



Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing

Our global technology transactions and strategic sourcing lawyers have the market knowledge, legal experience and global presence to provide you with the highest quality legal services throughout the world.

Recognized by the legal directories as one of the preeminent practices and with vast global reach, our technology transactions and strategic sourcing practice concentrates on complex transactions and multi-party, high-value project work which frequently spans multiple jurisdictions. We focus on the development, protection, exploitation and use of intellectual property and technology-related assets through the stages of a company's growth, as well as the sourcing of strategic assets and services for use in a company's operations.

Our team has deep industry experience in a variety of sectors, allowing us to provide practical advice and innovative solutions along with market leading technical know-how. Our clients range from emerging companies to large global corporations.

Core areas include:

- Cloud computing
- e-Commerce
- IP development
- Licensing
- Open source
- Outsourcing
- Procurement
- Strategic alliances and joint ventures
- Technology transactions
- Telecommunications

Our proprietary ASCENDANT methodology and its associated unique software tools continue to differentiate us in the market and allow us to deliver services cost efficiently to clients around the globe.

Our **Global Sourcing Portal** is an information gateway for both private and public companies that are involved with strategic sourcing initiatives including the outsourcing of key operations. Clients use the Global Sourcing Portal to access a range of proprietary tools that DLA Piper has developed while working on some of the world's largest, most complex sourcing projects. These tools include:

Sourcing Contract Dashboard - An interactive, web-based contract assessment and reporting tool that answers the question "how good is this outsourcing contract compared to the market?"

Requirements Builder - An interactive tool that streamlines the critical "requirements capture" process at

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the start of outsourcing projects.

EXPERIENCE

- Advising one of Ireland's "pillar banks", on its outsourcing of core IT infrastructure services (following a competitive procurement process involving Atos, HP, HCL Technologies and IBM). We advised the bank throughout the process to final contract award and have since advised the bank on a number of other major sourcing engagements.
- Advising the world's largest travel and tourism company on the outsourcing of its IT, networks and main frame services to Dell, Wipro, T-Systems and IBM.
- Representing one of the world's largest beverage companies in connection with the global outsourcing of the company's finance, accounting, human resources and related information technology processes and functions in a deal valued at US\$350 million. This US- based deal involved UK and some additional European companies.
- Handling the strategic sourcing of certain call-center functions along with a complex transformation-driven outsourcing of a US-based telecommunications client's global order management functions. The transaction value was more than US\$350 million.
- Advising an Australian Government Department in relation to the outsourcing of the management of the Australian Synchrotron to the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation.
- Advising a leading Brazilian investment bank on their acquisition of the GlobeNet submarine cable network from Brazilian telecoms operator Oi in July 2013. At around US\$750 million this was one of the largest ever submarine cable acquisitions and our involvement focused on the critical capacity leaseback contract as well as on all the US regulatory elements.
- Advising a global Bank on the outsourcing of its worldwide payroll services, temp/permanent recruitment, and learning/training functions (combined value in excess of US\$1 billion).

INSIGHTS

Publications

Bioeconomy Executive Order: A whole-of-government approach to advancing biotechnology and biomanufacturing

26 September 2022

The EO signals the Biden Administration's commitment to US leadership in biotechnology and biomanufacturing.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 September 2022

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

IRS releases draft Form 1040 with new cryptocurrency question; lawsuit may expand liability exposure of blockchain software developers.

Harnessing the power of data analytics to drive compliance

19 September 2022

PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE

The age of data analytics in corporate compliance programs and regulatory enforcement is here.

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The Ethereum Merge: what does the hard fork mean for my NFT licenses?

September 13, 2022

Some interesting questions arise in the event of a hard fork and the subsequent duplication of the then-existing Ethereum NFTs and their continuing co-existence on the divergent Ethereum blockchains.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

6 September 2022

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Federal agencies' reports on responsible development of digital assets are due to the President this week.

Tax and digital transformation in Latin America

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As Latin American companies navigate new technologies, they must consider relevant jurisdiction-specific laws.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

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Proposed legislation aims to strengthen CFTC oversight of crypto marketplace; SEC imposes automatic penalties for failure to comply with a consent order; NFT projects reconsider licensing strategies

Colombia's National Mining Authority is tracking contracts on the blockchain: What can other Latin American countries learn from this experience?

18 August 2022

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The Agency registers each mining concession contract as a non-fungible token, making it a unique, encrypted digital asset.

ULC approves important new amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code for state adoption

2 August 2022

The Amendments are wide ranging and cover a variety of topics and issues.

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25 July 2022

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Bankruptcies begin for crypto firms as "crypto winter" settles in; two US states will tax income from NFT sales; agreement reached on EU's new MICA regulation

Coming soon: a national security screening mechanism for outbound investments

28 June 2022

The US would not be alone in regulating outbound investment.

Exploring the metaverse: What laws will apply?

22 June 2022

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For those intrigued by the metaverse, and for creators building metaverse projects, here are practical considerations.

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Responsible Financial Innovation Act, the new proposed crypto regulation bill, provides some clarity on tax issues.

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16 June 2022

The proposed tax provisions would, if enacted, address at least a few of the industry's largest complaints.

Biden Administration's Greenbook signals continued focus on taxation of cryptocurrency and digital assets

23 May 2022

The Greenbook outlines a number of tax proposals addressing trading and lending of cryptocurrency and digital assets.

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OECD releases public consultation document on crypto tax reporting in effort to increase transparency.

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The proposed framework would provide for automatic exchange of tax-relevant information between tax administrations for cryptoasset transactions.

Protecting your IP in Russia: Best practices, action steps

18 May 2022

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US companies may take action in Russia to protect their IP rights, notwithstanding US economic and trade sanctions.

New US sanctions in response to Russia's actions against Ukraine

23 February 2022

GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

Additional sanctions are expected that will target Russia's financial, technology, and defense sectors.

Exploring the metaverse: What laws will apply?

22 February 2022

Like any new foundational technology, the metaverse remains confusing and unknown to many. Writing for *Chambers TMT 2022*, we explore key questions.

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18 February 2022

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Lawsuit tackles tax treatment of staking rewards; SEC settles with crypto lending platform; emergency measures in Canada affect financial services entities.

Supporting the health of your health system: 2022

3 January 2022

Helping you tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

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Breaking legal news on cryptoassets and cryptocurrency, plus: Google sues to disrupt massive botnet

Google files groundbreaking civil suit to disrupt massive botnet with blockchain backup system

10 December 2021

Civil actions to take down botnets have been around for years, but the blockchain aspect adds a new twist.

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22 November 2021

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Infrastructure bill, including crypto "broker" rules, becomes law.

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Non-fungible tokens: What are the legal risks?

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

21 September 2021

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

Can an AI system be named the inventor? In wake of EDVA decision, questions remain

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Artificial intelligence is notable among the new technologies posing fundamental questions about the viability of the inventor's oath.

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Proposed infrastructure bill would subject cryptocurrencies to wash sale and constructive sale rules.

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17 September 2021

The move comes as part of the Ways and Means Committee's attempt to raise revenue to finance infrastructure spending.

Protecting your company from supply chain cyber attacks

September 2021

Today, virtually all companies rely on third-party technical solutions to manage their business. The downside is that incorporating new third-party technology into business operations creates new vectors for cyberattacks.

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23 August 2021

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New information reporting requirements for cryptocurrency transactions; CFPB involvement in cryptocurrency oversight; NCUA seeks comments on use of DLT and DeFi by credit unions.

Third time lucky: Triple Point in the Supreme Court

20 July 2021

The Supreme Court has handed down its long awaited decision on the question of whether delay liquidated damages (LD) provisions survive termination. The case related to a dispute between the parties as to how delay LD provisions apply where an English law contract is terminated prior to its completion, and the interpretation of contractual wording seeking to limit liability.

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19 July 2021

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IRS says tax-deferred like-kind exchange is not available for cryptocurrency trades; copyright issues plague NFTs; crypto venture investments continue to accelerate.

IRS concludes Section 1031 tax-deferred "like-kind" exchange treatment is not available for cryptocurrency trades

19 July 2021

It seems reasonable to assume that the IRS will apply its analysis to most cryptocurrencies.

EDPB's final Recommendations on Supplementary Measures confirm a subjective approach to assessing personal data transfer risks

2 July 2021

The Recommendations' detailed guidance will be useful to businesses and privacy practitioners as they conduct or update their transfer assessments, but the scope and detail of those assessments will require a sustained effort.

What the Biden Cybersecurity Executive Order means for technology vendors and service providers in the federal ecosystem

June 2021

Steps technology vendors should consider as they prepare.

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

European Commission's standard contractual clauses: extensive new requirements coming for US businesses receiving EU personal data subject to GDPR

8 June 2021

Adopting and complying with the New SCCs may require considerable effort for importers, particularly those that are not otherwise directly subject to GDPR.

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20 May 2021

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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.

IBM's spinoff: key contractual considerations for existing IBM clients

3 May 2021

This is not the first time a technology company has decided to streamline its operations through a spinoff, but this particular spinoff raises interesting contractual issues.

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

US government announces sweeping sanctions against Russia

16 April 2021

[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

The newly imposed sanctions represent a significant escalation and addition to the sanctions architecture put in place by the Obama and Trump Administrations.

So you want to go digital...

April 2021

This article assists businesses in identifying the core issues that must be addressed to ensure the legal sufficiency of transactions conducted on eSignature platforms.

Non-fungible tokens: Emerging issues in the emerging marketplace

30 March 2021

Any digital asset, or a right in an underlying asset, can be tokenized to make an NFT.

Understanding the USPTO guidance on patenting AI technologies

30 March 2021

The USPTO guidance opens the door for applicants to obtain patent protection for their AI technologies.

United States imposes significant new export controls and sanctions on Russia and China

23 March 2021

Reflecting a further hardening of US foreign policy and national security policy positions with those two countries.

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

Wyoming takes a step ahead to clarify the legal status of decentralized autonomous organizations

22 March 2021

If the bill becomes official law, Wyoming will be the first US state to clarify the legal status of a DAO.

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25 February 2021

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

Announced, proposed and implemented: Developments in Digital Services Tax in key European jurisdictions

9 February 2021

While the OECD and G20 work toward a global agreement on digital services taxes, some European countries have forged ahead on their own.

Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of France's DST

9 February 2021

The French definition of "taxable service" under the DST differs from the definition of "taxable services" as used for VAT purposes.

Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of Italy's DST

9 February 2021

The Italian DST applies only to revenues deriving from the provision of tax-relevant digital services linked to Italian-located users.

Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of Spain's DST

9 February 2021

The annual worldwide revenue threshold is not limited to revenues generated by the provision of digital services, meaning that non-tech businesses may also need to comply.

Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of the United Kingdom's DST

9 February 2021

The UK's DST is intended to be an interim measure pending a long-term global solution to the tax challenges arising from digitalization.

Supreme Court dives into circuit split over the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act

28 January 2021

What does it mean to "exceed authorized access" to an Internet-connected device?

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.

Who's responsible for content posted on the Internet? Section 230, explained

22 December 2020

What the law does, what people are saying it should do, and what might happen next.

US DOT issues groundbreaking proposals for regulation of automated driving systems, seeks input

11 December 2020

The rulemaking initiates an important new chapter in autonomous vehicle development and commercialization in the US.

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23 November 2020

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

Regulatory framework for CBDs and GSCs: IMF's policy paper, "Digital Money Across Borders: Macro-Financial Implications"

23 November 2020

The Report discusses the pros and cons of two important virtual currencies: central bank digital currencies and global stable coins.

SEC invites feedback on application of Custody Rule to digital assets

23 November 2020

Specifically, Staff is asking whether non-depository firms such as state-chartered trust companies can act as qualified custodians for digital assets.

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21 October 2020

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

Law à la Mode: Beauty Trends: 5 Key Beauty M&A deals; Street art and fashion; Word from the industry's mouth; The rise in innovative retail services; and more

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US companies: EU data regulation means new oversight

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Many US companies are about to experience new regulatory oversight.

EU: new obligations for digital services providers and operators of essential services

28 JUN 2016

In line with the EU's broader Cyber Security Strategy, the NIS Directive is a significant step towards a more secure cross-border cyberspace with a high shared level of network and information system security.

Plan now to use off-band communications during an incident response: key points

27 OCT 2015

A robust IR plan should include communications techniques that operate outside regular company communication methods.

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A new test for Mexico's structural changes: antitrust reform – key points in one chart

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This entirely new framework should be carefully analyzed by investors in structuring their Mexico-related M&A transactions and managing their existing operations

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