



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

- Regulatory compliance/enforcement defense
- RF equipment certification
- Content provision/usage
- Satellite/earth station authorizations
- Infrastructure deployment, including tower deals and submarine cables
- Network sharing
- Mobile Virtual Network Operator (MVNO) launches
- Outsourcing of mobile network management
- Procuring IPTV platforms for telecommunications operators

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Regulatory and Government Affairs
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Chemical manufacturers call for federal solutions to shipping problems, head of NHTSA departs, court upholds FCC reallocation of a key spectrum block.

UK unveils Plan for Space Sustainability: top points

27 June 2022

Seeking to avoid a potential space debris crisis.

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.

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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Embracing the movement towards digital and ESG.

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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.

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

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CFPB to study electronic disclosures on mobile devices.

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4 August 2021

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Remote notarization is here to stay.

Mexico: IFT issues guidelines on net neutrality

7 July 2021

These Guidelines implement the "Net Neutrality" chapter included in the Federal Law of Telecommunications and Broadcasting.

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With Illinois's adoption of UETA, the US is near full adoption.

FCC proposes ban on electronic products and devices made by Huawei and other Chinese companies

23 June 2021

Key details.

FCC publishes new cost-based license application fee schedules, but new fees will not take effect quite yet

26 April 2021

Information for companies seeking to take advantage of the lower applications fees.

Latest regulatory changes reduce burden for software and technology companies under US export controls

6 April 2021

Revisions to the US Export Administration Regulations implement changes to Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies.

Washington, DC grows telecoms capabilities with a new arrival

30 March 2021

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

FCC agenda meeting to evaluate items of interest for manufacturers and operators of radiofrequency equipment

1 December 2020

Key details of agenda items.

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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NEWS

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest edition of *The Legal 500*

15 June 2022

DLA Piper announced today that the firm received 52 firm rankings and 273 lawyers were featured in *The Legal 500 United States 2022* guide.

Zach Rosenbaum joins DLA Piper's Telecom Practice as principal focused on spectrum engineering and management

17 May 2022

DLA Piper has added Zach Rosenbaum to the firm's Telecom practice, part of the firm's Regulatory and Government Affairs practice, as a principal in the Washington, DC office.

DLA Piper announces new diversity and inclusion leadership

29 September 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Lenora Ausbon-Odom has been named the firm's chief talent development and inclusion officer, and Edward "Smitty" Smith has been named national diversity and inclusion (D&I) partner.

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest edition of *The Legal 500*

17 June 2021

DLA Piper announced today that the firm received 42 individual lawyer rankings and 49 firm rankings in *The Legal 500 United States 2021* guide.

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition

1 June 2021

DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 216 lawyer rankings and 94 firm rankings in *Chambers USA's 2021* guide.

DLA Piper partners and firm COO named to *Law360* 2021 Editorial Advisory Boards

10 May 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that 11 of its lawyers, as well as firm COO Bob Bratt, have been named to *Law360's 2021* Editorial Advisory Boards.

DLA Piper shortlisted for five *Mergermarket* North America M&A Awards

4 May 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that it has been shortlisted for five *Mergermarket* North America M&A Awards.

Tony Lin joins DLA Piper's Telecom practice in Washington, DC

22 February 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Tony Lin has joined the firm's Telecom practice as a partner based in Washington, DC.

DLA Piper's Telecom practice named a *Law360* 2020 Practice Group of the Year

23 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that *Law360* has named the firm's Telecom practice a Practice Group of the Year for 2020.

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

8 December 2020

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

DLA Piper receives 2020 Excellence in Diversity Award from T-Mobile

19 November 2020

DLA Piper is extremely pleased to announce that the firm has been selected by T-Mobile's legal department to receive the company's 2020 Excellence in Diversity Law Firm Award.

DLA Piper partner Edward "Smitty" Smith named a *Law360* Telecommunications MVP

20 October 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that partner Edward "Smitty" Smith, who also serves as deputy managing partner of the firm's Washington, DC office, has been named a 2020 *Law360* Telecommunications MVP.

Recognitions

- *Law360* named the DLA Piper Telecom group as a 2020 "Practice Group of the Year"
- *Chambers Global* ranks DLA Piper in Band 1 for TMT
- *Chambers USA* ranks the DLA Piper Telecom group in Band 1 in the area of Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite in District of Columbia
- *USLegal 500* ranks the DLA Piper Telecom group in Tier 1 in the areas of Telecoms and Broadcast: Transactional and Regulatory
- *Best Lawyers* ranks DLA Piper in Tier 1 for Communications Law
- *U.S. News and Best Lawyers* named the DLA Piper Telecom group "Communications Law Firm of the Year"
- *TMT Finance* recognized the T-Mobile US' merger with Sprint as their "Telecom Deal of the Year – Global"

- T-Mobile recognized the DLA Piper Telecom group with their “Award for Law Firm Excellence in Diversity”