the MPLS-based Government network.
- Advising a Middle East government entity on the outsourcing of a security operations centre on a design, build, operate and transfer basis, including preparation of a draft contract and negotiation of the contract with the chosen supplier, Wipro.
- Advising a Middle East government entity on the procurement of a contract management software platform and associated services, including preparation of a software licence agreement and services agreement.
- Advising an African telecommunications operator on the drafting and negotiation a framework agreement for the supply, installation and operational management of various networks.
- Advising a regional telecoms operator on its USD150+ million outsourcing and transformation of its IT function in respect of its

business support systems, including advising throughout the competitive procurement process, drafting of the outsourcing agreement and schedules and negotiation with all bidding suppliers.

- Advising a Middle East telecommunications operator on its online contracting strategy, including reviewing and analysing the electronic transactions laws across the GCC and advising on the enforceability of a contract which has been entered into through online functionality.
- Advising a UAE media company on the monetisation of sporting rights across the Middle East and North Africa, including drafting and negotiating a channel playout outsourcing agreement, broadcast production agreement, channel carriage agreements, online portal development, hosting and operation agreement and other hardware-related distribution agreements.
- Advising a UAE media company on a suite of media-related commercial agreements for satellite transponder access, channel carriage and set-top box manufacture and distribution.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

Clients have had the following to say about Paul:

"The best TMT lawyer in the region" *Legal 500* 2015

"Stands out for his client relations, follow up and problem-solving skills," *Chambers Global* 2015

"Vastly experienced" with over 14 years of international practice in the TMT sectors, where he has focused on non-contentious IT and telecoms projects. He is described as "incredibly knowledgeable" and his "genius" is often cited by peers and clients," *Who's Who Legal* 2016

Education

- Queensland University of Technology, BA (European Studies)
- Queensland University of Technology, LLB (Hons)

INSIGHTS

Publications

Embracing Digital Evolution: Our new business report

14 September 2021

Our new report - *Embracing Digital Evolution* - shows how businesses can succeed in Industry 4.0, with contributions from digital revolutionaries such as Microsoft, Salesforce, Rolls-Royce and DocuSign.

Compare contract law around the world with our Global Contract Laws Guide

1 June 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce the launch of our updated Global Contract Laws guide.

The guide has been updated to reflect the changes in legislation in over 45 countries and in response to significant geopolitical events such as Brexit.

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

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- "Outsourcing: A Practical Guide," *Globe Law and Business*, September 2015

Events

Previous

Session 1: What do we mean by Digital Evolution?

November 22, 2022

DLA Piper Digital Evolution Tech and Sourcing Webinar Series
Webinar

Outsourcing: A Practical Guide, Second Edition

24 March 2021

Webinar

- Achieving success in outsourcing and managed services deals, Bahrain, September 2012
- Managed Services Growth Markets, Dubai, May 2012
- Outsourcing for financial institutions, Bahrain, September 2012 / Kuwait, October 2013
- MVNO's Webinar, March 2013
- Cloud world forum MENA, Dubai, March 2013
- Managed Services Growth Markets, Istanbul, May 2013
- Webinar on Broadband Policies in Emerging Markets Webinar, Dubai, April 2013

NEWS

DLA Piper expands Asia Fintech offering with new partner hire in Hong Kong

8 November 2021

DLA Piper announces the appointment of Kristi Swartz as a partner in its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) practice, based in Hong Kong.

DLA Piper publishes Embracing Digital Evolution report

17 September 2021

DLA Piper has published a comprehensive global report on what it takes for businesses to prosper in the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

- After Hours: Paul Allen, partner and head of IP & Tech - ME, DLA Piper, *ITP.Net*, 8 May 2017