

# Litigation and Dispute Resolution in Luxembourg

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## Business-oriented assistance to protect your interests

Whether you are a public or private economic operator, a multinational group, a bank or financial company, a Luxembourg or a foreign business, you need your interests to be supported by legal excellence combined with an understanding of the strategic stakes.

Our team provides our clients with more than just legal advice: we bring an innovative approach and deliver pragmatic commercial guidance to anticipate and resolve business disputes.

We combine market-leading litigation experience, effective case management with in-depth knowledge and adopt a sector focus, tailoring our assistance to the specific nature of your industry.

### Cost efficiency and risk mitigation on the entire life cycle of a dispute

Our lawyers provide a full-scope advice spanning the life cycle of a dispute from the pre-litigation phase to the administrative and judicial proceedings.

In an environment where regulation and its enforcement will only increase, effective compliance and avoidance of regulatory intervention are business critical issues. Our lawyers work with you to manage potential risk and implement the most effective strategies from a time and cost efficiency perspective.

Their aim is to avoid the probability of future disputes and lengthy trials, relying instead on negotiations and out-of-court settlements where possible. Our pre-litigation advice focuses then on identifying your key business drivers, assessing the legal issues that may arise and formulating an effective strategy to minimise risks and maximise opportunities.

We propose the best tools and solutions for each unique case and each stage of the procedure whether using alternative dispute resolution – such as arbitration, mediation and expert determination – negotiation or ultimately a persuasive advocacy in the courtroom, but always in line with your strategic and commercial objectives.

"We aim to solve complex business disputes as swiftly and effectively as possible and provide solutions which are aligned with your business objectives."

### Local knowledge with global reach

DLA Piper's lawyers are skilled in litigation, arbitration, investigations and ADR and will deploy that experience to help you devise the best strategies.

Luxembourg adheres to a civil law tradition, and its judiciary is divided into three principal branches: the judicial, administrative, and social branches. The Court hears cases in three languages: French, German, and Luxembourgish.

Our Luxembourg team has the local knowledge to apply the regulatory, economic, political and cultural context to legal issues and develop case strategies. We regularly handle technically challenging and complex multi-jurisdictional matters.

Our unique geographic footprint – with offices in more than 40 jurisdictions – allows us to deploy large, integrated and cross-border teams on major international disputes and to provide consistent quality wherever you do business. This provides our clients with the assurance of not only around the clock responsiveness, but also relevant local knowledge which is critical to resolving domestic and international disputes successfully.

Whatever problems you face and wherever they occur, we can help.

"In today's global marketplace, disputes are an integral part of doing business. Focusing on results, DLA Piper's goal is to provide you with a business-oriented advice, mitigating risks and maximising success."



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#### **EUROPE**

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Czech Republic
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Hungary
Ireland
Italy

Luxembourg

Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Romania Slovak Republic Spain Sweden United Kingdom

### MIDDLE EAST

Bahrain Oman Qatar Saudi Arabia\* United Arab Emirates

### **AFRICA** Algeria

Angola Botswana Burundi Ethiopia Ghana Kenya Mauritius Morocco Mozambique Namibia Nigeria Rwanda Senegal South Africa Tanzania Tunisia Uganda Zambia Zimbabwe

#### ASIA PACIFIC

Australia China Japan New Zealand Singapore South Korea Thailand

### Our key areas of advice

Our full service offering is unique in its coverage and we can provide a complete solution to our clients global dispute and regulatory needs, through risk assessment, investigations, defence, crisis management, media relations, regulatory representation, mediation, arbitration, dispute resolution and strategic litigation.

- Administrative Law
- Banking and Finance Litigation
- Commercial Contracts Disputes
- Construction and Real Estate Litigation
- Contentious Restructuring

- Corporate and Securities Litigation
- Cross-Border Litigation
- Cybersecurity
- Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes
- IT and Telecoms Disputes
- Intellectual property Litigation
- Pre-dispute Advisory
- Private Fund Disputes
- Tax Controversy and Disputes
- White Collar and Corporate Crimes



### Influence and knowledge sharing

The Luxembourg team is active for a large number of local and international clients from various industry sectors as well as in a wide range of associations and working groups, including within *inter alia* the Luxembourg Bar Association, the Luxembourg Banks and Bankers' Association (ABBL) and the Luxembourg Arbitration Association. Our lawyers are regularly called upon to give speeches at conferences, write articles or provide analysis, and are recognised by their peers and the market.

These interactions allow them to share their experience, to exchange with the main actors and authorities in Luxembourg and to constantly develop their knowledge, for the benefit of their clients.

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that it was once again recognized as a "most feared" law firm in litigation in BTI Consulting Group's BTI Litigation Outlook 2023: Litigation Spending in the Uncertain Economy and Beyond report and was named a "Powerhouse" – the highest rating in the report, representing the top 1 percent of all law firms – for class action, cybersecurity litigation and product liability.

DLA Piper was also recognised in five additional categories, including the distinction of "Leader" for securities and finance, complex commercial and commercial litigation, and the distinction of "Standout" for complex employment and IP litigation.

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#### **GLOBAL LITIGATION GUIDE**

This global guide has been prepared by DLA Piper's civil litigation experts around the world. The guide is intended to be a useful resource to practitioners, in-house counsel and clients, providing them with a comparative source of reference that covers some of the intricacies of civil litigation in more than 30 jurisdictions worldwide.



#### LEGAL PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGE GLOBAL GUIDE

DLA Piper's guide deals with Legal Professional Privileges, which are matters that are closely related to civil litigation.



#### LAW& LITIGATION FUNDING

Helping you fund disputes on a risk-free basis.



### Selected experience

- Representing an investment fund against a Luxembourg non-regulated securitisation vehicle in connection with a loss in value of securities invested by the client.
- Defending a client against a claim brought by an investment fund in relation to an unfulfilled capital contribution.
- Advising a bondholder in litigation involving a company that defaulted on the repayment of matured bonds.
- Representing one of the largest financial consulting firms in an employment dispute concerning a non-compete clause.
- Advising a venture capital company on negotiating the terms of an amicable settlement, avoiding litigation, to allow the exit of the dissident shareholder from the company's structure.
- Advising one of the world's largest alternative investment management companies on the regulatory obligations associated with the acquisition of companies in Luxembourg.
- Advising an investment boutique specialized in private equity investments in the energy infrastructure sector on the pre-litigation phase of a potential post-transactional dispute. Our advice included an

- assessment on the chances of success of a potential action against one of advisors on the basis of contractual liability.
- Advising a multinational company on developing a strategy in relation to a defaulted multimillion mezzanine loan to a Luxembourg company.
   Advice included enforcement of a share pledge securing the amount of the claim.
- Representing a multinational company against the state in a recourse against a decision rendered by the tax authority ordering the client to repay its direct taxes.
- Representing national and foreign entities in high stakes civil and commercial litigation and contentious matters, including:
  - · cross border debt recovery,
  - · professional/commercial liability disputes,
  - · prosecution of counterfeit products and IP theft,
  - ownership and shareholding disputes.
- Advising a multinational company on an expropriation proceeding related to the extension of the tramway of the Luxembourg City.

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