



## 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](#)
- [Unmanned Aerial Systems and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles](#)
- Software
- [Telecommunications](#)
- Computer hardware
- Games and entertainment
- [FinTech](#)
- Online commerce and new media
- PayTech
- IT and outsourcing services
- InsureTech
- CleanTech
- [PropTech](#)
- Semiconductors
- [Artificial intelligence and robotics](#)
- [Internet of Things](#)
- [Blockchain](#)
- [Automated, Connected and Electric Car](#)

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.

Continued growth means a steady need for legal support in such areas as M&A, IPOs and dispute resolution. As companies expand their business internationally, we help with international tax planning, regulatory compliance, establishment of new entities and compliance with local laws for employment, benefit plans and company policies. For the largest companies, we partner with in-house legal departments, providing additional experience and capacity to address all these areas.

More than 600 dedicated lawyers globally

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- Chambers Global, TMT: Band 1
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- US Legal 500, Technology Transactions: Tier 2
- US Legal 500, Fintech: Tier 2
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- Public Company and Corporate Governance
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## RELATED SECTORS

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## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Episode 4 – enforcement of UPC decisions

23 September 2022

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

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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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

20 September 2022

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

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#### 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.

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### **Harnessing the power of data analytics to drive compliance**

19 September 2022

#### **[PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE](#)**

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

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

September 13, 2022

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

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### **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.

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

6 September 2022

An array of agency reports are due.

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### **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

6 September 2022

#### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

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

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### **Tax and digital transformation in Latin America**

30 August 2022

#### **[PANORAMA](#)**

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

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### **Episode 3 – how to choose the right court**

26 August 2022

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

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 is joined by Cédric Meiller, a senior IP lawyer who is also based in our Paris office, to discuss how to choose the right court for your dispute in the new system.

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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

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## 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.

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

18 August 2022

### [PANORAMA](#)

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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

2 August 2022

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

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## 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.

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## Israel Group News July 2022

28 July 2022

### [ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

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

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

25 July 2022

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

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

25 July 2022

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

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

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

21 July 2022

### [PANORAMA](#)

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.

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## State of the Australian M&A Market

14 July 2022

The Australian M&A market in 2021 was a wild ride. As Covid-19 restrictions (imposed both domestically and internationally) lifted, returning investor confidence, coupled with low inflation, low interest rates, and many businesses sitting on dry powder, meant that investors returned to transactions previously shelved during 2020, as well as new strategic opportunities, as valuations soared across all asset classes.

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## 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.

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### Coming soon: a national security screening mechanism for outbound investments

28 June 2022

The US would not be alone in regulating outbound investment.

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### *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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

16 June 2022

## BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

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

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

16 June 2022

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

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### 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.

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### **Chinese court rules in first NFT copyright infringement case**

9 June 2022

The sales of NFTs have resulted in a billion-dollar sized market; yet the laws and regulations around this specific asset class are failing to keep up with the fast pace of development and fall short in addressing many key legal issues and controversies surrounding NFTs in traditional legal areas, notably in copyright law.

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

8 June 2022

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.

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

23 May 2022

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

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

23 May 2022

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

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Embracing the movement towards digital and ESG**

11 May 2022

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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### **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

11 May 2022

#### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Embracing the movement towards digital and ESG.

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

5 May 2022

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

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### **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.

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### **Israel Group News April 2022**

28 April 2022

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

19 April 2022

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

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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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### 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.

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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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### Exploring the metaverse: What laws will apply?

22 February 2022

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

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### 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

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draft Model Rules for defining the Tax Base that is the subject of the income reallocation envisioned by Amount A of Pillar 1.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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](#)

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## 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?

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## 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.

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## Digital Markets Update

1 February 2022

It's easy to think that effective competition in digital markets requires new laws and sector specific regulation. A public consultation on

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that issue and on the ACCC's proposals for amendments to the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA)* will be published in March, with recommendations to the Treasury in September. Significant resources have already been spent on progressing the new regime — with three market inquiries and seven detailed reports so far, a further two this year, and eight more until 2025.

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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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## Israel Group News January 2022

24 January 2022

### ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

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## Technology Sector Publications: Best of 2021

11 January 2022

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

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## 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.

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### **Supporting the health of your health system: 2022**

3 January 2022

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

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### **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

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Letter from the editor**

13 December 2021

Looking ahead in a whirlwind year.

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### **Our latest podcasts**

13 December 2021

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

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## The Pharmaceutical Corner

13 December 2021  
The “atomic bomb” of patent law.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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

10 December 2021  
Civil actions to take down botnets have been around for years, but the blockchain aspect adds a new twist.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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 Directive<sup>1</sup> (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 Directive<sup>2</sup> (UCITSD) and the ELTIF Regulation<sup>3</sup> (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.<sup>4</sup>

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## **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.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

22 November 2021

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

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

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## **Episode 2: The shifting landscape of privacy and data governance in the Asia Pacific region**

28 October 2021

### **[TECHLAW PODCAST - AUSTRALIA](#)**

In this episode Aaron Bleasdale, Associate GC and Head of ASP - Data Privacy, Legal at HSBC Group, joins Sinead Lynch from Hong Kong to explore whether increased digital transformation in the financial services sector - accelerated by COVID-19 - has resulted in a shift in the risk management of data privacy and governance across the region.

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## **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.

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## **Israel Group News October 2021**

25 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?

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## SESG: Building start-ups to fight climate emergency

16 September 2021

### TECHLAW PODCAST

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

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## 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.

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## Duvdevani named *Law360* Intellectual Property MVP

September 2021

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

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

September 2021

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

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## 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.

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## Please join us for these coming events

September 2021

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

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## Protecting your company from supply chain cyber attacks

September 2021

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

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## Supreme Court Corner

September 2021

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

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## The Pharmaceutical Corner

September 2021

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

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## 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.

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## 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](#)

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## 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.

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## 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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### Israel Group News August 2021

16 August 2021

## ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

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

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### 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.

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### The state of HealthTech and future opportunities

03 August 2021

## TECHLAW PODCAST

Podcast 41 of our TechLaw podcast series sees David Bell, Director at Hampton Partners, leading M&A and corporate finance consultancy for companies with technology at their core, and DLA Piper Partner, Mark O'Connor, 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.

Summit on the 5th October 2021.

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

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### **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).

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Episode 1: Non-fungible tokens and their potential application in the financial services sector**

15 July 2021

#### **TECHLAW PODCAST - AUSTRALIA**

As a leader in our technology sector, Anthony Lloyd welcomes you to our podcast series. In the first episode of the series Macgregor Duncan, General Manager - Corporate & Business Development, Westpac, and the CEO of Westpac's new digital bank, joins Anthony to discuss non-fungible tokens (NFT). In this conversation Macgregor and Anthony cover the hype, attributes, applications, underlying infrastructure, environmental impacts and the future of NFTs.

DLA Piper · Episode 1: Non-fungible tokens and their potential application in the financial services sector

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### **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.

## **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.

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## **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

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

June 2021

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

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## **Claim drafting strategies for artificial intelligence innovations**

June 2021

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

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## **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.

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## **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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## **Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 50, Q2 2021**

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.

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### The Pharmaceutical Corner

June 2021

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

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### 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.

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

June 2021

Steps technology vendors should consider as they prepare.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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)

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

8 June 2021

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

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## **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.

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## **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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### Navigating China Episode 17: China's Draft Privacy and Security Laws

4 May 2021

#### NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY

The Draft Personal Information Protection Law (Draft PIPL) will – once passed – become the first comprehensive personal data protection law in China.

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

3 May 2021

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

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### 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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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).

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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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### Intellectual Property and Technology News (North America), Issue 49, Q1 2021

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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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

23 March 2021

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

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## 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.

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

22 March 2021

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · M&A and the Middle East digital economy

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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 Pyypl, 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

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## 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.

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## 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"?

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## 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.

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## 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).

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## 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

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their own.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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?

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### **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?

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### **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.

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## Protecting Your Company's Competitive and Technological Advantage through Enforcing Restrictive Covenants Against Former Employees in China: Update on Recent Cases and Legislative Developments

26 January 2021

In this article, we discuss whether and how companies may enforce restrictive covenants and protect their confidential information and trade secrets by looking at some recent cases and legislative developments.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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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## Israel Group News January 2021

19 January 2021

### [ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

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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.

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## Founders Factory Africa Part 1: Opportunities for corporate investments

11 January 2021

### [TECHLAW PODCAST](#)

In part one of Episode 32 of our TechLaw Podcast Series, Alina Truhina, Chief Strategy Officer at Founders Factory Africa, talks business collaborations between corporates and startups with one of our partners, Chris Baird. Their conversation focuses on the impact of COVID-19 on FFA's portfolio investment strategy, fund flows in Africa and misconceptions of investing in Africa.

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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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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### **Supreme Court Corner**

22 December 2020

A quick look at two cases.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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

11 December 2020

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

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### **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **Navigating Asia-Pacific data breach notification requirements**

2 December 2020

Data breach notification obligations throughout Asia-Pacific are in a state of flux, with several jurisdictions either introducing new requirements or updating their existing regimes in late 2020 and 2021. Our interactive map contains the current state of data breach notification requirements in key jurisdictions throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

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## **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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## SEC invites feedback on application of Custody Rule to digital assets

23 November 2020

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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."

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## 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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## Hong Kong Employment Law Update

16 October 2020

In this article, our Hong Kong Employment team provides an update on the Government's efforts to enforce clawback and penalties in respect of the first tranche of the Employment Support Scheme and statutory maternity leave increasing to 14 weeks from 11 December 2020.

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## 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.

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## Israel Group News October 2020

7 October 2020

### [ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

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

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## 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.

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## 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](#)

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## Recent Breakthroughs for Foreign Arbitration Institutions in China

5 October 2020

On 7 September 2020, the State Council has further published the "Work Plan for Deepening Comprehensive Pilot and New Round of Opening-Up of Services Sectors in Beijing and Building Comprehensive Demonstrative Area of Opening-Up of State Service Sectors" further allowing foreign arbitration institutions to provide arbitration services in Beijing.

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

30 September 2020

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

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#### 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.

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#### Supreme Court Corner

30 September 2020

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

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#### China lifts further travel restrictions for certain foreigners

28 September 2020

Effective from 28 September 2020, China will allow foreign nationals holding three categories of valid Chinese residence permits (work, personal matters, and reunion) to enter China with no need for applying for new visas. This is a further lifting of travel restrictions for foreigners who have the need to return to China.

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#### 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.

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

30 June 2020

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

30 March 2020

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

19 December 2019

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

30 Sep 2019

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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.

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**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.

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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?

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**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.

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**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.

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**Initial Coin Offerings – something new under the regulatory sun?**

7 AUG 2017

An Initial Coin Offering (**ICO**) is a process by which an organisation raises funds, using block chain technology, through the offer and sale of cryptographically secured digital tokens. Purchasers may use fiat currency (such as NZ or US dollars) or virtual currencies (such as BitCoin or Ether) to buy these digital tokens. Once they are issued, the tokens can usually be traded in secondary markets using virtual currency exchanges.

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

28 JUN 2016

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

29 MAR 2016

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

2 DEC 2015

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### **US companies: EU data regulation means new oversight**

2 DEC 2015

Many US companies are about to experience new regulatory oversight.

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

25 AUG 2015

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

9 JUN 2015

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

24 MAR 2015

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

18 DEC 2014

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

10 SEP 2014

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## Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States) Issue 22, Q2 2014

26 JUN 2014

### [INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

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## 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.

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## Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States) Issue 21, Q1 2014

26 MAR 2014

### [INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

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## 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.

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**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.

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**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**

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**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.

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**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.

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**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."

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**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.

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## Global Financial Markets Insight - Issue 10, 2016

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.

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## 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.

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## 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:

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## China's launch of its own digital currency will shake up the payments industry

1 FEB 2016

On 21 January 2016, the People's Bank of China issued a statement announcing its plan to launch its own digital currency.

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## 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.

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## 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

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edition has been edited by our Italian colleagues.

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### **Mixed feelings: China censures bitcoin while Hong Kong embraces it**

4 JUL 2014

Last December, bitcoin prices plummeted by nearly half, after Chinese authorities banned all financial institutions and payment processor companies in China from engaging in bitcoin-related business, denominating prices in bitcoins, and providing bitcoin trading, settlement, clearing or other linked financial products and services.

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

12 SEP 2013

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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?

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### **Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure**

11 JUL 2013

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

11 MAR 2013

Practical considerations for US federal contractors

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## Corporate governance also means protecting your technology and information

7 MAR 2013

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## EU releases cybersecurity strategy

15 FEB 2013

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

14 FEB 2013

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Law à la Mode

1 MAY 2012

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

21 Mar 2012

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## UK: The real risk of cyber attack

1 AUG 2011

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10 Mar 2010

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26 May 2022 | 1:30 - 1:50 pm PT

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10 May 2022  
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## NEWS

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### 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.

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### DLA Piper wins Thomson Reuters Foundation TrustLaw Award for empowering social enterprise to expand its impact

15 June 2022

DLA Piper has won the Powered by Pro Bono Award at the 2022 TrustLaw Awards for providing pro bono legal support to Smart Air, a social enterprise founded in China with a mission to help people breathe better through low-cost air purifiers.

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### 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.

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### 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).

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### 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.

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### DLA Piper achieves TMT Tier 1 rankings in 2022 Chambers Greater China and Asia Pacific guides

8 February 2022

We are proud to announce that DLA Piper has been ranked Tier 1 in the Technology, Media, and Telecommunications (TMT) practice category in the newly launched 2022 Chambers Greater China region guide, as well as in the Chambers Asia Pacific region guide.

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### **DLA Piper receives two 'Deals of the Year 2021' awards from India Business Law Journal**

31 January 2022

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that two DLA Piper-led deals have received recognition in the “Deals of the Year 2021” list by India Business Law Journal. The list celebrates highly complex and market-defining transactions and the lawyers behind them.

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### **TOKO issues digital private debt on Hedera public network with Hex Trust custody**

15 December 2021

TOKO, the digital asset creation engine empowering value creation, and Hex Trust, Asia's leading digital asset custodian, have successfully completed one of Asia's first tokenisations of private debt on the Hedera enterprise-grade public ledger.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises AirTrunk on 'multi-billion dollar' Sydney data centre campus**

22 November 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised hyperscale data centre specialist AirTrunk on the acquisition of a new site with multi-billion dollar plans to create Asia-Pacific's largest data centre campus outside China.

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### **DLA Piper expands Asia Fintech offering with new partner hire in Hong Kong**

8 November 2021

DLA Piper announces the appointment of Kristi Swartz as a partner in its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) practice, based in Hong Kong.

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### **DLA Piper advises Exacta Asia Investment in Series A financing of esports gaming company Mineski Global**

29 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Exacta Asia Investment II LP, a Singapore based private equity fund of Mizuho Asia Partners, in a Series A funding round of USD10.6 million for Mineski Global, the Southeast Asia based esports gaming organisation.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises MC Hologram on its acquisition by SPAC Golden Path**

15 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised MC Hologram Inc. (MC), a Cayman Islands exempted company operating in China, on its definitive merger agreement on 10 September 2021 with Golden Path Acquisition Corporation, a publicly traded special purpose acquisition company (Golden Path, NASDAQ:GPCO).

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### **DLA Piper named finalists in the New Zealand Law Awards 2021**

25 August 2021

DLA Piper has been named finalist in two categories in the 2021 New Zealand Awards; M&A Deal of the Year for advising Discovery, Inc, on its acquisition of MediaWorks TV Limited and IPT partner, Nick Valentine, named in the Young Private Practice Lawyer of the Year category.

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### **DLA Piper advises Hinduja Global Solutions on USD1.2 billion sale of its healthcare business**

11 August 2021

DLA Piper is advising Hinduja Global Solutions Limited (HGS) on the sale of its healthcare solutions business to Baring Private Equity Asia, in a transaction valued at USD1.2 billion subject to closing adjustments.

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### **DLA Piper advises Hawaiki on divestment of its submarine cable**

30 July 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper have advised Hawaiki on its divestment of 100% of its interest in the Hawaiki Submarine Cable. The divestment was made to BW Digital Pte. Ltd with the current Hawaiki team continuing to manage the business.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Zip on its AUD400 million convertible notes offering**

17 June 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Zip Co Limited (ASX: Z1P) on its AUD400 million convertible notes offering.

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### **DLA Piper advises VIYI Algorithm on its acquisition by SPAC Venus**

11 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised VIYI Algorithm Inc. (VIYI) on its acquisition by Venus Acquisition Corporation (Nasdaq: VENA), a publicly traded special purpose acquisition company (SPAC).

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### **Recognition in China Business Law Awards 2021**

19 May 2021

DLA Piper has been recognised by China Business Law Journal in the annual China Business Law Awards 2021 in nine categories, including best international law firm.

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### **DLA Piper wins in Financial Times Asia Pacific Innovative Lawyers Awards 2021**

14 May 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has won in the Financial Times Asia Pacific Innovative Lawyers Awards 2021. The firm was named as the winning law firm in the 'Moving the market forward' category for its work on TOKO, a unique digital asset creation platform that was developed in collaboration with Aldersgate DLS (Digital Ledger Solutions).

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### **DLA Piper advises HCL Technologies on USD500m senior notes issue in highest ever rated credit from India**

7 May 2021

DLA Piper has successfully advised IT services giant, HCL Technologies, and its American subsidiary, HCL America Inc., on the issue of a USD500 million offering of 1.375% senior unsecured notes due in 2026. This transaction has the highest rated credit from India ever.

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### **DLA Piper boosts technology practice with partner hire in Australia**

20 April 2021

DLA Piper announces that Anthony Lloyd joined the firm as partner in its Australian Intellectual Property and Technology practice on 19 April 2021. Anthony, who will be based in DLA Piper's Sydney office, joins with extensive experience advising on major technology,

media and communications projects across Asia, the US and Europe.

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### **DLA Piper advises Wipro on the acquisition of Ampion**

6 April 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Wipro Limited (NYSE: WIT, BSE: 507685, NSE: WIPRO) on its acquisition of Ampion, an Australia-based provider of cyber security, DevOps and quality engineering services, for a purchase price in excess of USD100 million.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises MTB Direct on investment by Odyssey Private Equity**

3 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised online retailer MTB Direct on its recent investment by private equity group Odyssey Private Equity.

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### **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).

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.



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## 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.

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## 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.

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## DLA Piper advises China's Ping An Group on Lufax's US IPO and NYSE Listing

2 November 2020

DLA Piper has advised longstanding client Ping An Group, the shareholder of Lufax Holding Ltd (Lufax Holding), on Lufax Holding's initial US public offering and listing on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: LU).

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## In New Zealand

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### DLA PIPER NEW ZEALAND WORKS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES IN NEW ZEALAND'S LEADING TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES, THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST PURCHASERS OF IT AND NETWORKS, AND IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ARENA.

We have expertise in legally complex technology matters.

We understand the rapidly changing horizons of technology, and are in step with innovations.

We provide advice on a broad range of matters, from IP advice, management and protection, to litigation; from procurement and infrastructure development, to software licensing, system implementation and support, the cloud, and outsourcing and tendering; from employment law to contracting; from tax and compliance to financing arrangements.

DLA Piper New Zealand's technology lawyers also routinely advise on regulatory issues and government. We have deep expertise in privacy and security arrangements, now at the forefront of this sector.

DLA Piper New Zealand provides support for growing technology companies in mergers and acquisitions, IPOs, joint ventures international expansion and exporting, tax planning, regulatory compliance and company policies. On their journey through growth, we provide advice on IP protection and strategies.

Our team is also adept at assisting technology start-ups, including in peer to peer lending and other funding options.

In all our services, DLA Piper supports in house legal counsel and departments, complementing their capability.

Internationally, DLA Piper works with many of the world's largest technology companies. This expertise is founded on 500 dedicated technology-focused lawyers in more than 24 countries. We have access to local knowledge and expertise on a global scale. Via these global connections, we provide added value to New Zealand organisations through timely communication of worldwide technology developments and their legal effects. We have the ability to assist clients' technology businesses and needs anywhere in the world.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Ingersoll-Rand plc**

DLA Piper New Zealand advised the Ingersoll-Rand group in an internal re-organisation which culminated in the transfer of the IR Group's commercial and residential security businesses to Allegion (a newly listed entity). This referral from Baker & McKenzie (US) was a cross-border transaction involving multiple jurisdictions (ie wherever there is an Ingersoll-Rand subsidiary) with a scope of US\$2 billion.

### **BankLink**

DLA Piper New Zealand provides key advice to this innovative, long term client in relation to many matters including connectivity agreements for major banks requiring high data security compliance in Australia, New Zealand and the UK.

DLA Piper New Zealand advised on the sale of all of the shares in Media Transfer Services Limited and Australian entity BankLink Pty Limited to MYOB Finance NZ Limited, a Bain Capital entity. This transaction required a group restructure to carve-out the UK Business, which has been retained by one of the sellers, and involved multi-jurisdictional negotiations between parties in New Zealand, Australia and Hong Kong.

### **Alcatel Lucent**

DLA Piper New Zealand provided advice on data protection.

### **Agilent Technologies Limited**

The firm provided advice on a significant contract for this client, to complete the delivery of the Network Management System for the Southern Cross Cable.

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We have prepared a Guide To Doing Business In New Zealand to help those venturing into the market navigate their way through local legislation to identify and maximise the many opportunities that are available.

## Sustainability and ESG

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