



Global Governance and Compliance

Who we are

DLA Piper has unparalleled experience helping clients throughout the business lifecycle meet the evolving – and sometimes conflicting – expectations of regulatory and enforcement agencies. Our Compliance team consists of skilled attorneys in more than 40 countries, including former general counsels and chief compliance officers and business leaders who ensure we provide practical and results-oriented advice. Former regulators, senior policy officials and experienced trial attorneys around the globe offer the knowledge and experience necessary to address client needs in a way that will meet regulators' expectations.

What we do

We have the global breadth, local knowledge and industry experience to guide clients in all aspects of compliance issues.



Designing, implementing &
monitoring compliance programs



Assessing and mitigating risk

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Detecting and investigating
potential misconduct



Remediating compliance issues

How we do it

Using cross-functional teams to establish a seamless, integrated approach, as well as leveraging local and industry-specific experts, DLA Piper's Global Governance and Compliance team provides real-time local insight and strategic analysis to help our clients navigate the compliance intricacies and risks associated with their businesses.

The Global Governance and Compliance team additionally provides innovative, value-added tools, such as our compliance films, our CLE webinar series targeted towards the modern compliance officer and a free, abbreviated version of COMPASS, a compliance risk assessment, to help your team and company stay on top of its evolving compliance program.

Compliance Survey
Website

Compliance
Films

COMPASS

Modern Compliance
Officer Series

Global Bribery
Offenses Guide

CAPABILITES

Our service offering is multifaceted and tailored to each client's unique needs. Subject-matter-specific advice, including anti-bribery and anticorruption, anti-money laundering, antitrust and competition, trade compliance, environmental compliance, food and product safety, data privacy and cybersecurity, political contributions/lobbying, trade and sanctions, among others. Other services include:

Assessments of risks factors
as balanced against the
strategic plan and
go-to-market strategy



Process mapping to
determine control
architecture



Development of statistical
models to judge the health of
the client's reporting system
and provide insights



Communication strategies
for setting the right tone



Management of structured
and unstructured data to
provide statistical inferences
of risk-profiled behaviors



Creation and/or review of
tailored policies and
procedures



Deployment of client-owned
mobile applications to place
the policies and procedures
at the point of impact



Monitoring and testing
compliance program control
strategy and metrics



Design and implementation
of targeted training programs
mapped against employee
roles and responsibilities



Development of hotline procedures, escalation protocols and investigation procedures



Offering intelligence on - and insight into - regulatory developments



Management of regulatory and commercial crises



EXPERIENCE

- Represented the audit committee of a multinational technology company in an internal investigation focused on whether certain payments made by the company's India operations were made improperly and in possible violation of the FCPA and other applicable laws. As part of the engagement, we coordinate with local counsel and the company's local and global financial auditors. We advised the client on remediation to its global compliance and ethics program. The scope of the remediation not only included the anticorruption compliance program, but also advice on strengthening the core ethics component of its global corporate compliance program.
- Assisting a major multi-national cosmetics company to design, manage and implement a series of compliance initiatives in its APAC, EMEA, LATAM and North American markets. We worked together to update a pre-existing global compliance risk assessment, designed and implemented a compliance monitoring program, worked with internal audit to improve the auditing of the compliance management function, revised investigation protocols to improve efficiency and protect the applicable privileges, drafted or revised numerous compliance policies (including anti-corruption, gift-giving/hosting, trade sanctions, conflict of interest, social media, free merchandise, cash advance, direct government engagements and third-party vendor due diligence), and developed a global training plan. We also conducted an objective risk assessment on third-party vendors, designed an effective due diligence program for the vendor base, and administered the due diligence process on those vendors that presented the highest risk.
- Undertaking a comprehensive review of data privacy laws in 67 jurisdictions for a leading global bank. This brought together advice from across the globe on key data privacy issues including: basic data privacy requirements in each jurisdiction; banking secrecy, the interaction of data privacy and HR; CCTV and employee monitoring; IT organization, management and security; the use of personal data in marketing; the use of personal data on the internet and organizations' intranet; and cross-border transfers .
- Advising Hyundai and Kia in relation to global compliance work relating to ABC. As part of this process, lawyers from our offices in Seoul, Germany and Brazil, have conducted multiple anti-bribery and anti-trust compliance training sessions at Hyundai Motor and KIA Motors' plant locations around the world.
- Acting as the Compliance Officer for a multi-billion dollar energy transportation company. This role involved conducting anti-bribery

due diligence on numerous bidding entities and advising on the associated risk, advising on policies and procedures, training the Board and third parties and advising on measures required of contractors to ensure bribery risks were minimized as far as possible.

- Advising an international insurance company, following a full scale and intensive review of the client's compliance framework and suite of policy documentation, on developing its Australian whistle-blower policy and to work with and train all of the key stakeholders (including the company's board and senior executives) on their obligations under the policy.
- Continuing to provide a major pharmaceutical company with compliance counsel and assistance in further developing and honing the company's global compliance programs and processes - including as compliance counsel in an ongoing monitorship with the SEC.
- Conducting a multi-jurisdictional compliance risk assessment and 'health check' for a FTSE 250 gambling company which covered: Anti-Bribery & Corruption, Anti-Money Laundering, Ethics, the Criminal Finances Act 2017, Responsible Gambling, and Human & Labour Rights. The risk assessment included a review of existing policies and procedures, multiple interviews across the business, and a compliance questionnaire. Our findings were then analyzed to produce a risk matrix, a heat map and a findings report. A multi-jurisdictional training program was then rolled out across the business which factored in the key learning points.
- Assisting a leading Italian based multinational group in the oil, gas and power industry in updating the ex post (after the perpetration of a crime) organizational, management and control model, with a specific focus on safety rules, following legal issues relating to the kidnapping of four employees of the company in Libya.

INSIGHTS

Publications

EU Whistleblower Directive: Implementation Tracker - Whistleblowing Laws in Europe: An international guide

January 2022

The global landscape of data privacy: Important points about new laws in three key jurisdictions

21 September 2021

PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE

New data privacy requirements in three important jurisdictions – the European Union, China, and Brazil – with an emphasis on action steps for compliance officers.

The challenges of compliance in a modern world: The changing landscape of cartel enforcement

7 September 2021

ANTITRUST MATTERS

With the rise of technological developments, we also have seen increased risks. In this new digital world, we are creating more data year on year. Data storage, ease of communications (including the use of email and chat), along with the ease of photos and videos means that data volumes are increasing exponentially.

US v. Bescond addresses "fugitive disentitlement": Potential game changer for foreign-based defendants facing US charges

30 August 2021

The Second Circuit found that a French citizen who had been in France throughout the period of the alleged crimes was not a "fugitive"

and that the district court abused its discretion by applying the fugitive disentitlement doctrine.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 June 2021

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

Biden tax plan spotlights cryptocurrency transactions; FTC announces spike in cryptocurrency investment scams; El Salvador is first country to adopt bitcoin as legal tender.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

20 May 2021

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

SEC issues Staff Statement on investments in the bitcoin futures market, plus latest legal developments governing the use and acceptance of blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 April 2021

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

SEC revises token safe harbor proposal; UK updates tax treatment of cryptoassets.

SEC Commissioner Peirce issues revised token safe harbor proposal

23 April 2021

The proposed rule provides two paths to an exit that would allow the company to keep operating without registration of the tokens.

Locking down market abuse

14 April 2021

The FCA has recently taken action against a number of individuals for market manipulation and insider dealing. This is a clear sign of the regulator re-focusing its attention on these offences, and is something that readers need be aware of to ensure they stay on the right side of the rules.

Representing individuals in interviews – the US perspective

30 March 2021

Determining whether to consent to an interview, and any interview itself, can be pivotal.

SEC interim final amendments signal stricter regulation on Chinese and other emerging market companies

29 March 2021

Under the new requirements, certain companies must establish that they are not owned or controlled by a foreign government entity and must disclose any foreign government influence.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

22 March 2021

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

Wyoming moves to clarify legal status of DAOs; court dismisses class action against a cryptocurrency exchange.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

25 February 2021

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

Canada's AML regime amendments: is your interactive entertainment service or platform operating a "money service business"?

Corruption Perceptions Index 2020 - a regional perspective

11 February 2021

Last week Transparency International launched the 2020 edition of its Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), which ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, according to experts and business people, using a scale of zero to 100 (100 being very clean and zero being highly corrupt).

Something to Report: DLA Piper's latest film

28 January 2021

Something to Report is a 45-minute fictional corporate drama created as a training tool for directors, legal departments and management at companies around the world.

DLA Piper launches Compliance App

28 January 2021

DLA Piper has launched the Compliance Atlas app, a mobile solution built to meet the policy needs of modern-day companies.

Disputes, Issue 2

28 January 2021

[DISPUTES](#)

In this issue, we look at the split among the federal circuits over what it means to "exceed authorized access" in violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act; the ways in which the federal courts apply the Supreme Court's recent limitations on equitable disgorgement; ways to mitigate liability risk in unauthorized financial transfers; considerations for employers as they develop policies regarding use of cannabis in their workforce; and the critical importance of escalation protocols in corporate whistleblower programs.

Six months after *Liu*: The SEC and disgorgement

28 January 2021

In the wake of *Liu*, several open questions are only now starting to work their way through the courts.

The missing link in whistleblower programs – the escalation protocols

28 January 2021

A fixed set of escalation protocols helps ensure that a whistleblower program functions efficiently.

Unauthorized financial transaction fraud: Mitigating liability risks

28 January 2021

Prudent financial institutions are seeking to protect themselves against liability for third-party fraud and accountholder carelessness.

When a threat actor strikes: Legal considerations and challenges in a ransomware attack

21 December 2020

Evidence suggests that having employees working remotely significantly increases the risk of a successful ransomware attack.

Practical Compliance

8 December 2020

[PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE](#)

Q4 2020: Spotlight on real estate COVID-19 compliance.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 November 2020

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

IMF issues report on regulatory framework for CBDs and GSCs, SEC invites feedback on application of custody rule to digital assets.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 October 2020

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

SDNY finds Kin token is a security; unpacking the DOJ's cryptocurrency guidance – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 August 2020

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

California appellate court affirms judgment for Coinbase in lawsuit over Bitcoin Gold – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

US moves forward on enhanced securities regulations focusing on Chinese companies

17 August 2020

Latest developments in US efforts to address the financial risks posed by emerging market companies.

Protecting the attorney-client privilege while under quarantine: Five tips for protecting attorney-client privilege when using online collaboration tools

22 June 2020

With the increase in remote working comes an increased opportunity for attorney-client privilege issues to surface.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends June 2020

18 June 2020

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

World Economic Forum announces Presidio Principles as a foundation of blockchain ecosystem design – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

World Economic Forum announces Presidio Principles as a foundation of blockchain ecosystem design

18 June 2020

WEF's foundational values for a decentralized future.

Chinese and other emerging market companies listed in the US face increased scrutiny from Congress and Nasdaq

27 May 2020

Within a span of two days, the US Senate, House and Nasdaq each took steps to safeguard investors in the US capital markets.

Mexico: New reporting regulations aim to combat financing of terrorism and illicit activities

27 May 2020

The resolution is part of Mexico's effort to combat terrorist financing and transactions based on resources that have illicit origins.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

20 May 2020

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

California may limit application of securities laws to tokens, French court says bitcoins are fungible assets – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

California bill proposes limits on application of securities laws to tokens

20 May 2020

The proposed changes are likely to be well received by those considering issuing tokens.

COVID-19: Using technology to address compliance

13 May 2020

How can compliance routines be improved in a time of social distancing via technology?

Post-COVID-19 sustainability and ESG disputes: pinch points and practical pointers

12 May 2020

Where businesses are putting all of their efforts into crisis mitigation and survival in response to COVID-19, it is worth considering the importance of balancing short-term mitigation measures with the preservation of long term value and sustainability and ESG commitments

SEC Chairman announces roundtable on emerging markets and China

7 May 2020

This continuing focus on investor protection is consistent with other key regulatory initiatives.

What compliance programs can do now to prepare for operations in the new COVID-19 reality

5 May 2020

Anticipating changes in the ABAC and compliance landscape to prepare for the lifting of social distancing mandates that have required non-essential businesses to close.

Post-COVID-19 Sustainability and ESG disputes: human rights commitments and key legal risk during times of crisis

5 May 2020

Maintaining a consistent approach to sustainability and human rights is not just the right thing to do during the COVID-19 crisis, but an important consideration to mitigate medium and long-term legal risks

Post-COVID-19: What to expect in the "next normal"

30 April 2020

Issues that are front of mind, based on an informal survey of some of the largest companies and most influential global business leaders.

COVID-19: Conducting internal investigations in remote work settings

24 April 2020

For companies conducting internal investigations or responding to an investigation, practical solutions in a time of distancing.

Coronavirus: Reopening businesses – compliance risks

24 April 2020

Companies looking to reopen are urged to do so in compliance with varying, changing government restrictions to avoid longer term liabilities that could potentially outweigh short term gains

Corporate commitment to compliance helps bank avoid FCPA charges despite alleged \$4.5M bribery scheme

24 April 2020

The SEC's complaint provides insight into what made the compliance program so effective that the individual's former employer avoided government sanctions.

Investment adviser compliance in the COVID-19 pandemic – pay attention to valuation and strategy deviation issues

17 April 2020

Investment advisers still must comply with their obligations to maintain and implement fair pricing policies and procedures and follow their disclosed investment strategies.

COVID-19: A breeding ground for corruption – monitoring key risks

10 April 2020

US regulators are reminding US businesses that a crisis situation does not excuse a failure to address increased risks of bribery and corruption.

Cost-cutting considerations in the time of COVID-19 (Part 3 – employment issues outside the US)

7 April 2020

A deeper dive into various cost-saving measures and their viability for employers outside the US.

English and French law perspectives on which law applies to the arbitration agreement - Analysis following the English Court of Appeal decision in *Kabab-Ji v Kout*

7 April 2020

The English Court of Appeal's (the Court of Appeal) recent decision in *Kabab-Ji v Kout* confirms that when the parties have chosen a governing law which is said to apply to the entire or all of the terms of their contract, that governing law will apply to the arbitration agreement where the arbitration agreement does not include a separate governing law provision.

Coronavirus: Supplier due diligence for vetting Chinese medical suppliers for quality, safety, fair pricing and anti-corruption compliance

6 April 2020

Some key risks, and potential solutions to reduce cross-border operational risks.

COVID-19 essential businesses: Anti-bribery and anti-corruption risks

31 March 2020

Given the significant impact of being deemed non-essential, businesses and employees are incentivized to ensure their business is deemed essential by local authorities – and this can pose anti-bribery anti-corruption (ABAC) risks to companies.

Coronavirus: Warning from SEC on insider trading highlights importance of disclosure controls during the COVID-19 pandemic

31 March 2020

A statement on March 23 warned that the SEC would be on heightened alert for signs of insider trading and other misconduct that might harm investors.

US Antitrust enforcers issue joint statement on competitor collaboration amid COVID-19 pandemic

27 March 2020

[ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD](#)

The US Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission issued a Joint Antitrust Statement Regarding COVID-19, in which they announced an expedited procedure for evaluating proposed collaborations among competitors and other businesses working to address the pandemic.

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 v. Hoskins: in setback for DOJ, court grants post-trial motion for acquittal on all FCPA counts

27 February 2020

The decision calls into question DOJ's aggressive approach to a narrow but significant class of potential defendants in FCPA cases.

DLA Piper's 2016 Compliance & Risk Report: What CCOs need to know

19 APR 2016

Mexico's new National Anticorruption System: 7 key points

20 JUL 2015

Constitutional reform regarding the creation of the National Anticorruption System

Third parties: 4 FCPA takeaways for working with distributors

24 SEP 2014

Four key challenges and related "cures"

NEWS

DLA Piper further strengthens global Government Affairs offering with Phil Hogan appointment

16 September 2021

DLA Piper has appointed the former European Commissioner, Minister and Member of the Irish Parliament, Phil Hogan, as a senior strategic and political advisor to the firm.

Antonio Tovo joins Campos Mello Advogados as a partner in the Corporate Criminal Law, Compliance and Cybersecurity practices

10 August 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Antonio Tovo has joined Campos Mello Advogados (CMA) as a partner in the Corporate Criminal Law, Compliance and Cybersecurity practices.

DLA Piper launches Aiscension to help detect and prevent cartel activity in collaboration with Reveal

15 March 2021

- New offering delivers cutting-edge technology from *Reveal* alongside DLA Piper's first-class legal know-how
 - Time and cost savings allow for companies to focus on detection
 - Faster, more effective and better value than traditional technology assisted and manual reviews
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