



Technology

DLA Piper works with many of the world's leading technology companies, offering advice throughout a broad range of areas - from corporate transactions to IP protection, patent law and litigation, and including regulatory, compliance, employment and contracting issues.

DLA Piper's global technology sector lawyers work across practice areas and offices to support technology clients wherever they do business. From startups to fast growing and mid-market businesses to mature global enterprises, our clients are companies that develop or create technology, are enabled by technology, or whose business model is fundamentally based on technology. Our technology sector clients include companies in the following areas:

- [Non-fungible tokens \(NFTs\) and Digital Assets](#)
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- Software
- [Telecommunications](#)
- Computer hardware
- Games and entertainment
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- Online commerce and new media
- PayTech
- IT and outsourcing services
- InsureTech
- CleanTech
- [PropTech](#)
- Semiconductors
- [Artificial intelligence and robotics](#)
- [Internet of Things](#)
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We advise technology companies throughout the business life cycle. We help startups get organized and funded and assist both growing and established technology companies in employment matters, commercial and technology transactions and IP patent protection strategies.

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More than 600 dedicated lawyers globally

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Frank Valentin leads the DLA Piper Intellectual Property practice in France and has significant experience in the Tech and Life Sciences sectors. In this episode, Frank continues his conversation with Cédric Meiller, a senior IP lawyer also based in our Paris office, to discuss how judgments will be enforced in the UPC.

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.

SEC Chair Gensler continues to push broad SEC authority over digital assets

21 September 2022

Tokens generally meet the definition of a security under the Howey test because the investing public is expecting profits derived from the efforts of others in a common enterprise.

183 days of war in Ukraine: Tax considerations for refugees and their employers

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A reminder to employers with a dispersed workforce of Ukrainian refugees to take a look at the status of these employees.

Biden Executive Order directs a broader national security focus on foreign investments

20 September 2022

This marks the first time since CFIUS was established in 1975 that a president has publicly issued such direction.

The European Commission's proposal for the Cyber Resilience Act

20 September 2022

The proposed Cyber Resilience Act seeks to establish fundamental requirements for all products with digital elements and thereby ensure greater cybersecurity.

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.

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.

Digital assets, their environmental impact, and litigation risk

7 September 2022

Following our recent Business Guide to Climate Disputes, in this article we examine some of the issues around the environmental impact of digital assets and the associated business and environmental risks.

Federal agency reports on responsible development of digital assets are due this week

6 September 2022

An array of agency reports are due.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

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ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

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

Tax and digital transformation in Latin America

30 August 2022

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

Episode 3 – how to choose the right court

26 August 2022

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Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

22 August 2022

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

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

Inflation Reduction Act seeks to jumpstart electric vehicle market

19 August 2022

Electric vehicle-related tax incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act and the multiple conditions that may initially limit their applicability and use.

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.

Episode 2 – the language issue

12 August 2022

[UPC ON THE GO – PRACTICAL ADVICE ON THE UNIFIED PATENT COURT](#)

Gualtiero Dragotti, a partner in our Milan office and Co-Chair of DLA Piper's global patent group who specialises in Life Sciences, looks at the controversial topic of language in the new system.

Employment law in 5: 5 developments to read for August in less than 5 minutes

9 August 2022

5 developments to read for August in less than 5 minutes.

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.

Episode 1 – the basics

28 July 2022

[UPC ON THE GO – PRACTICAL ADVICE ON THE UNIFIED PATENT COURT](#)

Markus Gampp, head of the firm's German patent practice and Co-Chair of DLA Piper's global patent group, who has a special interest in the Tech sector, begins our podcast series by introducing the concept of the UPC and explaining why you should care about it.

Israel Group News July 2022

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In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, recent events and more.

Bankruptcies begin for crypto firms as “crypto winter” settles in

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The crash in cryptocurrency prices has erased nearly \$2 trillion in market value and forced three large firms into bankruptcy proceedings.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

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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

Update on the new European Markets in Crypto-Assets regulation

25 July 2022

The controversial regulation aims to protect investors and preserve financial stability.

M&A and private equity in LatAm in 2022: Driven by digitalization

21 July 2022

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In the last two years, tech sector mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and private equity (PE) have seen continuous growth and show no signs of slowing down.

Tax incentives in Puerto Rico

6 July 2022

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In this handbook, we highlight some of the tax incentives available under the PR-IC for certain targeted activities that may apply for and obtain a tax decree to enjoy these incentives.

The rise of global telehealth

30 June 2022

[AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND LAW PODCAST SERIES](#)

Partners Kristi Kung and Greg Bodulovic discuss the rise of telehealth amid the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as advancements in technology aiming to address disparate access to healthcare globally.

Coming soon: a national security screening mechanism for outbound investments

28 June 2022

The US would not be alone in regulating outbound investment.

***Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* : Implications for business of a post-Roe landscape**

23 June 2022

Dobbs raises a number of important questions for companies and entities.

DeFi participants should prepare to confront the unknown as bankruptcies loom

23 June 2022

Do not assume that a bankruptcy involving a DeFi platform would operate in a manner similar to other financial institution bankruptcy cases.

Exploring the metaverse: What laws will apply?

22 June 2022

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

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

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

16 June 2022

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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.

The meteoric rise of the data centre: Global data centre investment outlook

14 June 2022

Deal activity in data centre infrastructure has reached unprecedented levels. Our report, The meteoric rise of the data center: Global data center investment outlook, examines the reasons behind this surge in activity and the increasingly significant role ESG has to play when making investments.

Employment law in 5: 5 developments to read for June in less than 5 minutes

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Negotiating InsurTech agreements: checklist

2 June 2022

This checklist highlights the key legal and commercial issues to consider when negotiating and drafting a technology contract for a business in the insurance sector.

Digital Law Alert - May 2022

26 May 2022

[DIGITAL LAW ALERT](#)

In this month's edition of our [Digital Law Alert](#) series we once again cover a selection of significant digital law news alerts from across the UK and the rest of Europe.

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.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 May 2022

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

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

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23 May 2022

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

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

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

Satellites, blockchain and ESG - a marriage made in heaven?

18 May 2022

Perhaps the biggest issue facing corporations and government today is verification of ESG initiatives. While reporting on the governance and social elements of ESG can usually be satisfied by company and external reporting, measuring environmental impact is far more challenging.

10 considerations for companies on the path to sustainability

11 May 2022

For boards of directors and management teams as they discuss measuring, disclosing and reducing the company's climate impact.

Embracing the movement towards digital and ESG

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As governments seek to shape the country's long-term response to COVID-19, greater focus and concern over ESG initiatives is emerging.

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Embracing the movement towards digital and ESG.

Employment law in 5: 5 developments to read for May in less than 5 minutes

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5 developments to read for May in less than 5 minutes.

Global M&A Intelligence Report 2022

Updated: 29 June 2022

Our annual Global M&A Intelligence Report is based on an analysis of key deal terms in almost 5,000 private M&A transactions on which we have advised since 2015.

Digital Law Alert - April 2022

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This month we bring you another selection of top digital law news stories from across the UK and EU.

Israel Group News April 2022

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Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

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Treasury report on money laundering and terrorist finance in the art trade looks at NFT marketplaces; FDIC issues new crypto-asset guidance and notification requirements.

FDIC issues new crypto-asset guidance and notification requirements

19 April 2022

New requirements for FDIC-supervised institutions that engage, or intend to engage, in any crypto-related activities.

Latest sanctions block Russia's largest banks, cyber actors and more; Biden's executive order prohibits investments in Russia by US persons

8 April 2022

[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

Two of Russia's largest banks, Sberbank and Alfa-Bank, which had previously been subject to narrower restrictions, have now been blocked.

Mitigate the legal risks of influencer marketing with our updated and expanded Influencer Marketing Guide

11 April 2022

Influencer marketing continues to play an increasingly important role in marketing strategies. However, there are numerous legal challenges for influencers and the brands they cooperate with, and influencer marketing remains a focus for advertising regulators around the world.

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Your regular tech law update from DLA Piper UK

New wave of US sanctions targets Russian Duma, additional elites, defense entities; BIS extends export controls to more than 100 Russian aircraft

29 March 2022

[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

The latest sanctions affect all members of the Duma, Russian elites, bank executives and board members, and Russian defense firms, and BIS has extended export controls to certain Russian aircraft.

Biden Administration urges American companies to act quickly to improve cybersecurity safeguards

22 March 2022

[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

The White House stresses the importance of taking key steps to thwart nation-state bad actor activities.

US announces new trade restrictions against Russia as well as a new round of sanctions against Russian political elites

16 March 2022

[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

Many of the newly announced measures will require Congressional action.

US continues to escalate sanctions against Russia and Belarus

4 March 2022

[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

White House announces new sanctions while putting in place extensive new export control measures against Russia and Belarus; DOJ announces Task Force KleptoCapture; OFAC closes some loopholes.

Digital Law Alert

1 March 2022

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US escalates its sanctions regime against Russia, targeting its financial system

28 February 2022

GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

And additional measures are expected to be announced by the US and its allies in the coming days

Aiscension: an AI tool to ensure effective risk management by detecting anti-competitive practice

24 February 2022

Anti-competitive activity has been rife in companies for centuries and there are many who like to take the ostrich approach and bury their head in the sand. However, it is known that this approach to risk management is ineffective should the regulators come looking, and with fines of up to 10% of global turnover, it is a big risk to take.

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.

OECD publishes draft Tax Base Determination rules for Pillar 1 Amount A

22 February 2022

As part of a rolling release of draft Model Rules for Amount A of Pillar 1, on 18 February 2022, the OECD released for public comment draft Model Rules for defining the Tax Base that is the subject of the income reallocation envisioned by Amount A of Pillar 1.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

18 February 2022

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

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

Expert opinion on US surveillance laws highlights FISA risk for data transfers to the US

15 February 2022

Companies from as industries as disparate as hospitality, transportation, shipping, and banking could be considered ECSPs and required to comply with a government request for information that otherwise meets the Section 702 requirements.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

31 January 2022

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Recently enacted federal and state laws, federal and state regulatory activities, fresh judicial precedent and more.

Developing Africa's capital markets

08 February 2021

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Join Trudy Wamala Karugaba, a partner in DLA Piper Africa's Uganda office, as she continues her discussion with Gokul Mani, Head of Middle East, Africa & India from London Stock Exchange, this time with a focus on Africa's developing capital markets landscape and the opportunities for African Tech.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Part 2 Developing Africa's capital markets

A whole new world: What Alibaba's record antitrust fine means for retailers

7 February 2022

Arrangements between retailers and online platforms are currently subject to enhanced scrutiny by global competition authorities. Regulators are focusing in part on the extent to which retailers use online platforms to coordinate activities with competitors. But how do you ensure your business is compliant?

Global Tax Alert: New guidance from HMRC on Crypto 'Decentralised Finance: Lending and Staking'

7 February 2022

HMRC has expanded its internal manual on Cryptoassets published in March last year to include guidance on 'decentralised finance' (or DeFi) together with various worked examples.

The capital markets landscape for African Tech

01 February 2021

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

In Part 1 of Episode 47 in our TechLaw Podcast Series, Gokul Mani, Head of Middle East, Africa & India from London Stock Exchange, joins Trudy Wamala Karugaba from DLA Piper Africa's Uganda office to discuss the global capital markets landscape for African Tech, explaining why London provides an attractive listing destination for companies seeking to grow and expand internationally.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Part 1: The capital markets landscape for African Tech

Brussels IP & Tech Update - EU Regulatory Data Protection framework, Digital Services Act, New Content Creator Protocol, Data breach survey 2022

26 January 2022

[BRUSSELS IP & TECH UPDATE](#)

In this first edition of 2022, we bring you an overview of EU Regulatory Data Protection developments, an update on the DSA legislative process and DLA Piper's data breach survey and report 2022.

Digital Law Alert

26 January 2022

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Your regular tech law update from DLA Piper UK

Is blockchain the key to a more ESG-compliant supply chain?

26 January 2022

The retail industry will need to overcome unprecedented challenges if it wants to mitigate ESG risks and improve visibility into its supply chains. Fortunately, help may be on the way.

Focus on the technology sector

25 January 2022

[UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

What is the impact of the regime on the technology sector? Sarah Smith is joined by competition partner, Alexandra Kamerling, and DLA Piper's tech sector specialist, Kit Burden, to analyse which activities are likely to be caught with a focus on AI and computer hardware.

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Technology Sector Publications: Best of 2021

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Our Technology sector's most-read publications from 2021.

A legal overview

4 January 2022

[UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

In episode 2 of our podcast series we discuss the legal context of the regime: how it will operate and the implications for businesses. In particular, the legislation - which comes into force today, 4 January - has wide reaching implications for M&A involving businesses or assets connected with the UK.

Supporting the health of your health system: 2022

3 January 2022

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

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 December 2021

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

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

Brands and influencers in the spotlight as FTC focuses on civil penalties for deceptive advertising

13 December 2021

More than 700 warning letters sent in just one month.

Examiner interviews and subject matter eligibility: Constructive steps for practitioners

13 December 2021

Examiner interviews allow a patent practitioner to have an ongoing dialogue with the examiners which may supplement official communications.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 52, Q4 2021

13 December 2021

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Letter from the editor

13 December 2021

Looking ahead in a whirlwind year.

Our latest podcasts

13 December 2021

mRNA technology and the COVID vaccine; using AI for drug discovery; AIs and the human factor.

The Pharmaceutical Corner

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The “atomic bomb” of patent law.

Two gifts, and a small lump of coal, from the USPTO to trademark owners

13 December 2021
The gifts: two new actions; the lump of coal: half the time to respond to Office actions.

With Civil Cyber-Fraud Initiative, government sharpens focus on cybersecurity obligations for government contractors

13 December 2021
Deploying the False Claims Act to pursue cybersecurity-related fraud.

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.

Brussels IP & Tech Update - Smart buildings, AI guides, global telehealth and new rules against late payments

9 December 2021
[BRUSSELS IP & TECH UPDATE](#)

In our last edition of 2021, we share with you our latest white paper on Smart buildings. We also highlight the Belgian government's new policy on public procurement contracts and provide a brief update on the amended rules against late payments in commercial transactions.

Stronger ESG focus in Belgian federal public procurement contracts

8 December 2021
Recently, the Belgian federal government has approved a new policy for the public procurement of goods and services for 2021-2023, which focuses strongly on sustainability.

What's driving the new National Security and Investment Regime

12 December 2021
[UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

Episode 1 of our new Podcast series discusses what is driving the new National Security and Investment Regime. What is the political context for the new regime? Who and what is driving the pressure to strengthen investment screening both in the UK and

internationally? Sarah Smith, Partner in DLA Piper's Competition practice is joined by Lord Gavin Barwell, Strategic Advisor and former Chief of Staff to Teresa May and Paul Hardy, Head of UK Government Affairs at DLA Piper to discuss the context of the new regime.

UAE: Federal level data protection law enacted

6 December 2021

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has enacted its long awaited federal level data protection law. This article examines some of its key features.

European Commission's Proposals for reform of AIFMD, UCITS Directive and the ELTIF regime

26 November 2021

Following its review of the scope and functioning of the Alternative Investment Funds Manager Directive¹ (AIFMD), the European Commission (the Commission) has concluded that the AIFMD's standards for ensuring high levels of investor protection are mostly effective, but that amendments are required which are intended to be targeted in scope, but may have far-reaching effects.

The Commission has now published new legislative amendments to AIFMD, the UCITS Directive² (UCITSD) and the ELTIF Regulation³ (ELTIF Regulation) (the Commission Proposal). The proposed amendments set out in the Commission Proposal will be introduced by way of an omnibus directive amending the AIFMD, UCITSD and the ELTIF Regulation.⁴

The Glasgow Climate Pact: What does it mean for Business?

23 November 2021

In this article, members of our Sustainability and ESG Steering Committee share their thoughts on eight key themes emerging from COP26 and what they mean for business.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

22 November 2021

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

Lloyd v Google – Supreme Court Judgment – report and impacts on data protection and mass claims in the UK

10 November 2021

UK Supreme Court allowed Google's appeal against the Court of Appeal decision which had previously granted Mr Lloyd permission to serve his representative claim on Google in the United States. The judgment brings to an end to one of the most significant issues to come before the UK Courts concerning class actions and data protection regimes.

Brussels IP & Tech Update - Data transfer and tools, Global Patent Laws guide, Web Accessibility Directive, collective marketing

29 October 2021

BRUSSELS IP & TECH UPDATE

In this Brussels IP & Tech Update edition we discuss the new standard contractual clauses for data transfers, the European Commission's review of the Web Accessibility and what Member States have in place and a mention on the new Book III of the Civil Code.

Treasury releases 2021 Sanctions Review: Its key recommendations and their implications for the private sector

28 October 2021

GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

The Report puts into perspective recent Biden Administration sanctions while helping to forecast what will come.

Israel Group News October 2021

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Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

18 October 2021

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

Non-fungible tokens: What are the legal risks?

An interview with Aldersgate Funding

11 October 2021

In this podcast, DLA Piper partner Henry Quinlan interviews Jim Holding and Matthew Lo at Aldersgate Funding Limited, who shed some light on the advantages of litigation and arbitration funding; the types of claims eligible for funding; the process of funding a case; and the jurisdictional constraints on this type of financing.

DLA Piper · Aldersgate Funding on how litigation funding can help your business

OECD announces global deal on international tax reform with its Two-Pillar solution

11 October 2021

In addition, the OECD sets out a detailed implementation timeline aiming to have parts of the plan ratified in 2022 and effective as early as 2023.

Man vs Machine: Legal liability in Artificial Intelligence contracts and the challenges that can arise

7 October 2021

In the second article of this series, we look at the key legal and contractual risk points that businesses using, or supplying, artificial intelligence need to consider .

Tech innovation for a happier future

28 September 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

Part two of Episode 46 in our TechLaw podcast series sees Mo Gawdat, former Chief Business Officer for Google X, bestselling author, serial entrepreneur and founder of the One Billion Happy movement, resume his conversation with DLA Piper partner and co-chair of the Technology Sector, Kit Burden. Following on from their discussion around AI, ethics and regulation, they also look at the relationship between innovation and technology when it comes to our happiness. Make sure you register to attend our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021 to catch Mo's keynote speech. Register at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Part 2: Tech innovation for a happier future

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.

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

23 September 2021

AI OUTLOOK

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

Part 1: Raising responsible AI

23 September 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

In part one of Episode 46 of our TechLaw podcast series, Mo Gawdat, former Chief Business Officer for Google X, serial entrepreneur, founder of the One Billion Happy movement and author of the new book Scary Smart: The Future of Artificial Intelligence and How You Can Save Our World, explains to our partner and co-chair of the Technology Sector, Kit Burden, how we as humans have a responsibility to educate and parent AI in order to raise responsible beings. Topics discussed include the extent to which we can maintain control over AI, regulation and its opportunity to solve some of humanity's biggest challenges. Mo will be a keynote speaker at our fifth European Technology Summit, taking place on the 5th October 2021. Register your interest at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Part 1: Raising responsible AI

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

17 September 2021

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

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

Man versus machine: Working together in the age of AI

21 September 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

Podcast 45 of our TechLaw podcast series sees award-winning presenter, best-selling author and Professor in the Mathematics of Cities at University College London, Hannah Fry, speak to Kit Burden, Partner and Global Co-Chair of the Technology Sector at DLA Piper. Focusing on AI, its strengths and flaws and the need for the human factor, their conversation touches on a variety of topics including algorithm bias, data, privacy as well as the opportunities for digital transformation post-pandemic. Hannah will also be a keynote speaker at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Man versus machine: Working together in the age of AI

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

17 September 2021

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

Artificial Intelligence and how the courts approach the legal implications

16 September 2021

Through an analysis of significant cases, this article takes a close look at the contractual implications of artificial intelligence and how it can give rise to legal liability by exposing businesses to financial and representational risk.

SESG: Building start-ups to fight climate emergency

16 September 2021

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In episode 44 of our TechLaw podcast series, Dylan Kennett, Senior Associate and member of the Emerging Growth and Venture Capital team, joins Dr. Chris Coleridge, Founder and CEO at Carbon13, a venture builder, in a revelatory discussion on the role start-ups can play in fighting the climate emergency. With a particular focus on the entrepreneurs' journey and ensuring a holistic approach to ESG factors. Dr. Chris Coleridge will be resuming these discussions at the SESG panel during our fifth European Technology Summit, being held virtually on the 5th October. Join us by registering at fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · SESG Building start-ups to fight climate emergency

Embracing Digital Evolution: Our new business report

14 September 2021

Our new report - *Embracing Digital Evolution* - shows how businesses can succeed in Industry 4.0, with contributions from digital revolutionaries such as Microsoft, Salesforce, Rolls-Royce and DocuSign.

Duvdevani named *Law360* Intellectual Property MVP

September 2021

She is one of only six attorneys to be so honored this year.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 51, Q3 2021

September 2021

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Is the state lottery the new online casino?

September 2021

A turf war may be smoldering between state lotteries and the private-sector casino industry.

Please join us for these coming events

September 2021

We look forward to spending time with you virtually this fall.

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.

Supreme Court Corner

September 2021

The Court chose to enhance the Director's power to review PTAB decisions directly.

The Pharmaceutical Corner

September 2021

Teva v. Amicus is the first lawsuit to test the reach of the CREATES Act. Expect more.

New workplace sexual harassment laws passed – (some) Respect@Work recommendations become law

8 September 2021

After months of anticipation, the Australian Federal Government's Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Act 2021 has now passed both houses of Parliament. The amendment contains important reforms to address workplace sexual harassment.

Non-Fungible Tokens - Q&A

07 Sep 2021

A useful guide to Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) which includes details on how NFTs are created, regulated and sold.

Data privacy and security within smart cities

7 September 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

Episode 43 of our TechLaw podcast series features Principal Analyst for Thematic Research at GlobalData, David Bicknell, in discussion with our Amsterdam-based Senior Associate, Floris de Wit. Their conversation focuses on the delicate balance of keeping populations safe when it comes to data privacy and cyber security, but also adopting innovative measures that move smart cities forward to take advantage of new technology. Don't forget to join us on the 5th October 2021 at our fifth European Technology Summit where David will continue the conversation on the smart cities of tomorrow. Register your interest at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Data privacy and security within smart cities

Special competition rules on digital ecosystems: Greece joins the club

7 September 2021

On 6 August 2021 the new draft Greek Competition Bill (the "new Bill") was published for a two-week consultation. It amends the Greek Competition Law (L.3959/2011) and aims to transpose Directive (EU) 2019/1 in order to enhance the enforcement powers of the Hellenic Competition Authority.

Website accessibility for persons with disabilities: minimum harmonization creates fragmentation

6 September 2021

The importance of universal website accessibility guidelines cannot be denied. The EU took a comprehensive approach by introducing the EU Web Accessibility Directive 2016/2102 to harmonize the internal market and increase digital inclusion particularly for people with disabilities.

Consumer Em-Power-ment: Treasury proposes draft rules for the Consumer Data Right in the Australian energy sector

3 September 2021

The Australian Government Treasury has released for industry consultation, draft amendments to the Consumer Data Right rules and regulations made under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), seeking to expand the Consumer Data Right regime into the energy sector.

Smart Cities and the future of Real Estate

25 August 2021

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

In podcast 42 of our TechLaw podcast series, Jeroen Lokerse, Head of the Netherlands at global real estate firm, Cushman & Wakefield, joins DLA Piper Partner, Daphne Bens, to talk about the population explosion and its impact on the creation of smart cities that provide habitable, sustainable and safe spaces to live and work. They also discuss the crucial role urban development and real estate plays in the transformation of these areas. Jeroen will be joining the smart cities panel at our fifth European Technology Summit, taking place on the 5th October 2021. Register your interest at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Smart Cities and the future of Real Estate

Subject to the EAR: When is a non-US product free from the EAR?

25 August 2021

When does a non-US-made product incorporating US-origin components or technology escape the technical jurisdiction of the EAR? This article outlines the exemptions possible, and explains the application of the second incorporation rule.

When are non-US products incorporating US products free from US jurisdiction?

25 August 2021

[DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

This summary article provides key points to consider as well exemptions possible if your non-US manufactured products are subject to US reexport authorization requirements.

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 August 2021

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

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

Israel Group News August 2021

16 August 2021

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, recent events and more.

LatAm: Tax authorities address negative effects of the pandemic on national coffers

12 August 2021

The tax authorities' revenue-generating approaches vary from incentives to additional taxation.

The state of HealthTech and future opportunities

03 August 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

Podcast 41 of our TechLaw podcast series sees David Bell, Director at Hambleton Partners, leading M&A and corporate finance consultancy for companies with technology at their core, and DLA Piper Partner, Mark O’Conor, engage in an exciting conversation on the current innovations in HealthTech, as well as a futuristic outlook on the industry. Key highlights include the benefits of software as a medical device, macro factors influencing innovation and investment opportunities. Join David and Mark at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021 where they will be resuming this conversation. Register at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · The state of HealthTech and future opportunities

Green -v- Betfred – online gaming platform unable to rely on exclusion of liability clauses to avoid pay-out to winning customer

2 August 2021

The growth of online gaming in England means that gamblers are now more likely to be found at computer screens than casino tables. This was illustrated by the case of Andrew Green v Petfre (Gibraltar) Limited t/a Betfred [2021] EWHC 842 (QB).

Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

19 July 2021

BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

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

Blockchain is spreading its chains

19 July 2021

Over the past few years, use of blockchain technology has grown, particularly in the financial sector. The most well-known application of blockchain technology is the bitcoin cryptocurrency. Blockchain technology, however, is also expanding rapidly beyond the financial sector.

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.

SESG: Venture capital for good and software solutions with a purpose

08 July 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

In episode 40 of our TechLaw podcast series Sunita Grote, Lead at UNICEF Ventures, and DLA Piper partner, Luca Gori, speak about emerging technologies and trends in the marketplace, as well as opportunities and outcomes from previous UNICEF Ventures' investments. Join Sunita and Luca at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · SESG: Venture capital for good and software solutions with a purpose

Tips and tricks: Contracting with cloud providers in the aftermath of the Schrems II judgment

8 July 2021

In 2020, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) issued its Schrems II judgment. The CJEU ruled that the adequacy decision on the EU-US Privacy Shield was invalid and that the standard contractual clauses (SCCs) may need to be supplemented by supplementary measures to ensure an adequate level of protection.

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.

Digital infrastructure in a post-pandemic world

01 July 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

In episode 39 of our TechLaw podcast series Sean Williams, Chairman of London-based fibre networks, G.Network Communications and Grain Connect Limited, joins DLA Piper partner, Mike Conradi, to discuss the recent explosion in demand for fibre networks in light of the pandemic. This fascinating exchange sheds light on the ever growing need for stable and resilient broadband connectivity along with the investment opportunity it presents over the next five years. Join Sean and Mike as they continue the conversation at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Digital infrastructure in a post-pandemic world

Austin and Washington, DC offices bolster patent litigation capabilities with new arrivals

June 2021

Jennifer Nall and Helena Kiepora have joined our Intellectual Property and Technology practice's patent litigation team.

CJEU YouTube judgment: Do platform operators communicate to the public and are they liable for illegal user content?

29 June 2021

The question whether an online intermediary, such as a platform operator, can be held liable for illegal user content is at the center of the political debate: the European Commission's proposal for a Digital Services Act is at this very moment being discussed in the European Parliament.

Claim drafting strategies for artificial intelligence innovations

June 2021

Depending on your innovation, a variety of strategies are available.

Fending off phishing attacks: Some simple steps using trademark law

June 2021

We often think about how to respond once a breach has occurred, but rarely do we consider how to prevent a breach or scam entirely.

Highlighted as a leading IP and Technology firm by *Chambers USA*

June 2021

Chambers USA's 2021 edition names DLA Piper among the leading intellectual property and technology firms in United States.

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29 June 2021

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

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Supreme Court Corner

June 2021

The issue at hand in *Unicolors v. H&M* turns on a question of inaccuracies in the copyright registration certificate.

The Pharmaceutical Corner

June 2021

We look at the underlying decision in *Immunex v. Sandoz* and the potential implications on pharma patent licensing strategies.

Trial by eligibility

June 2021

In the history of the United States, every single jury trial on patent eligibility under 35 U.S.C. § 101 has resulted in a defense verdict.

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.

When will Washington regulate artificial intelligence?

June 2021

Seeking to ensure a leading global role for the US in AI development and implementation is a prime motivator for American policymakers.

Global M&A Intelligence Report 2021

23 June 2021

Our annual Global M&A Intelligence Report is based on an analysis of key deal terms in over 3,200 private M&A transactions on which we advised since 2015.

SESG: Building back better through diversity

22 June 2021

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Podcast 38 of our TechLaw podcast series sees Gary Stewart, Founder & CEO at FounderTribes, a platform connecting and empowering entrepreneurs, join Luca Gori, partner and Corporate M&A lawyer at DLA Piper, to discuss the role of diversity in global corporate venture capital investing. They discuss how to use strategic alliances, not just to help restart economies or build back to 'normal', but to use this opportunity to "build back better" than before. Join Gary Stewart at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

[DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series](#) · [SESG: Building back better through diversity](#)

Biden Administration tax compliance plan targets cryptocurrency assets

21 June 2021

The plan would give the IRS greater authority and resources to collect information on Americans' financial assets and transactions, including cryptocurrency transactions.

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.

FinTech: Cashless societies and post-pandemic growth

10 June 2021

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

In podcast 37 of our TechLaw podcast series, Tom Hambrett, Group General Counsel & Company Secretary at FinTech banking app, Revolut, joins Bryony Widdup, partner at DLA Piper, in preparation for our European Technology Summit, taking place on the 5th October 2021. Together they discuss how Revolut and the wider FinTech, payment services and eCommerce industries will play an instrumental role in enabling growth post-pandemic while also mitigating against amplifying risk. Join Tom Hambrett at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

[DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series](#) · [FinTech: Cashless societies and post-pandemic growth \(Bryony Widdup And Tom Hambrett\)](#)

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.

Biden's FY 2022 budget and Treasury Green Book – additional details on international tax proposals

2 June 2021

Fleshing out revenue proposals in the White House's American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan.

Episode 5: How is technology disrupting the construction industry?

2 June 2021

[THE DLA PIPER INFRASTRUCTURE PODCAST](#)

In this episode, DLA Piper's Construction Disputes Partner, Suzannah Newbould is joined by Barry Lewis, Managing Director, Construction at ALEC, one of the UAE's leading construction groups and Petar Mladenovic, Enterprise Account Director from the construction tech company Disperse.

Tips and tricks: Ensuring business continuity - source code or cloud escrow?

21 May 2021

Many companies are dependent on on-premise software or cloud solutions built and maintained by (external) suppliers. It is therefore not surprising that many want to ensure continuity of their activities and protect themselves against certain situations.

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.

Green IP: the interplay between IP law, sustainability and ESG in the EU

20 May 2021

On 29 April 2021, the EU Commission announced that the initiative to update the EU rules on design protection is now open for public consultation until 22 July 2021. One of the main reasons for revision is to ensure that the design protection regime better supports the transition to the digital and green economy.

Thailand postponed the implementation of the data protection act until 1 June 2022

10 May 2021

The Personal Data Protection Act B.E. 2562 (2019) (PDPA) came into effect since 28 May 2019 with most provisions scheduled to take full effect on 27 May 2020. Previously, the enforcement of the PDPA for 22 types of businesses has been postponed to 31 May 2021.

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.

Israel Group News May 2021

1 May 2021

ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

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Africa Connected: Digital transformation trends and challenges

27 April 2021

AFRICA CONNECTED

ISSUE 6

Digital transformation trends and challenges in Africa is the theme of this edition. We have articles on issues ranging from the use of artificial intelligence tools in the legal sector as well as regulatory challenges to satellite broadband providers, to open banking and financial inclusion across the continent.

Aiscension: AI in the legal sector

27 April 2021

AFRICA CONNECTED

One area of risk which AI can help mitigate, and detect, is cartel activity. DLA Piper has recently launched Aiscension to help detect and prevent cartel activity in collaboration with Reveal Data.

Data collection in the health and education sectors: An African perspective

27 April 2021

AFRICA CONNECTED

There is no doubt that the pandemic has adversely affected education and health services in Africa and elsewhere. The accelerated digitization has led to increased collection of data in all its ramifications. All of these have raised privacy and data protection concerns due to the sheer volume of personal data being collected.

Decision Support Systems: Using technology to enhance decision-making in the African legal industry

27 April 2021

AFRICA CONNECTED

To meet the difficulties of decision-making in the digital information age, the global legal industry is gradually transitioning to automated systems that use predictive algorithms to support and enhance the decision-making process, generally referred to as decision support systems (DSSs).

Digital transformation and financial inclusion in Nigeria

27 April 2021

AFRICA CONNECTED

Innovations such as blockchain, mobile payments and savings, peer-to-peer lending platforms, crowdfunding and similar internet-based solutions have radically transformed the financial services landscape in Nigeria. However, beyond the noteworthy advancements in this sector, a key concern is giving the country's growing population access to these innovative solutions.

Digitization: Facilitating the implementation of AfCFTA

27 April 2021

AFRICA CONNECTED

Digitization and the use of technology presents a major opportunity for the African continent in the implementation of AfCFTA. Pre-existing challenges in the nature and extent of infrastructure on the continent can be avoided, efficiencies can be leveraged and innovative solutions suitable to the African continent can be harnessed.

Expanding into Africa: Regulatory challenges for satellite broadband providers

27 April 2021

AFRICA CONNECTED

In this article, we set out some examples of challenges for satellite broadband service providers expanding into Africa, by reference to specific African jurisdictions and identify potential workarounds, where available.

Open banking in Africa after COVID-19

27 April 2021

AFRICA CONNECTED

Anchored on providing better customer experiences, open banking has stirred a lot of interest in Africa, including banking apps with detailed analytics of finances, the ability to send money from one bank to another using mobile phones, or the ability to transfer money from one telecoms network to another.

Smart contracts and trust in Africa's e-commerce revolution

27 April 2021

AFRICA CONNECTED

The focus of this article is trust, and the question of whether smart contracts offer a unique opportunity for the issue to be addressed in African e-commerce.

The development of the digital economy: Competition regulation in Africa

27 April 2021

[AFRICA CONNECTED](#)

Business is characterized by new competitive practices in the digital market, mergers and acquisitions of market shares and new forms of monopolies by major global companies. The question arises as to the state of the digital economy in Africa in the face of these new competitive practices and whether regulation of competition in Africa takes them into account.

Hong Kong Judgment affirms importance of properly documenting repatriation terms

26 April 2021

In the recent Hong Kong case of *Zhang Qiang v Cisco Systems (HK) Ltd* (HCA 1497/2010) [2021] HKCFI 694, the Court of First Instance upheld the binding nature of a repatriation agreement which meant a particularly uncooperative employee was not entitled to receive significant sums in connection with his repatriation back to Hong Kong.

Tips and tricks: Dealing with third-party vendors in IT agreements

26 April 2021

Many companies engage suppliers to deliver IT services. Whereas many years ago, most suppliers provided services on the basis of their own capabilities, systems and solutions, the situation today is significantly different.

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.

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.

Digital Services Act: EDPS's opinion and public consultation

15 April 2021

On 15 December 2020, the European Commission (EC) published its proposal for a Digital Services Act (DSA). On 10 February 2021, the EDPS published its Opinion 1/2021 on the proposal for a Digital Services Act. In its opinion, the EDPS focuses on the due diligence obligations that are set out in the Digital Services Act.

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.

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30 March 2021

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

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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.

The Lanham Act's makeover – Congress gives new clarity and tools to trademark owners and applicants

30 March 2021

The Trademark Modernization Act of 2020 gives new certainty for litigants and new tools for challenging current registrations.

The Pharmaceutical Corner

30 March 2021

The opinion may render functional claiming more difficult, but functional claims that follow its guidance may still have an important role to play in pharmaceutical patents.

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.

Washington, DC grows telecoms capabilities with a new arrival

30 March 2021

Tony Lin has joined our Washington, DC office and award-winning Telecom group, bringing his vast experience in satellite and communications law.

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.

Episode 15: Comprehensive New E-Commerce Rules Introduced

23 March 2021

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

Operators of e-commerce platforms, websites and apps in China, and those using third party e-commerce, social media or livestreaming platforms to sell their products and services in China, must update their operations, services and systems in advance of wide-ranging new rules.

CFTC's new Climate Risk Unit: Another tool in the Biden Administration's "whole of government" campaign against climate change

23 March 2021

With this move, the US joins governments across the globe in recognizing the vital role derivatives markets will play in developing new solutions to address climate and sustainability challenges.

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.

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.

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.

Antidumping and countervailing duty petition against imports of certain Chinese mobile access equipment and subassemblies: Consequences for exporters and US importers

16 March 2021

Foreign producers, exporters and importers may consider having a strategy for addressing AD and CVD investigations, including possible participation.

Tips and tricks: Successfully negotiating ERP software contracts

12 March 2021

Companies that use ERP systems, at some point, will need to replace or upgrade their ERP systems or switch to the cloud, and engage in commercial and contractual discussions with (large) ERP software vendors. Here are tips and tricks for customers and ERP software vendors that can help to successfully negotiate ERP software contracts.

One year into the pandemic: How does COVID-19 impact service and supply contracts?

11 March 2021

At the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, we noticed that many contracts did not specifically cover for epidemics, pandemics or health issues. Many questions arose as to whether or not the COVID-19 outbreak could be regarded as force majeure. Until now questions remain, yet we have noticed different approaches being used in practice.

Country-specific guidance on the transfer pricing implications of the COVID-19 pandemic

4 March 2021

Businesses may wish to consider the guidance from several countries on the appropriate transfer pricing treatment for governmental subsidies related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

M&A and the Middle East digital economy

01 March 2021

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

In Episode 36 of our TechLaw podcast series, Dubai-based partners and M&A lawyers at DLA Piper, Will Seivewright and Eamon Holley, are joined by Directors at Control Risks, Courtenay Smith and Will Brown, in an invigorating discussion on the latest M&A trends in the GCC. In this conversation, they analyse the recent impact and acceleration of technology trends derived from COVID-19, as well as the roll-out successions of M&A trends across the European Markets.

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FinTech Middle East: Innovations in payments and beyond!

26 February 2021

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

In Episode 35 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, Middle-East based DLA Piper partner, Paul Latto, joins an incredible panel of experts including Tony Chacko Joseph, from UAE's Ministry of Finance; Khalid Saad, Board Member at CoinMENA; and Phil Reynolds, Board

Director and Co-founder at Pyopl, to discuss the rapid growth in mobile payments and platforms the UAE's FinTech has experienced. Other topics for discussion also include FinTech regulations, trends and innovations swiftly approaching the UAE.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · FinTech: Innovations in payments, and beyond

Antitrust in the digital age: rethinking the regulation of big tech

25 February 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

In Episode 34 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, our partner, Alexandra Kamerling, talks about antitrust law in the digital age with Laura Petrone, Senior Analyst of Technology Thematic Research at GlobalData Plc. Their conversation delves into how traditional regulations are being evolved to allow for a fair playing field that also fosters innovation, as well as looking at how these regulations are being applied in numerous jurisdictions across the globe.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Antitrust in the digital age: rethinking the regulation of big tech

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"?

Gems, coins, bells and bottle caps: Canadian AML regime amendments affect some video game and social media virtual currencies

25 February 2021

Providers of video games and online entertainment that offer virtual currency as part of game play may be "money service businesses" under Canada's anti-money laundering rules.

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).

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.

Part 2: Hybrid Future- shifting the workplace in a post-pandemic world

28 January 2021

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

The second part of Episode 33 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, features an insightful discussion between DLA Piper partner, Paul Allen, and author of Future Fit, Andrea Clarke. With Covid-19 having accelerated the shift from physical to virtual working, how do businesses connect its people to its strategy and motivate, educate and inspire them through this new hybrid model?

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Part 2: Hybrid Future- shifting the workplace in a post-pandemic world

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?

OECD publishes guidance on the tax impact of cross-border working arrangements during the COVID-19 pandemic

27 January 2021

Our observations on the new OECD guidelines and their implications for employers.

The Qualified Maquiladora Approach Agreement has been renewed: Implications for multinationals' transfer pricing

26 January 2021

US-based multinationals using the maquiladora structure to manufacture goods in Mexico are taking note.

China's Blocking Rules: New trade-compliance dilemmas for third-country companies

25 January 2021

The Blocking Rules respond to the increased use of "secondary" economic sanctions and export controls by the US.

Part 1: Becoming Future Fit - Adapting for digital evolution

20 January 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

Part one of Episode 33 in our TechLaw Podcast Series sees Andrea Clarke, author of Future Fit: How to Stay Relevant and Competitive in the Future of Work, draw on her fascinating life experience to advise on how to stay secure in the future of work and create value as we undergo a digital evolution. Creating a strong sense of self in the workplace through connecting employees with a business' purpose, strategy and leadership is critical to future success.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Part 1: Becoming Future Fit – Adapting for digital evolution

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19 January 2021

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Founders Factory Africa Part 2: The power of collaboration for startups

14 January 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

In part two of Episode 32 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, Alina Truhina, Chief Strategy Officer at Founders Factory Africa, resumes her conversation on business collaborations between corporates and startups with one of our partners, Chris Baird. Shifting the conversation to the challenges and opportunities for startups when joining with established corporate companies, Alina and Chris also discuss the areas of focus when working with entrepreneurs in Africa and what to expect in the next five years.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Founders Factory Africa Part 2: The Power Of Collaboration For Startups

Founders Factory Africa Part 1: Opportunities for corporate investments

11 January 2021

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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.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for business

31 December 2020

[BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

Welcome to this last edition of Boardroom Brexit, marking the end of the negotiations and the agreement of a new trade deal, the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA). In this edition, we summarise the impact of the deal on all aspects of business operations in one place – please use the hyperlinks below to help you navigate the report.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for intellectual property

31 December 2020

[BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

The TCA is not radical in terms of its immediate impact on holders of IP rights in the UK or the EU. It does not, for example, affect the post-2020 status of EU trade marks in the UK.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for personal data and digital trade

31 December 2020

[BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

The TCA allows personal data to transfer from the EU-UK, for a period of up to six months from 1 January 2021. This 'bridging' period is designed to allow the EU time needed to adopt a formal adequacy decision which will allow the continuing flow of personal data to the UK.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for trade in services

31 December 2020

[BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

The TCA has substantial sectoral coverage, including professional and business services (e.g. legal, auditing, architectural services), delivery and telecommunication services, computer-related and digital services, financial services, research and development services, most transport services and environmental services.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 48, Q4 2020

22 December 2020

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Supreme Court Corner

22 December 2020

A quick look at two cases.

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.

Disputes & Distributed Ledger Technology: A contract, no matter how smart, still needs to be legal and enforceable in the real world

21 December 2020

In September 2020, the Law Society of England & Wales published "Blockchain: Legal & Regulatory Guidance", providing technical guidance and suggestions on practice for legal practitioners dealing with blockchain and distributed ledger technology.

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.

Cyberfrauds and Cyberattacks: Remote Working Posing Increased Risks and How to Stay Protected

14 December 2020

Cybercriminals are becoming more sophisticated in the ways they facilitate cyberfrauds, with the increasing use of personalised messages on instant messaging platforms such as WeChat or WhatsApp and socially engineered phishing emails to deceive recipients to transfer funds, disclose sensitive information or click on malicious links.

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.

Blockchain: Background, challenges and legal issues

8 December 2020

Blockchain and distributed ledger technology offers significant and scalable processing power, high accuracy rates, and apparently unbreakable security at a significantly reduced cost compared to the traditional systems the technology could replace, such as

settlement, trading or accounting systems.

Enterprise Cloud Disruption and rethinking the standard contracting model

7 December 2020

In this paper we explore the key contractual themes when seeking to deploy an enterprise cloud solution, and suggest some approaches to managing the associated risk.

Agile Contracting: Balancing flexibility with certainty

4 December 2020

Agile contracting is on the rise, bringing with it requests for contracts which support the flexible approach of iterative development while including the legal contractual protections and certainty that customers (and their lawyers) usually demand. This paper explores how procurement and legal functions can rise to this challenge.

Artificial intelligence, robotics and automation: The best or the worst thing to ever happen to humanity?

2 December 2020

We examine some of the business opportunities and challenges faced, as well as providing our insight on how to manage these issues both in strategic sourcing programmes and in transformative, technology-enabled projects.

Building a full fibre future: European fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) investment trends 2021

2 December 2020

Our new study, conducted in partnership with TMT Finance, indicates that the recent rise in FTTP investment is set to continue over the next two years. The insight gathered through this report highlights key factors for the rise and appeal of FTTP to investors, as well as the potential risks they see in this industry.

Fintech: Navigating challenges to benefit from innovation

2 December 2020

This note briefly highlights some of the challenges that fintech/financial institution procurements commonly reveal. We also consider how best to navigate those challenges from the perspective of both the financial institution and the fintech.

5G Contracts: Features and challenges of the new Colombian infrastructure programs

30 November 2020

Historically, relied on as an anti-cyclic economic boost, infrastructure development has found a renewed role in reactivating the Colombian economy recently affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Colombian government's launch of the 5G concession program sets forth an opportunity to reactivate the Colombian economy.

Projects Global Insight Issue 4, 2020

30 November 2020

PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT

In what is undoubtedly one of the most testing periods for the infrastructure and construction industry, key stakeholders continue to focus on delivering resilient, adaptable and fit-for-purpose assets and services in extremely challenging conditions.

Brexit: Choice of Law, Jurisdiction, Enforcement, and Service

27 November 2020

This article looks at the impact of reaching the end of the Brexit transition period (at 11pm on 31 December 2020) on governing law, jurisdiction, enforcement, and service in contracts between UK entities and EU member state entities.

AI Trends Part 2: Security compliance, 5G and the war for talent

25 November 2020

TECHLAW PODCAST

In part two of Episode 31 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, Santeri Kangas and Jeremy Otis from CUJO AI, resume their conversation on artificial intelligence trends with one of our partners, Mathias Schulze Steinen. Using findings from our recent European Technology Index 2020, the discussion focuses on topics including security compliance and standardization, data processing, robotics and 5G. The group also debates whether there is a war for talent in the AI arena.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · AI Trends Part 2 Security Compliance, 5G And The War For Talent

AI Trends Part 1: IoT privacy and security risks

23 November 2020

TECHLAW PODCAST

Part one of Episode 31 of our TechLaw Podcast Series features Chief Technology Officer at CUJO AI, Santeri Kangas, along with General Counsel, Jeremy Otis, discussing the latest trends in artificial intelligence with one of our partners, Mathias Schulze Steinen. The changing digital landscape forms the basis of this conversation in relation to the security of connected devices, user privacy and data collection.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · AI Trends Part 1 IoT Privacy And Security Risks

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.

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.

UK Tech Startups Part 2: ESG, talent acquisition and AI in the future of tech

17 November 2020

TECHLAW PODCAST

In part two of Episode 30 of our TechLaw Podcast Series the discussion continues between Transaction Services Partner at Deloitte, Duncan Down, Chief Strategy Officer and Founder of StarLeaf, Will MacDonald, and the Managing Partner from our London Office, Tom Heylen. As well as insights from our European Technology Index 2020 and mention of the upcoming Deloitte UK Technology Fast 50, the conversation focuses on the integral importance of ESG in all aspects of business, the challenges of acquiring talent remotely and some of the opportunities presented by AI.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · UK Tech Startups Part 2: ESG, talent acquisition and AI in the future of tech

Contracting for the climate: The Climate Contract Playbook is a trove of climate clauses

11 November 2020

Contracts have become an essential vehicle for companies seek to mitigate their environmental risks and limit their carbon footprints.

UK Tech Startups Part 1: The impact of COVID-19 and the challenges facing M&A and 5G

11 November 2020

TECHLAW PODCAST

In the first part of Episode 30 of our TechLaw Podcast Series Transaction Services Partner at Deloitte, Duncan Down, and Chief Strategy Officer and Founder of StarLeaf, Will MacDonald, discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the UK tech startup scene with the Managing Partner from our London Office, Tom Heylen. The conversation includes insights from our European Technology Index 2020, the upcoming Deloitte UK Technology Fast 50 and the current challenges facing M&A, whilst also addressing the question of whether the adoption of 5G will really make that much difference to the consumer experience.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · UK Tech Startups Part 1: The impact of COVID-19 and the challenges facing M&A and 5G

Current trends in investor state disputes in the telecommunications sector

9 November 2020

The telecommunications sector is one of the fastest growing sectors globally, and has played a critical role during the on-going Covid-19 pandemic in keeping the world interconnected. The high levels of activity in this sector have given rise to a corresponding increase in telecoms-related #disputes, including under investment treaties.

The Law Commission's review of the law on digital assets and smart contracts:

9 November 2020

On 21 September 2020, the Law Commission announced that it had begun work on two projects aimed at ensuring that "English law can accommodate two emerging technologies that could revolutionise commerce: smart contracts and digital assets."

Coronavirus: Directors' duties and making decisions in a crisis

2 November 2020

Directors need to carefully consider how to address the risks of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic within their business, given its impact on the global economy. As many companies are continuing to face significant, and increasing, cash flow pressure, directors should carefully consider their actions in the context of the legal framework.

Navigating China Episode 14: New draft national, harmonised data protection law for Mainland China

23 October 2020

[NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY](#)

A first national level personal information protection law for Mainland China has been published, reinforcing and heightening existing data protection compliance obligations for organisations doing business in China.

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.

Fintech in Africa Part 2: The role of regulation in problem solving and cybersecurity

20 October 2020

[TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

Part two of Episode 29 of our TechLaw Podcast Series concludes this discussion on Fintech in Africa between Professor Olayinka David-West, Academic Director at Lagos Business School, and Sandra Oyewole, a partner at DLA Piper Africa, Nigeria. Their conversation looks at the role of regulation in problem solving and the critical importance of focusing on data protection and cybersecurity as we continue to respond to the challenges set by COVID-19.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · [Fintech in Africa Part 2: The role of regulation in problem solving and cybersecurity](#)

Germany's New Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Act took effect on 11 October 2020

19 October 2020

In addition to the intended amendments to the Foreign Trade and Payments Act Germany's Federal Government on 20 May 2020 has decided on a bill that broadens the scope and the scrutiny with regard to foreign investments.

China Enforces Tax Collection on Employees Working for Chinese-invested Enterprises Overseas

16 October 2020

With the recent IIT reform in 2019, and the introduction of a number of implementation rules (particularly the tax policy on overseas income), it appears the China tax authorities are taking a harder stance on how overseas income derived by China tax residents will be taxed in China, starting with Chinese expatriates working for Chinese state-owned enterprises.

Fintech in Africa Part 1: The impact of COVID-19 and the issue of gender imbalance

16 October 2020

TECHLAW PODCAST

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DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Fintech in Africa Part 1: The impact of COVID-19 and the issue of gender imbalance

Singapore: Imminent Changes to the Personal Data Protection Act 2012 (PDPA)

16 October 2020

On 5 October 2020, the Singapore Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill (Bill) was tabled in Parliament for the first reading. It is expected that the Bill will be passed before the end of the year if not sooner.

Israel Group News October 2020

7 October 2020

ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, recent events and more.

Mass layoffs and collective redundancies guide

6 October 2020

As COVID-19 continues to impact the global economy in unprecedented ways, companies that have had to scale back or shut down operations are bracing for what the next few months will bring, and what this means for their workforces. In this guide, we examine key considerations for employers looking to make permanent reductions in force across APAC.

Fintech: Surviving a pandemic, technology drivers and fostering innovation

5 October 2020

TECHLAW PODCAST

Episode 28 of our TechLaw Podcast Series features Executive Co-Chair at Global Digital Finance, Lawrence Wintermeyer, discussing the Fintech sector with one of our partners, Martin Bartlam. The recent findings from our European Technology Index 2020 focus the discussion on the key drivers to success in this space and the importance of regulatory collaboration.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Fintech: Surviving a pandemic, technology drivers and fostering innovation

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 47, Q3 2020

30 September 2020

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Sports betting and the protections of "enhanced" sports data in the US

30 September 2020

A supply of reliable, available data is the fuel needed for sportsbooks to create and compile odds, bet types, and risk management products.

Supreme Court Corner

30 September 2020

A quick look at two cases - *USPTO v. Booking.com* and *American Axle & Manufacturing v. Neapco Holdings*.

Smart cars, cities and 5G - what does the future hold for the IoT and connectivity

28 September 2020

TECHLAW PODCAST

Episode 27 of our TechLaw Podcast Series features CEO and Co-Founder of Transatel, Jacques Bonifay, discussing the IoT and connectivity with one of our partners, Mathias Schulze Steinen. Insights from our European Technology Index 2020 inform the conversation around the future of connected cars, smart cities and 5G.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Smart Cars, Cities And 5G – What Does The Future Hold For The IoT And Connectivity

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 46, Q2 2020

30 June 2020

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 45, Q1 2020

30 March 2020

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 44, Q4 2019

19 December 2019

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 43, Q3 2019

30 Sep 2019

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

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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

20 MAY 2019

LAW À LA MODE

The Moroccan editorial team is delighted to bring you the 28th edition of *Law à la Mode*, the legal magazine produced by DLA Piper's Consumer Goods & Retail Sector Group for clients and contacts of the firm worldwide.

Law à la Mode: Word of the industry's mouth; Enforcement of IP rights through Ukrainian customs register; E-commerce in Poland; The development of artificial intelligence in the fashion industry; and more

26 NOV 2018

LAW À LA MODE

The US editorial team is delighted to bring you the 27th edition of *Law à la Mode*, the legal magazine produced by DLA Piper's Retail Sector Group for clients and contacts of the firm worldwide.

Law à la Mode: Social Media Influencers & Effective Disclosures, IP and E-Commerce: Your basic checklist, Longchamp's Handbag Copyright Saga, IP Protection of Fashion Shows in Italy and more

21 MAY 2018

LAW À LA MODE

The UK editorial team is delighted to bring you this special edition of *Law à la Mode*, produced by DLA Piper's Retail Sector group for distribution to clients and contacts of the firm worldwide and marking the 140th Annual Meeting of INTA in Seattle.

Law à la Mode: Social Media Influencers & Effective Disclosures, IP and E-Commerce: Your basic checklist, Longchamp's Handbag Copyright Saga, IP Protection of Fashion Shows in Italy and more

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Blockchain: background, challenges and legal issues

2 FEB 2018

Blockchain and distributed ledger technology offers significant and scalable processing power, high accuracy rates, and apparently unbreakable security at a significantly reduced cost compared to the traditional systems the technology could replace, such as settlement, trading or accounting systems. Like all new technology however, it poses challenges for suppliers and customers. So what are the key issues in relation to blockchain and distributed ledger technology?

Text, blood and rock 'n' roll

27 DEC 2017

You are not a "free bird" – the duty to preserve text messages may extend to third parties.

Law à la Mode: Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality; Insta-worthy or Insta-infringement; E-commerce in Poland; Harnessing hidden advertising; and more

20 DEC 2017

LAW À LA MODE

The Asia Pacific editorial team is delighted to bring you the 24th edition of Law à la Mode, the quarterly legal magazine published by DLA Piper's Retail Sector group for clients and contacts of the firm worldwide.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 30, Q2 2016

28 JUN 2016

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 29, Q1 2016

29 MAR 2016

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 28, Q4 2015

2 DEC 2015

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

US companies: EU data regulation means new oversight

2 DEC 2015

Many US companies are about to experience new regulatory oversight.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 27, Q3 2015

25 AUG 2015

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 26, Q2 2015

9 JUN 2015

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States), Issue 25, Q1 2015

24 MAR 2015

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States), Issue 24, Q4 2014

18 DEC 2014

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States), Issue 23, Q3 2014

10 SEP 2014

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States)

Issue 22, Q2 2014

26 JUN 2014

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Patent litigation heats up in the Southern District of Florida: practical implications for brand owners

26 MAR 2014

Patent litigation is on the rise nationally, with a record number of cases being filed every year. In 2013, over 6,800 cases were filed in the United States, the highest number ever and about a 10 percent increase from 2012.

Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States)

Issue 21, Q1 2014

26 MAR 2014

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

Tax incentives in Puerto Rico: a quick introduction

13 JUN 2017

Puerto Rico offers a spectrum of economic incentives aiming to promote many key industries. This handbook offers a quick look at ten of the most significant of these incentives.

Law à la Mode: The dangers of unused trademarks; demonstrating reputation; lowering the cost of retail rent in Hong Kong; Brexit update; and more

22 MAY 2017

[LAW À LA MODE](#)

The Belgian editorial team is delighted to bring you this special edition of Law à la Mode, marking the 139th INTA Annual Meeting in Barcelona.

Law à la Mode: The future of retail; Green fashion; E-commerce in China; Brexit update: trademarks and design; and more

3 APR 2017

LAW À LA MODE

The UK editorial team is delighted to bring you the 22nd edition of Law à la Mode, the quarterly legal magazine published by DLA Piper's Retail Sector group for clients and contacts of the firm worldwide.

Japan exempts virtual currencies from consumption tax

31 MAR 2017

Comparable treatment can be found in Europe, where EU member states exempt virtual currencies from taxation as a result of a CJEU ruling.

Artificial intelligence: patentability of an interface between the human brain and a computer

30 MAR 2017

Drafted appropriately, inventions that allow interaction between the human brain and a computer can indeed be patent-eligible.

Blockchain - a revolution for the insurance sector with some risks

9 MAR 2017

Blockchain is "the most important invention since the Internet itself" according to Marc Andreessen. And there is no doubt that there are huge potentials for the insurance sector to exploit such technology, but as any new technology, it will also lead to new legal risks.

Brexit and MiFID II implementation in the UK – impacts on foreign markets

14 SEP 2016

Brexit prompts legal uncertainty regarding the implementation of pending EU financial regulations.

European Commission tackles financing risks linked to virtual currencies

13 SEP 2016

The proposal seeks to bring greater transparency to the virtual currency market in the European Union by imposing customer due diligence requirements on certain market participants, now considered "obligated entities."

Can blockchain live up to the hype?

28 JUL 2016

Is blockchain the revolutionary technology that will rewrite the rules for the finance industry, identifying authenticity and verifying payment flows that arise at a business-to-business level or between business and consumers and peer-to-peer? The consequences of the blockchain evolution would significantly open the field for technology platforms and reduce operational costs.

28 JUL 2016

FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union in a so-called Brexit referendum. The exit result was a surprise for many working in the finance sector. The change will impact the position of the UK under critical legislation such as the Capital Requirements Regulation, European Market Infrastructure Regulation, Market Abuse Regulation and many other Regulations and Treaties applicable in the UK. We will also see a change as to the role of the UK in significant market initiatives such as the Capital Markets Union. It is likely that these changes will present both threats and opportunities. Until policy is clearer, we will comment on some of the existing challenges caused by EMIR and similar EU Regulations.

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.

US and EU reach an important agreement on CCP global equivalence: how will it affect you?

10 MAY 2016

This historic agreement allows market participants to use clearing infrastructures in both the US and Europe and assures a level playing field for US and EU CCPs.

Insurance Review May 2016

5 MAY 2016

Welcome to *Insurance Review May 2016*. DLA Piper's annual publication dedicated to the insurance industry. In this issue we look at the following topics:

The blockchain revolution, smart contracts and financial transactions

26 APR 2016

Blockchain-based smart contracts have enormous potential to streamline financial transactions and reduce counterparty risks.

GST to be removed from Bitcoin transactions – how best to fix the "double taxing" of digital currency?

1 APR 2016

The Treasurer, Scott Morrison, recently announced that the Government is committed to working with the FinTech industry on legislative solutions for the GST "double tax" issues that can arise on domestic transactions involving digital currencies such as Bitcoin.

In this update we outline the issues that the Government and industry will need to consider as a part of any reform process. Given the "Netflix Tax" is intended to apply from 1 July 2017, and would apply to relevant inbound supplies of digital currency, any reforms should ideally commence prior to that date.

Law à la Mode: Co-branding of wearable technologies; Internet of Things and the retail sector; 3D printing and more

9 JUN 2015

LAW À LA MODE

The US editorial team is delighted to bring you the sixteenth edition of Law à la Mode, the quarterly legal magazine produced by DLA Piper's Fashion, Retail and Design Group.

Law à la Mode: Falling foul of China's trademark system; Retailers need to prepare for the new EU Data Protection Regulation; and New developments in the framework of the copyright protection of handbags

2 FEB 2015

LAW À LA MODE

A quarterly e-magazine from our Fashion, Retail and Design Group with the latest industry news, comment and legal updates. This edition has been edited by our Italian colleagues.

The Cybersecurity Framework: Administration, Congress move to incentivize private-sector cooperation, strengthen federal acquisition process

12 SEP 2013

The future of DNA patents

4 SEP 2013

The US Supreme Court rules on the patentability of a test for breast cancer related genes - a decision that, we find, is a partial victory for all involved.

The right of publicity in college sports

4 SEP 2013

College athletes' right-of- publicity claims have the potential to dramatically alter current business models.

Trade Dress Watch - the value of trade dress litigation is on the rise

4 September 2013

Do you need an enforcement strategy to protect your trade dress?

Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure

11 JUL 2013

Cybersecurity and US federal public procurements: what contractors need to know

11 MAR 2013

Practical considerations for US federal contractors

Corporate governance also means protecting your technology and information

7 MAR 2013

EU releases cybersecurity strategy

15 FEB 2013

What companies need to know about the Obama Administration's Cybersecurity Order

14 FEB 2013

Auditing Colombia's agriculture IP

10 Dec 2012

A DLA Piper team audits Colombia's agriculture-related IP and sought to identify Colombian agricultural innovations which are not protected by patents and may have export value.

Colombia: gateway to South America's Patent Prosecution Highway

10 Dec 2012

Understanding the need for more robust patent laws, the Colombian government is aggressively reshaping its IP system.

Federal agencies, Congress accelerate defense against cyber attacks – every private company will be affected

21 Mar 2012

UK: The real risk of cyber attack

1 AUG 2011

Spiders, bots and other creepy crawlers: protecting your company website

10 Mar 2010

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European Dinner

10 May 2022

Webinar

UPC: What should in-house teams be doing now?

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Shift Happens: Tech, Trends & Tensions in International Arbitration

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16 February 2022

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24 March 2021
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European tech companies reach new highs: optimising exits and financings

9 March 2021
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When collaboration drives innovation: Opportunities offered by the Abraham Accords

3 March 2021
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2021 Venture capital in the Middle East: The mini boom

March 2021
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DLA Piper GDPR fines and data breach survey launch 2021

21 January 2021

Vision of Hanoi Smart City Webinar

3 December 2020
Webinar

EDPB recommendations for safeguarding data transfers after Schrems II

19 November 2020
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A practical guide to privilege in cyber investigations

15 October 2020
Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper strengthens German private equity and M&A practice with partner appointment

21 September 2022
DLA Piper is strengthening its Corporate practice group with the appointment of Lars Jessen as a new partner in its Frankfurt and Hamburg offices, effective 19 September 2022.

DLA Piper advises shareholders of software company riskmethods on sale to Sphera

15 September 2022
DLA Piper has advised the shareholders of riskmethods GmbH, a leading provider of AI - powered supply chain risk management software, on the sale to Sphera.

DLA Piper advises C3 VC Fund on its investment in Gatenox

7 September 2022
DLA Piper has advised German technology investor C3 VC Fund on its seven-figure investment into Gatenox, a UK-based provider of corporate client verified credentials.

DLA Piper advises Aonic on investment in exmox

24 August 2022
DLA Piper has advised the gaming platform Aonic on its investment in the Hamburg-based company exmox, a global ad-tech and marketing platform company for nearly USD100 million.

DLA Piper advises on sale of Glofox to US tech group ABC Fitness Solutions

3 August 2022
DLA Piper is advising on the sale of Irish gym software company Glofox by founders Conor O'Loughlin, Anthony Kelly and Finn Hegarty and VC backers including Partech, Notion Capital, Octopus Ventures and Tribal.vc to US tech group ABC Fitness Solutions. The transaction is expected to close later this year.

DLA Piper advises C3 EOS VC I Fund on participation in 2.4 million funding round in League of Traders

1 August 2022

DLA Piper has advised C3 EOS VC I Fund on its participation in a USD2.4 million pre-series A financing round in crypto social trading platform League of Traders.

DLA Piper advises C3 EOS VC I Fund on investment into Swiss Fintech Stableton

29 July 2022

DLA Piper has advised German technology investor C3 EOS VC I Fund on its investment into Swiss Fintech platform Stableton Financial AG.

DLA Piper advises NASDAQ listed Aspen Technology, Inc. on AU\$900m acquisition

29 July 2022

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised NASDAQ-listed software provider Aspen Technology, Inc. (AspenTech) on its proposed acquisition of the Australian-headquartered mining software business Micromine Group, from private equity firm Potentia Capital and others for approximately AU\$900 million in cash. The share sale and purchase agreement signed on 27 July 2022.

DLA Piper advises team.blue on acquisition of Leadinfo B.V

21 July 2022

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of majority stake in Leadinfo B.V. The Rotterdam based company is a European top player in real-time lead generation.

DLA Piper advises team.blue on acquisition of Raidboxes

20 July 2022

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of the High-Tech Gründerfonds (HTGF) portfolio company Raidboxes.

DLA Piper advises Prima Solutions in connection with the sale of Prima XL to Duck Creek

11 July 2022

DLA Piper advised Prima Solutions, the leading French AssurTech group, on the sale of Prima XL, a reinsurance company, to Duck Creek Technology, a Nasdaq-listed provider of intelligent solutions that define the future of property and casualty insurance.

DLA Piper advises ResMed on acquisition of MEDIFOX DAN

17 June 2022

DLA Piper has advised ResMed on the acquisition of privately held MEDIFOX DAN, a German leader in out-of-hospital software solutions for providers in major settings across the care continuum, from HgCapital, a leading private equity technology and services investor.

DLA Piper advises Knorr Bremse on the acquisition of a majority stake in Cojali

15 June 2022

DLA Piper has advised Knorr-Bremse and its subsidiary Knorr-Bremse Systeme für Nutzfahrzeuge GmbH on the acquisition of a majority stake of 55 percent in Cojali S.L.

Global investment in data centres more than doubled in 2021 with similar trajectory this year

13 June 2022

A survey by global law firm DLA Piper has found that the value of investment in global data centres more than doubled in 2021 to USD53.8 billion, while the number of transactions reached 113 in 2021, a 64% annual increase.

DLA Piper advises C3 EOS VC on participation in 7 million seed round in Tangany

5 May 2022

DLA Piper has advised C3 EOS VC Fund on participation in a EUR7 million seed round in Tangany, a Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) regulated white-label platform for custody of crypto assets.

DLA Piper recognised as top global outsourcing advisor by IAOP

27 April 2022

DLA Piper has been selected for the 2022 Global Outsourcing 100 (GO100) list by the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (IAOP).

DLA Piper advises Fyllo on the acquisition of Semasio

19 April 2022

DLA Piper has advised Fyllo, a compliance-first platform providing data-driven marketing and regulatory solutions for high-growth industries, on the signing of a Stock Purchase Agreement with Semasio, a pioneer in unified targeting for digital marketing.

DLA Piper advises EQT Ventures on seed funding round in Start-up Superlist

13 April 2022

DLA Piper has advised EQT Ventures on its investment in Superlist in a USD10 million round of seed funding alongside Cherry Ventures and other angel investors.

DLA Piper advises Linus Health on its acquisition of Kinesis Health Technologies

6 April 2022

DLA Piper has advised Boston-based digital health company Linus Health on its acquisition of Kinesis Health Technologies, a Dublin-based leader in physical function assessment for older adults.

DLA Piper advises Storskogen on the acquisition of a majority stake in Dimabay

30 March 2022

DLA Piper has advised Storskogen on the acquisition of a majority stake in Dimabay GmbH (Dimabay), a performance-based advertising agency based in Germany that is active in 15 European countries.

DLA Piper advises Highberg Group on acquisition of Schickler Consulting

9 March 2022

DLA Piper has advised the Highberg Group on the acquisition of consulting agency Schickler Unternehmensberatung in Hamburg.

DLA Piper advises HARMAN on the acquisition of Mixed Reality Pioneer Apostera

23 February 2022

DLA Piper has advised HARMAN International, the leading supplier of connected technologies for automotive, consumer and enterprise markets, on the acquisition of Apostera, a Germany-based automotive technology company. Apostera's employees will join HARMAN as part of the company's Automotive division.

DLA Piper advises EQT Ventures on funding round in foodtech platform voilà

17 February 2022

DLA Piper has advised EQT Ventures on its investment in the foodtech company voilà in a USD10 million financing round. voilà is a platform for at-home high-end food experiences. EQT Ventures led the financing round alongside FoodLabs and other business angels.

DLA Piper advises team.blue on acquisition of iubenda

15 February 2022

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of iubenda, one of Europe's leading privacy and compliance tools. iubenda was founded in 2011 in Italy and supports SMEs with attorney-level solutions to make their websites and apps compliant with privacy laws such that the entrepreneurs can focus on their core business. iubenda is offering several integrated solutions to answer the compliance needs of organizations across multiple languages and legislations on websites and apps. These include solutions on privacy and cookie policies, the EU cookie law, terms and conditions, GDPR consent recording and CCPA disclosures, offered through a one-stop shop SaaS compliance multi-national platform.

DLA Piper partners with Shyft Network through TOKO platform

10 February 2022

TOKO, the digital asset creation engine empowering value creation and delivered in collaboration with DLA Piper, has entered into an engagement with the Shyft Network to join the Shyft Network Federation and attest virtual asset provider (VASP) data on its blockchain.

DLA Piper advises HCL Technologies on joint acquisition of German IT consulting company gbs together with

ApoBank

15 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised HCL Technologies (HCL), a leading global technology company, on signing an agreement with Atruvia AG to acquire IT consulting company gbs – Gesellschaft für Banksysteme GmbH (gbs) together with Deutsche Apotheker- und Ärztebank eG (ApoBank), the largest cooperative primary bank in Germany.

DLA Piper advises Mercedes-Benz in equity investment in Factorial Energy

10 December 2021

DLA Piper represented Mercedes-Benz in its recent equity investment in Factorial Energy.

DLA Piper advises Trajan on acquisition of Axel Semrau

8 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised Australian medical device and analytics provider Trajan Scientific and Medical (Trajan) on the acquisition of Axel Semrau GmbH & Co KG (Axel Semrau) based in Sprockhövel, Germany, expanding Trajan's capabilities in the automation, chromatography, and software business.

DLA Piper launches AI Scorebox as early warning system

8 December 2021

DLA Piper has just launched its AI Scorebox, a free assessment tool for the rapidly growing number of organisations utilising the power of AI in their businesses.

DLA Piper advises Deswik on sale to Sandvik

7 December 2021

DLA Piper is proud to have advised global consulting and technology company, Deswik Group Pty Ltd in its sale to Sandvik, and will then form part of a newly-created digital mining technologies division.

DLA Piper advises C3 EOS VC on participation in Series A funding round of USD18 million in Upland

29 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised C3 EOS VC Fund on participation in a USD18 million Series A funding round at a USD300 million valuation in Uplandme, Inc., one of the fastest-growing metaverses on blockchain.

DLA Piper advises Revalize, Inc. on the acquisition of Tenado

23 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised US-based Revalize, Inc., a portfolio company of TA Associates, on the acquisition of the German CAD software solutions provider Tenado group from Maxburg Capital Partners.

DLA Piper advises Zip on acquisition of Twisto Payments

15 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised Zip Co Limited, an Australian public limited financial technology company and unicorn startup, on its acquisition of around 90% of the remaining shares in Twisto Payments, a leading buy now, pay later (BNPL) payment platform in the Czech Republic.

DLA Piper advises Jungheinrich AG on the acquisition of arculus GmbH

10 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised Jungheinrich AG on the acquisition of arculus GmbH, a technology company based in Munich that operates in the autonomous mobile robots (AMR) sector.

DLA Piper's Aiscension wins Most Innovative Use of Technology at The Lawyer Awards 2021

3 November 2021

DLA Piper has won the Most Innovative Use of Technology category at The Lawyer Awards 2021 virtual ceremony on the 2 November for its Aiscension tool, a ground-breaking AI-enabled service designed to find cartel risks within corporations.

DLA Piper advises SIX Fintech Ventures on USD8 million Series A funding round for Coinfirm

27 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised SIX Fintech Ventures, the corporate venture arm of Swiss exchange operator and data vendor SIX, on the co-lead of an USD8 million Series A funding round for Coinfirm.

DLA Piper advises FinLab EOS VC on participation in EUR2m funding round in TAIKAI

29 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised FinLab EOS VC Fund as lead investor in a EUR2 million funding round in Portuguese blockchain-based open innovation platform TAIKAI.

DLA Piper advises EQT Ventures on Series A financing round in tech start-up Linearity

23 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised EQT Ventures on its investment in Berlin-based tech start-up Linearity on a EUR20 million Series A financing

round. In addition to EQT Ventures, other investors include 468 Capital.

DLA Piper publishes Embracing Digital Evolution report

17 September 2021

DLA Piper has published a comprehensive global report on what it takes for businesses to prosper in the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

DLA Piper advises BASF Venture Capital on investment in Ag-tech start-up Equinom

12 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF Venture Capital, the venture capital arm of BASF SE, on its new investment in Israeli Ag-tech start-up Equinom. The investment was part of Equinom's Series C financing round.

DLA Piper advise Graphite Capital on acquisition of personalised children's book publisher Wonderbly

29 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Graphite Capital, a leading UK mid-market private equity specialist, on its acquisition of Wonderbly, the world's leading publishing platform for personalised children's books.

DLA Piper advises insightsoftware on its acquisition of Australia-Based Bi and CPM platform Calumo

23 July 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised insightsoftware, a global provider of financial reporting and performance management solutions for the Office of the CFO on the acquisition of Australia-based business intelligence and corporate performance management (CPM) platform CALUMO.

DLA Piper advise CoinShares on acquisition of Global Blockchain Equity Index

22 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised CoinShares International Limited, Europe's largest digital asset investment firm, on its acquisition of the ETF index business, Global Blockchain Equity Index, from Elwood Technologies.

DLA Piper advises Azrieli Group on acquisition of Norwegian data centre developer

21 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Israeli real estate investor Azrieli on its acquisition of Green Mountain, a Norwegian data centre developer, for NOK7.6 billion.

DLA Piper advises Cloudflight on financing round for HR tech startup TeamEcho

9 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Cloudflight as an existing investor in a financing round totaling EUR1.3 million for HR tech startup TeamEcho based in Linz, Austria.

DLA Piper advises Baker Hughes on its investment in bio-methanation company Electrochaea

29 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised US stock-listed energy technology company Baker Hughes on its investment in Electrochaea, a growth stage company developing novel proprietary bio-methanation technology.

DLA Piper advises Citi Ventures on investment in Forto GmbH

23 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Citi Ventures, the corporate venture capital arm of Citi, on an investment in Forto GmbH as part of a Series C financing round led by SoftBank.

DLA Piper advises team.blue on the acquisition of Dutch e-commerce hosting specialist Hipex

16 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of Dutch e-commerce hosting specialist Hipex. Hipex will be joining forces with e-commerce specialist Hypernode which is also part of team.blue.

DLA Piper advises Zip Co Ltd on acquisitions of UAE's Spotii and Czech-based Twisto

26 May 2021

DLA Piper has advised leading digital retail finance and payments company Zip Co Ltd on the conditional acquisition of the remaining ~78% of Spotii, and ~90% of Twisto, two buy now, pay later (BNPL) payments platforms.

DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group on acquisition of Game Labs Inc.

13 May 2021

DLA Piper has advised Stillfront Group AB (publ) (Stillfront), a leading free-to-play powerhouse of gaming studios, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Game Labs Inc (Game Labs). The sellers are the joint founders and management of Game Labs.

DLA Piper advises Siemens AG on the acquisition of OneSpin Solutions Group from Azini Capital

26 April 2021

DLA Piper advises Siemens Digital Industries Software on the planned acquisition of the OneSpin Solutions Group from Azini Capital. OneSpin Solutions is a leading provider of formal verification software that helps ensure integrated circuit (IC) integrity and enables functionally correct, safe, trustworthy and secure IC designs.

DLA Piper advises team.blue on the acquisition of Enartia

7 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of Enartia Group, a market leader in web hosting and domain registration in Greece with additional subsidiaries in Serbia and Albania.

DLA Piper advises Wipro Limited on USD1.45 billion acquisition of Capco

29 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised Wipro Limited, a leading global information technology, consulting and business process services company, on all non-US and non-India aspects of the USD1.45 billion acquisition of Capco.

DLA Piper advised Box Inc who will acquire SignRequest

10 February 2021

We are delighted to have advised Box Inc, who entered into a definitive agreement to acquire SignRequest, a cloud-based electronic signature company.

New intellectual property partner joins DLA Piper's intellectual property and technology practice in Paris

11 January 2021

DLA Piper is appointing Frank Valentin as partner to its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) Practice in Paris, joining with a team of four others on 15 January.

DLA Piper advises ATI Global on GBP170 million acquisition of Groundsure

21 January 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ATI Global on its GBP170 million acquisition of UK based location intelligence business Groundsure, a leading supplier of environmental searches, data, mapping and reports for the UK property market, from Ascential plc (Ascential) (LSE: ASCL).

DLA Piper advises Zip on investment in Twisto Payments

19 January 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX listed Zip Co Limited (ASX: Z1P), a leading player in the digital retail finance and payments industry, on its investment in Twisto Payments a.s, a leading payments platform based in the Czech Republic and Poland.

EUR272.5m in fines imposed by European regulators under GDPR - Survey by international law firm DLA Piper

19 January 2021

EUR272.5 million (about USD332.4 million / GBP245.3 million) of fines have been imposed for a wide range of infringements of Europe's tough data protection laws according to international law firm DLA Piper.

DLA Piper advises Elisa on the acquisition of camLine Group

18 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised the Finnish telecommunications and digital services company Elisa on the acquisition of German-based industrial software provider camLine Group.

DLA Piper advises Nemetschek on acquisition of DEXMA by subsidiary Spacewell

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Nemetschek group, one of the world's leading software providers for the Architecture, Engineering, Construction and Owner-operated (AECO) industry, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in DEXMA by its subsidiary Spacewell.

DLA Piper advises team.blue on the acquisition of website builder Webnode

17 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of Webnode, a pan-European website builder company. For team.blue the transaction serves as another strategic acquisition to further expand its presence in the CEE region following its growth strategy.

DLA Piper wins TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year

8 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that they have received the TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year for their representation of T-Mobile and Deutsche Telekom in the T-Mobile-Sprint merger.

DLA Piper advised Meltwater on its IPO at Euronext Growth Oslo

7 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Meltwater B.V., a leading global provider of media intelligence and social analytics Software-as-a-Service solutions, on its IPO at Euronext Growth Oslo.

DLA Piper partners with Reveal to develop suite of groundbreaking AI solutions

23 November 2020

DLA Piper and Reveal, a groundbreaking eDiscovery technology company, have entered into a collaboration agreement to develop innovative solutions for law using Reveal's artificial intelligence platform and DLA Piper's global legal expertise. The agreement provides DLA Piper with expanded access to Reveal's artificial intelligence (AI) platform with Reveal's recently announced acquisition of NexLP, a leader in the legal artificial intelligence space. Reveal's artificial intelligence platform turns disparate, unstructured data into meaningful insights that can be used to deliver operational efficiencies and strategic advantages for use with eDiscovery cases and Investigations.

DLA Piper sponsors 2020 UK Technology Fast 50

20 November 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to sponsor the 2020 Deloitte UK Technology Fast 50, for the fourth year running, As one of the UK's foremost technology award programmes and now in its 23rd year, it ranks the country's 50 fastest-growing technology companies, based on revenue growth.

DLA Piper advises BearingPoint on sale of RegTech Unit to Nordic Capital

11 November 2020

DLA Piper has advised BearingPoint on the sale of its independent Regulatory Technology (RegTech) unit to leading private equity investor Nordic Capital as part of a share deal. The closing of the transaction with Nordic Capital is subject to customary regulatory approvals. The financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

DLA Piper and Aldersgate DLS launch TOKO, a fast, secure and cost effective solution for buying and selling high value assets using blockchain technology

5 November 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper in collaboration with Aldersgate DLS (Digital Ledger Solutions), has launched TOKO, a unique tokenisation engine and vital component in the digital asset ecosystem. Developed with Aldersgate DLS, TOKO provides smart contract functionality and digital asset creation functionality and assurance.

Sustainability and ESG

The global technology sector is poised to lead the transition to a sustainable future. Technology companies are accustomed to thinking ahead of the curve and innovating on Sustainability and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues in order to gain a market advantage and provide solutions to global social issues such as environmental issues and workplace diversity.

Pursuing sustainability is a relentless and complex process in which the yardsticks for success are constantly evolving. For smaller companies, aligning their business objectives with their sustainability vision is not always enough to ease the demands for commitments to ESG. For example, a company which develops renewable energy technologies may have a strong environmental sustainability agenda but still have gaps in its handling of wider social issues such as employment practices and community engagement. For larger companies there is an increasing expectation to not only maximize shareholder value but take a broader role in addressing society's most pressing issues.

ETHICS AND INNOVATION

With businesses collecting more data, their understanding of consumers, employees and supply chains is changing. As businesses considerations account for both their investment performance as well as their social performance there is a convergence of business and human rights agendas. Issues related to business ethics, data management, privacy concerns, consumer litigation risks, and regulatory compliance are now all in play. High-profile data breaches in the industry have also heightened concerns not just about the security of data but the applications from it. Technology companies need to build the trust of stakeholders - for example, by improving data governance through audit processes to assure the integrity of data and by increasing accountability and transparency in use of consumer data. Other ethical issues concern fairness and influence. For example, AI and robotics can be used help to eliminate bias in hiring processes but, at a time when the focus on ensuring diversity has never been greater, AI learning has also been shown to foster implicit gender and racial bias.

EMERGING COMPANIES AND VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Corporate investors are investing heavily in emerging companies that seize upon the opportunities ESG issues present. And start-ups understand that integrating ESG policies and practices into their business models allows them to attract these investments and create brand recognition, while laying the foundations for long-term value and growth.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Technology is essential for the transition to a net-zero low-carbon future. Innovations in cleantech, autonomous vehicles and drones may play a leading role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving on energy efficiency, accelerating demand for renewable energy, and finding solutions for the transformation of our energy systems. A familiar example: digitalization and cloud storage services are transforming business operations by reducing paper usage. The latest iteration of our biannual tech research survey, the European Technology Index 2020, reported that energy-efficient technologies are a key area of interest and growth in the sector.

However, while digital technologies are improving, they continue to face environmental issues, such as energy consumption, materials sourcing issues such as mining of rare minerals, and disposal of unrecyclable e-waste. The pressure to resolve these issues has been growing exponentially as technology integrates more thoroughly into our lives. Pressured by consumers, some companies are striving to mitigate environmental risks through improved product design, closer supply chain oversight and product life cycle management.

DIVERSITY IN TECH

Recent years have seen a marked trend in company responses to improving diversity and inclusion in the technology sector. As discussed in our recent TechLaw Podcasts, data-based findings revealing stark gaps in representation in major technology companies have driven policy shifts, public disclosures and changes in investment strategy across the sector. In particular, there has been a push to address the lack of gender representation both at the board level and in the workforce.

THE DLA PIPER ADVANTAGE

DLA Piper's global technology sector assists companies of all sizes, from fledgling startups to global giants, wherever they are in their ESG journey. We partner with our clients to help them meet their ESG objectives, manage potential risks and leverage opportunities, and provide legal support in such areas as:

- Corporate Venture
- Data Protection, Privacy, and Security
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Global Governance and Compliance
- Public Company Corporate Governance
- Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing

In addition, our team of DLA Piper attorneys has extensive experience working with clients dedicated to ESG across the technology sector including:

- Agtech
- Artificial Intelligence
- Autonomous Vehicles
- Blockchain
- Cleantech
- Digital Transformation
- Edtech
- Fintech
- Healthtech
- Internet of Things

To discuss the implications of these issues for your business, please contact our ESG leaders.