



Telecom

Communications plays a critical role in the economies of all countries around the world, and its importance is only increasing with the rapid development of new technologies and products that revolutionize how people – and devices – communicate. DLA Piper's Telecom practice is built on in-depth knowledge of the commercial, transactional, technical, legal and regulatory issues associated with providing telecommunications services and products, including emerging IoT devices and capabilities.

With telecom lawyers around the globe, our team is well positioned to assist clients with multi-country and global deals as well as with regional and global strategies for product development and market entry. Our experience covers the full spectrum of developed and emerging markets and the complete range of technologies, including wireless, telephony, broadband, Internet, satellite and submarine cables. We also have engineers integrated into our team to enable us to more fully understand the details of complex and/or novel technologies and their impact on the business and regulatory issues of our clients. And the fact that we have offices in over 40 countries throughout the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific – as well as affiliated firms in many regions – means we know the unique regulatory, legal, political and “doing business” issues in each jurisdiction.

Clients turn to us for our decades of telecom industry and regulatory experience helping them to tackle the licensing, regulatory and operational issues important to their current business and future success. We have advised a broad cross-section of the telecommunications and technology sectors on an array of regulatory and business issues, from compliance with traditional telecommunications regulation to securing spectrum and regulatory approvals for emerging technologies. We also are well versed in the full range of industry contracts and agreements and are experienced in crafting novel leasing or sharing arrangements. Finally, our team has substantial experience in securing regulatory approvals for some of the largest industry mergers and acquisitions as well as much smaller spectrum transactions.

Our core areas include:

- Telecom transactions, including mergers and acquisitions
- Spectrum access and use
- Authorizations and licensing
- Foreign ownership approvals

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- Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

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- RF equipment certification
- Content provision/usage
- Satellite/earth station authorizations
- Infrastructure deployment, including tower deals and submarine cables
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- Outsourcing of mobile network management
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