

DLA Piper Names New Global and U.S. Co-Chairs for IP and Tech

[DLA Piper](#) has named Frank Ryan co-chair of the firm's global Intellectual Property and Technology practice and Ann Ford co-chair of its US IPT practice, both effective January 1.

Ryan joins Stéphane Lemarchand as global co-chair of IPT and will continue to serve as chair of the US IPT practice alongside Ford. Ryan also serves as deputy chair of the firm's global Media, Sport and Entertainment sector and is a member of the firm's Executive Committee and Global Board. In his practice, he provides legal and strategic advice to domestic and multinational clients in litigation, intellectual property, media and sports, and complex commercial matters.

Ford, who previously served as vice chair of the US IPT practice, is also the US chair of the Trademark, Copyright and Media practice, the global co-head and US head of Sectors, and a member of the firm's Executive and Policy committees. In her practice, Ford works with clients on business, litigation, strategy, and transactional aspects of intellectual property. She has extensive experience working with both mature and emerging companies on developing, strengthening and enforcing brands in a wide variety of industries.