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Kir Burden advises clients in the areas of outsourcing and complex technology transactions, advising both users and suppliers of IT, and outsourcing services and in relation to all aspects of the procurement process. His work ordinarily involves him on business critical projects frequently valued in the hundreds of millions of pounds. Major clients he advises include UBS, Ericsson, Royal Bank of Scotland, Lloyds Banking Group, Rolls Royce, HCL Technologies, Amadeus and Liva Nova.

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Technology

KEY EXPERIENCE

- Advising TUI in respect of its global networks and unified comms outsourcing and transformation project, part of a business critical outsourcing arrangement.
- Advising a major financial institution in relation to its circa GBP3 billion cloud transformation and outsourcing agreement, one of the largest such deals seen in the UK financial services sector.
- Advising a major travel aggregator in respect of its replatforming of its core IT functions.
- Advising a global pharma company in respect of its group wide outsourcing of F&A, HR and procurement functions, part of a “first generation” outsourcing initiative for the client.
- Advising various bidding consortia in relation to a number of the UK’s largest public sector IT projects, including in relation to the Ministry of Defence, the Home Office, the Department of Health, the Criminal Records Bureau, the Department of Work and Pensions and the Metropolitan Police.
- Advising a world renowned financial institution on its development of a new derivatives and financial instruments trading system.
- Advising HCL Technologies, one of the world’s leading IT and outsourcing service providers, and a wide range of both ITO and BPO engagements with customers all around the world.
- Advising UBS AG on a wide range of IT implementation and outsourcing projects.
- Advising one of the world’s largest logistics companies in connection with its IT, e-commerce and 4GL logistics outsourcing

operations, including a public sector project valued in excess of GBP2bn.

- Advising a major global bank in relation to its digital transformation project.

MAJOR CLIENTS

- UBS
- Dixons Carphone
- TUI
- HCL Technologies
- Major UK financial institutions

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

Kit has been recognized in the Legal 500 Hall of Fame which highlights individuals who have received constant praise by their clients for continued excellence.

Kit is undoubtedly one of the leading lights in the outsourcing market, not just in the UK but globally. He chairs the Society for Computers and Law's Outsourcing Group and is a frequent writer and speaker on outsourcing topics.

Kit was first ranked in Chambers UK's 2004 directory and has been ranked in every edition since, and for many years now has been in Tier 1 for both IT and Outsourcing matters. Chambers describes him as "a brilliant IT lawyer" with "a grand reputation", and as "an outsourcing guru". He has been similarly ranked in Tier 1 by Legal 500.

He has been named as "Technology Lawyer of the Year" in 2018 by Legal Experts.

He is ranked by Chambers UK as a UK-wide Outsourcing "star lawyer" (one of only two such lawyers listed in the "star" category).

Kit has been named in the Global Sourcing Association's "A-List", which recognises a core group of professionals who have helped shape the wider outsourcing industry (one of only a handful of lawyers listed).

Kit was commended for his work in developing our "ASCENDANT" methodology by the FT Innovative Lawyers report.

Kit was also commended by Global Legal Experts as "Technology Lawyer of the Year" and furthermore by the Global Sourcing Association Awards (with the UK team winning Law Firm of the Year for 2017 and again in 2019).

The Global Sourcing Association named Kit as "Legal Advisor of the Year" in 2018, and separately as their "Strategic Advisor of the Year" in 2019.

Memberships

- Member of the Computer Law Group
- Trustee of the Society for Computers & Law
- Chair of SCL's Special Interest Group on Outsourcing

INSIGHTS

Publications

Focus on the technology sector

25 January 2022

Understanding the UK National Security & Investment Regime Podcast

What is the impact of the regime on the technology sector? Sarah Smith is joined by competition partner, Alexandra Kamerling, and DLA Piper's tech sector specialist, Kit Burden, to analyse which activities are likely to be caught with a focus on AI and computer hardware.

Tech innovation for a happier future

28 September 2021

TechLaw Podcast

Part two of Episode 46 in our TechLaw podcast series sees Mo Gawdat, former Chief Business Officer for Google X, bestselling author, serial entrepreneur and founder of the One Billion Happy movement, resume his conversation with DLA Piper partner and co-chair of the Technology Sector, Kit Burden. Following on from their discussion around AI, ethics and regulation, they also look at the relationship between innovation and technology when it comes to our happiness. Make sure you register to attend our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021 to catch Mo's keynote speech. Register at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

[DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Part 2: Tech innovation for a happier future](#)

Part 1: Raising responsible AI

23 September 2021

TechLaw Podcast

In part one of Episode 46 of our TechLaw podcast series, Mo Gawdat, former Chief Business Officer for Google X, serial entrepreneur, founder of the One Billion Happy movement and author of the new book Scary Smart: The Future of Artificial Intelligence and How You Can Save Our World, explains to our partner and co-chair of the Technology Sector, Kit Burden, how we as humans have a responsibility to educate and parent AI in order to raise responsible beings. Topics discussed include the extent to which we can maintain control over AI, regulation and its opportunity to solve some of humanity's biggest challenges. Mo will be a keynote speaker at our fifth European Technology Summit, taking place on the 5th October 2021. Register your interest at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

[DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Part 1: Raising responsible AI](#)

Man versus machine: Working together in the age of AI

21 September 2021

TechLaw Podcast

Podcast 45 of our TechLaw podcast series sees award-winning presenter, best-selling author and Professor in the Mathematics of Cities at University College London, Hannah Fry, speak to Kit Burden, Partner and Global Co-Chair of the Technology Sector at DLA Piper. Focusing on AI, its strengths and flaws and the need for the human factor, their conversation touches on a variety of topics including algorithm bias, data, privacy as well as the opportunities for digital transformation post-pandemic. Hannah will also be a keynote speaker at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

[DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Man versus machine: Working together in the age of AI](#)

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

11 January 2021

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

Kit is the author of two leading publications, on *Computer Contracts* (Sweet and Maxwell) and the *Legal Protection of Computer Software* (EMIS, now XPL Publishing).

Kit also writes for various journals on IT and outsourcing including *IT Law Today*, *Computers and Law*, and the *Computer Law and Security Review*, for which he is on the correspondent's panel. Kit also co-authored, "Outsourcing: A Practical Guide", for the *Globe Law and Business* on September 2015.

Events

Previous

Digital Transformation: Navigating Key Legal and Regulatory Issues for Commercialising AI and Cloud Driven Technology Solutions

22 June 2021
Webinar

Outsourcing: A Practical Guide, Second Edition

24 March 2021
Webinar

Planning for an Uncertain World

16 November 2020
TechLaw Event Series
Webinar

Kit is a frequent speaker at industry and legal conferences.