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Frank Ryan is DLA Piper's Global Co-Chair, Global Co-CEO, and Americas Chair.

In his practice, Frank has handled numerous cases, arbitrations and trials in a variety of areas, including media and sports, commercial, medical device, and sovereign disputes. He is known as a go-to strategist and litigator with particular experience in patent, trademark, trade secret, false advertising, business and sovereign-related litigation.

A graduate of Syracuse University College of Law, Frank now serves on the school's Board of Advisors. He is a member of the Legal Service Corporation's Leaders Council, helping advise the country's largest funder of civil legal aid programs for low-income people. He is also a member of the Wall Street Journal CEO Council and Thomson Reuters' Global Strategy Board.

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Trademark and Copyright
  
- Media, Sport and Entertainment

The long list of high-profile clients Frank has counseled includes Disney, ABC, TomTom, Pac-12, Nike, ESPN, beIN Media Group, Al Jazeera, Medtronic and ConMed. He is currently advising on significant matters related to the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

## Admissions

- New York

## Recognitions

- *The Legal 500 United States*  
2021 - Recommended, Trademarks: Litigation  
The Legal 500 comments, "Other key figures include New York-based global co-chair Frank Ryan, an expert in high-stakes

litigation..."

2021 - Recommended, Trademarks: Non-Contentious (including Prosecution, Portfolio Management and Licensing)

The Legal 500 comments, "...Frank Ryan in New York co-chairs the IP and tech practice and focuses on litigation, and other IP matters in the sports, media and entertainment sectors."

2019-2020 - Recommended, Trademarks: Non-Contentious (including Prosecution, Portfolio Management and Licensing)

2018-2020 - Recommended, Trademarks: Litigation

2017-18 - Recommended, Technology: Transactions

2017 - Recommended, Telecoms & Broadcast: Transactional

2014-16 - Recommended, Sport

## Education

- J.D., Syracuse University College of Law  
*magna cum laude*  
Order of the Coif
- B.S., Syracuse University  
Four Year Varsity Letter Winner

## Memberships

- Board of advisors for Syracuse University College of Law
- Member of the Legal Services Corporation's Leaders Council
- Member of the Wall Street Journal CEO Council
- Member of the Thomson Reuters' Global Strategy Board

## INSIGHTS

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## Events

- Panelist, "The State of the Global Legal Industry," Thomson Reuters 17th Annual Legal Executive Briefing, May 11, 2022
- Speaker, "Reinventing Business and Talent Models," Thomson Reuters Strategy Board Meeting, May 4, 2022
- Panelist, "What's Next: Law firm leaders and industry experts discuss law firm office trends in the wake of the pandemic," Savills Legal Tenant, February 24, 2021
- Panelist, "The 2020 Legal Executive Briefing Webinar Series: The State of the Global Legal Industry," Thomson Reuters, December 10, 2020

## NEWS

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### DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2022

28 April 2022

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 74 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1 2022 in the United States and May 1 2022 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. Promotions have been made across all of the firm's practice areas, spanning 38 offices in 21 countries.

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### Ukraine crisis: Message from DLA Piper leadership

28 February 2022

A message from our Global leaders, Andrew Darwin, Simon Levine and Frank Ryan:

"We have all watched in dismay and disbelief as the crisis in Ukraine has unfolded, and we stand with the people of Ukraine and all those in the region, and beyond, who are affected.

"Wherever we can, we are providing support for our people and their families, and we are in the process of setting up an emergency fund. As the humanitarian crisis emerges, we are also supporting our long-term partner UNHCR through pro bono, donations and fundraising. You can find out more about their work delivering lifesaving aid in Ukraine or contribute directly by visiting this page.

"We hope this terrible conflict is resolved as swiftly and peacefully as possible."

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## DLA Piper ranks second in Acritas' Global Elite Brand Index 2021

29 January 2021

DLA Piper has once again been named the second most powerful global legal brand in Acritas' annual Global Elite Brand Index.

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## MEDIA MENTIONS:

- "DLA Piper, Announcing Leadership Changes, Creates Advisory Role for Strategy and Performance," *The American Lawyer*, July 18, 2022
- "DLA Piper vice chair takes up strategic role amid US leadership shake up," *Global Legal Post*, July 18, 2022
- "DLA Piper Promotes New Slate Of Leaders," *Law 360 Pulse*, July 18, 2022
- "DLA Piper Names John Gilluly Transactional Practice Vice Chair," *Bloomberg Law*, July 18, 2022
- "DLA Piper Makes Changes to US Leadership Team," *Web Ring Net*, July 18, 2022
- "Demand in Tech, Life Sciences Drives DLA Piper's 10.8% Revenue Growth," *The American Lawyer*, April 6, 2022
- "DLA Piper's First Chief Strategy Officer, a Big 4 Vet, Wants the Firm Doing 'More' for Clients," *The American Lawyer*, September 27, 2021
- "DLA Piper's 8.8% Jump in Profits Bolstered by US Growth ," *The American Lawyer*, March 22, 2021
- "DLA Piper Restructures Its Management Team to Support Single Chair Model," *The American Lawyer*, March 12, 2021
- "DLA Piper Forms New Management Team After Strong 2020," *Law360*, March 9, 2021
- "DLA Piper's New Chair Wants His Giant Firm to Get Even Bigger ," *Bloomberg Law*, February 23, 2021
- "DLA Piper's Frank Ryan Is Bringing a 'Growth Mindset' to the Busiest Lateral Market He's Ever Seen," *The American Lawyer*, January 28, 2021