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"Meet the leaders: Inspiring women in business' marks the official LAW launch in Sydney on Wednesday 9 April. The event will feature well-known Australian media personality and current affairs journalist, Ellen Fanning, as MC, with panellists Amanda Laing, **Commercial** Director and **Group** General Counsel, Nine Entertainment; Bridget Powell, General Counsel, HSBC; and Victoria Weekes, Non-Executive Director and Chair, OnePath Funds Management. Panellists are anticipated to discuss the concept of leadership success as well as provide personal insights into their own careers including lessons learnt along the way.

Melinda Upton, DLA Piper partner, Head of Intellectual **Property** & Technology in Australia and LAW committee chairperson said: "We are delighted to launch this important global initiative in Australia and have already been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and support from established and emerging business leaders, both men and women, across the corporate and government sectors. LAW is the perfect platform to demonstrate strong female leadership and inspire our future leaders."

Andrew Darwin, Country Managing Partner for DLA Piper in Australia added: "Diversity is at the heart of our global **firm**'s values and the way we do business. I am committed to achieving gender equality and providing a workplace that is inclusive of difference and enables each individual to reach their full potential. LAW not only reflects those core values, but it also supports and fosters business building skills and leadership capabilities which are valuable to our **firm**, our clients and our individual lawyers."

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## **COMPANY** BACKGROUND

### ACTIVITIES

DLA provides legal advisory services. The **firm**'s areas of practice include corporate, banking, litigation, **property** and construction, human resources, insurance, shipping, intellectual **property**, and transport. The **firm** is headquartered in London, United Kingdom with additional offices in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, **Hong Kong**, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, and Russia.

### BUSINESS NEWS ROUND UP

01 April 2014: DLA Piper recognized as a technology "Powerhouse" by BTI Consulting **Group**

[**Company** Release] DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the **firm** has been recognized as a technology "Powerhouse" by the BTI Consulting **Group** in its newly published 2014 BTI Client Relationship Scorecard. DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the **firm** has been recognized as a technology

"Powerhouse" by the BTI Consulting **Group** in its newly published 2014 BTI Client Relationship Scorecard. BTI also ranked DLA Piper number 20 out of 650 law firms serving large clients for having the best client relationships, placing the **firm** on the "Power Elite" list. Between March and July 2013, BTI conducted interviews with 300 corporate counsel at large and Fortune 1000 companies about what law **firm** activities drive superior client relationships.

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01 April 2014: DLA Piper plays **lead** role advising on the Mersey Gateway project

[**Company** Release] DLA Piper has advised Halton Borough Council on the Pound600 **million** Mersey Gateway Project, a major scheme to build a new six-lane toll bridge over the Mersey between Runcorn and Widnes. DLA Piper has advised Halton Borough Council on the Pound600 **million** Mersey Gateway Project, a major scheme to build a new six-lane toll bridge over the Mersey between Runcorn and Widnes. One of the leading project finance mandates in the UK at present, the DLA Piper team advised on the procurement of a private sector partner for the design, build, financing, operation and maintenance of the new 1 km long cable-stayed bridge over the River Mersey and tolling of the crossings. This major project saw the team provide advice on planning, land **acquisition**, compulsory **purchase** orders, tolling, legislative frameworks and the implementation of new legislation, as well as providing strategic advice on the procurement process, structural approaches and bespoke documentation for the bridge. The multi-disciplinary DLA Piper team comprised lawyers from the **firm's** Finance & Projects, IPT, Real **Estate** and Employment groups across its Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and London offices.

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01 April 2014: DLA Piper successfully defends St. Jude Medical in guidewire patent infringement case

[**Company** Release] DLA Piper has secured the dismissal of patent infringement claims against subsidiaries of St. Jude Medical Inc., a global medical device manufacturer, by device maker Volcano Corp. DLA Piper has secured the dismissal of patent infringement claims against subsidiaries of St.

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31 March 2014: Israeli Investors And Industry Leaders Gather At DLA Piper's 2nd Annual Global Real **Estate** Conference In Tel Aviv

[**Company** Release] On Monday, March 24, DLA Piper hosted its 2nd Israeli Global Real **Estate** Conference in Tel Aviv. The event provided perspectives on current trends and the future outlook of the real **estate** markets in Europe, Asia and the United States for Israeli-based companies seeking to diversify their real **estate** capital investments.

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31 March 2014: DLA Piper Runs Fifth Training School For Next Generation Of Tanzanian Lawyers

[**Company** Release] DLA Piper, in conjunction with its client General Electric (GE) and DLA Piper Africa **Group firm** IMMMA Advocates, today begins a teaching course at the Law School of Tanzania for the fifth consecutive year. DLA Piper, in conjunction with its client General Electric (GE) and DLA Piper Africa **Group firm** IMMMA Advocates, today begins a teaching course at the Law School of Tanzania for the fifth consecutive year. The project was developed in close collaboration with Dr Gerald Ndika, the Law School's Principal.

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