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Gareth Stokes focuses on AI, information technology, strategic sourcing and intellectual property-driven transactions.

Gareth is part of the leadership team for DLA Piper's global AI Practice Group. He enjoys nothing more than advising on cutting edge technology transactions, with a particular focus on automation, machine learning and AI. This includes the design and training of AI models, collection and use of data, and the increasing array of specialist hardware available to run these AIs more efficiently. In a ubiquitously connected world, technology issues are more often global rather than local, and the largest projects tend to involve innovative contractual structures. Gareth has extensive experience with complex contracting, including joint venture arrangements, multi-level framework and call off structures, trust arrangements and other multi-contract arrangements.

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing
- Data Protection, Privacy and Security

- Technology
- Financial Services
- Government Contracting
- Insurance
- Life Sciences

- Advising a global pharmaceutical company on its 'digital garage' programme for identifying and investing in early stage AI projects and tech-driven programmes.
- Advising Allied Irish Banks on various business-critical ITO and BPO deals, including the outsourcing of its hosting & storage, networks and security operations functions
- Advising a Digital Therapeutics high growth company on its commercial arrangements and data sharing arrangements with several major primary care and medical devices businesses
- Advising various major UK high-street banks (including Barclays, LBG and HSBC) on a wide range of IT and sourcing issues, including complex trusts arrangements in the context of the outsourcing of card processing for co-branded credit cards
- Advising a number of Government departments on austerity savings measures in their key IT outsourcing contracts totalling over £4 billion over 5 years
- Advising a global pharmaceutical company on projects related to a combination wearable medical device and AI powered app for managing diabetes
- Advising a major global pharmaceutical company on a wide range of ITO, BPO and brand disposal activities (manufacturing lines, regulatory consents, IP portfolios)
- Advising a major global web retailer on matters relating to AI regulatory regimes in various countries

- Advising various retailers on the deployment of multi-channel retail / agile retail platforms, allowing cross-channel customer retail experiences, customised rewards and greater customer engagement
- Advising a number of SMEs and start-ups on innovative technology projects - ranging across app development, research & development projects, 3D printing projects, gaming projects and streaming media projects
- Advising a wide range of tier-one and supply chain partners on sourcing, high-tech manufacturing and IP issues in the medical devices, consumer goods, aerospace and automotive sectors

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Prior Experience

Gareth has spent periods on secondment with the legal teams at both major international supplier of IT and outsourcing services, and a leading global pharmaceutical company.

Recognitions

Recognised in *Chambers & Partners* as "an excellent source of information and wisdom and a repository of all useful knowledge when it comes to technical matters."

The Legal 500 describes Gareth as "calm and collected, and able to come up with effective solutions."

He is listed as Acritas Star™ Lawyer 2017.

Education

- University of Warwick, Bachelor of Laws, 1998
- Nottingham Law School, Legal Practice Course, 1999

Memberships

- Society of Computers and Law
- Midlands Aerospace Alliance

INSIGHTS

Publications

Outsourcing: A Practical Guide, Second Edition

16 February 2021

We are proud to launch our latest publication, *Outsourcing: A Practical Guide, Second Edition*. This book is a fully updated edition of the key text on outsourcing, written by our market-leading Global Technology and Sourcing team.

- "Will 'zero UI' and AI powered digital assistants destroy the app economy?", *Computing*, October 2016
- "Back to the future: five contract issues around robotics, automation and AI", *European Tech Summit*, September 2016

- "Ritorno al futuro: AI, robotica i automazione", *Corriere Della Sera*, September 2016
- "Back to the future: AI, robotics and automation are now a reality", *European Tech Summit*, September 2016
- "From bank tellers to fibre optics - and beyond: how robots are changing financial services", *European Tech Summit*, September 2016
- "Fears are growing over data privacy - but here's how the law can help restore public confidence", *European Tech Summit*, August 2016
- "Better, stronger, faster: how the industry of the future is impacting today's workforce", *European Tech Summit*, July 2016
- "Outsourcing: a practical guide", *Globe Law and Business*, September 2015

Events

Previous

Outsourcing: A Practical Guide, Second Edition

24 March 2021
Webinar

DLA Piper European Technology Index 2020

31 July 2020
Webinar

TechLaw

31 July 2020
TechLaw Event Series
Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper represents Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in US\$450 million deal to sell Ocaliva to Advanz Pharma outside the US

6 May 2022

DLA Piper is representing Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: ICPT) – a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of novel therapeutics to treat progressive non-viral liver diseases – in its deal to sublicense to Advanz Pharma the rights to commercialize Ocaliva® (obeticholic acid) outside of the US, and sell certain foreign subsidiaries and rights regarding Intercept’s international operations.

PRO BONO

Gareth is the Pro Bono Co-ordinator for DLA Piper's Birmingham Office.