



Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes

Our Insurance and Reinsurance team is experienced in handling complex, large-scale insurance and reinsurance disputes. We regularly represent insurers and reinsurers in all forms of dispute resolution—litigation, arbitration and alternate dispute resolution—as well as provide counsel including coverage analyses, claim monitoring and assistance with policy drafting and regulatory issues.

The team is particularly skilled in high-stakes and cross-border dispute work and has extensive experience addressing and resolving such issues.

CAPABILITES

Areas of focus for our team include:

- Property & Energy Insurance
- Casualty Claims
- Environmental Liability Insurance
- D&O and other Financial Lines Claims
- Political Risk
- Employers Liability
- Public Liability
- Professional Liability including Errors & Omissions
- Contingent and Entertainment Insurance
- Transportation Insurance

EXPERIENCE

- Representing a global reinsurer in a successful New York arbitration, arising from a large European pharmaceutical loss
- Representing 38 reinsurers in a \$1.5 billion claim arising from the Queensland Floods
- Representing insurers with respect to two litigations and four arbitrations regarding major liability claims against the insured arising from a mine in the US
- Representing insurers in a major dispute in the run-off sector involving allegations of fraud in the

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- Representing the international reinsurance markets in connection with a physical damage, business interruption and reinsurance coverage claim of \$50 million arising out of a catastrophic open cast mining loss in southern Africa
- Representing reinsurers in respect of a Machinery Breakdown mining loss in Peru; claim valued at over \$400 million
- Representing insurers in an insurance and reinsurance coverage dispute on a \$50 million satellite claim by a Russian cedent with the reinsurance contract subject to arbitration under French law in Geneva
- Representing Lloyd's syndicates in connection with D&O claims arising out of litigation in Australia following the collapse of FAI Insurances Limited
- Representing insurers on contingent business interruption claims in many scenarios, including a severed electrical service line in the Hudson River, an oil pipeline explosion in Russia, civil authority closures at airports and ports following 9/11, the catastrophic floods in Thailand in 2011 and Sandy-related losses
- Representing All Risk Insurers and Reinsurers in relation to political risk cover arising from the Red Shirt protests in Thailand in 2010 which led to the burning of 38 buildings including Asia's largest shopping mall, with claims exceeding US\$500 million

INSIGHTS

Publications

DLA Piper's Practical Guide for Claims Managers in 2022 – Part 8

24 August 2022

[PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR CLAIMS MANAGERS IN 2022](#)

In our eighth monthly edition we consider key issues to consider when settling insurance claims and coverage disputes.

DLA Piper's Practical Guide for Claims Managers in 2022 – Part 7

28 July 2022

[PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR CLAIMS MANAGERS IN 2022](#)

In this edition of our monthly series of Practical Guides for Claims Managers in 2022, we discuss how a third party with a claim against an insured who is covered by an insurance policy can claim directly against the insurer of the policy if the insured becomes insolvent.

Practical Guide for Claims Managers in 2022 - Part 6

28 June 2022

[PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR CLAIMS MANAGERS IN 2022](#)

In our sixth monthly edition of our Practical Guide for Claims Managers we consider legal professional privilege. We summarise the types of privilege most often arising in the context of giving and receiving legal advice, consider how those types of privilege work, and suggest practical takeaways for maintaining privilege.

DLA Piper's Practical Guide for Claims Managers in 2022 - Part 5

30 May 2022

[PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR CLAIMS MANAGERS IN 2022](#)

In this fifth in the series of our monthly Practical Guides for Claims Managers in 2022, we consider certain key principles associated with terms that are commonly used in commercial insurance contracts, including warranties, conditions precedent and also 'mere' (or 'bare')

conditions .

DLA Piper's Practical Guide for Claims Managers in 2022 - Part 4

28 April 2022

[PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR CLAIMS MANAGERS IN 2022](#)

In the fourth monthly edition of our Practical Guide for Claims Managers, we highlight some of the obligations imposed on insurers to handle claims fairly under English law and UK regulation, and the possible consequences in the event that they are not.

DLA Piper's Practical Guide for Claims Managers in 2022 - Part 2: The Duty of Fair Presentation

24 February 2022

[PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR CLAIMS MANAGERS IN 2022](#)

Our second edition of our Practical Guide for Claims Managers focuses on various issues arising from an insured's duty of fair presentation under the Insurance Act 2015.

Business Closure Insurance does not cover for COVID-19-related losses - German Federal Court of Justice confirms insurers' position

1 February 2022

The German Federal Court of Justice for the first time took a position on whether a business closure that occurred in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic is insured under a stand-alone business closure insurance policy maintained by a business owner. The ruling contains some useful information and clarifications.

DLA Piper's Practical Guide for Claims Managers in 2022 - Part 1: Notification of Claims

31 January 2022

[PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR CLAIMS MANAGERS IN 2022](#)

In this first guide in our monthly series, we focus on the key issues that arise when considering the notification of a claim or circumstance and set out the guiding principles.

Aggregation – a broad view of 'original cause'

24 January 2022

In this recent Court of Appeal decision, the Court emphasised and applied the broad effect of the standard wording in aggregation clauses, 'original cause' and 'originating cause', by conducting a wide search in the history of the claims for a unifying factor.

UK Supreme Court revises SAAMCo principle: *Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton*

28 June 2021

INSURANCE HORIZONS

The Supreme Court has recently handed down its judgment in *Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton* on one of the most well-known principles governing recoverable loss in professional negligence law: the SAAMCo principle.

Beware penalty interest on insurance claims in Norway

17 June 2021

Over the coming months, DLA Piper Norway's insurance team will (every other month) publish a series of briefings on the most relevant provisions of the ICA which foreign insurers should be aware of.

Reinsurance implications of the Supreme Court's judgment in the FCA business interruption Test Case

20 January 2021

INSURANCE HORIZONS

The Supreme Court's judgment in the FCA business interruption Test Case will have a significant impact on the property insurance market.

UK Supreme Court hands down judgment in the FCA's COVID-19 non-damage business interruption insurance test case

18 January 2021

INSURANCE HORIZONS

On Friday 15 January 2021 the UK Supreme Court handed down its important judgment in the FCA's COVID-19 non-damage business interruption insurance test case.

Green light for Prudential and Rothesay's transfer

4 December 2020

INSURANCE HORIZONS

In what is a significant decision for the insurance sector the Court of Appeal has overturned the High Court's refusal to sanction the transfer of a portfolio of annuity policies from Prudential Assurance Company Ltd ("Prudential") to Rothesay Life Plc ("Rothesay") under Part VII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("Part VII").

#DeRisk Newsletter November 2020

13 November 2020

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Our insurance team in Italy introduces #DeRisk, the product of years of field experience combined with our insight into the latest trends in risk management.

Proposed practice direction for witness evidence could have unintended consequences

19 October 2020

In January 2020, we wrote about the WEWG report on improvements in current practice for factual witness evidence in the Business and Property Courts of England and Wales (BPCs). The WEWG have now published a draft practice direction, which includes a "Statement of Best Practice" to implement the proposals discussed in the report.

NEWS

DLA Piper boosts global Insurance and Class Action practice with partner hire in Australia

15 June 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper announces that Insurance and class action specialist Tricia Hobson joins the firm's Sydney office, effective 16 June.

DLA Piper advises Kölner Pensionskasse and Caritas Pensionskasse on their reorganization

21 January 2021

DLA Piper hat die Kölner Pensionskasse und die Pensionskasse der Caritas aufsichtsrechtlich gegenüber der Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (BaFin), bei der Gestaltung und Umsetzung des Sanierungskonzepts sowie bei dem damit verbundenen formellen Gang in den Status der Liquidation beraten.

DLA Piper advises Lufthansa Technik AG on the sale of its majority stake in Lufthansa Bombardier Aviation Services

7 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Lufthansa Technik AG on the sale of its majority stake in Lufthansa Bombardier Aviation Services GmbH to the Canadian business jet manufacturer Bombardier. Lufthansa Technik AG previously held 51 percent of the joint venture and Bombardier 29 percent. A further 20 percent were held by co-shareholder ExecuJet, which also sold its shares to Bombardier.

DLA Piper named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards

30 October 2020

DLA Piper has been named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards, in a ceremony which took place on Thursday 29 October.
