DLA Piper partners approve closer global alignment to strengthen competitive position

Global law firm DLA Piper announced on Friday, 24 April 2026, that the partners of DLA Piper US LLP (“US”) and DLA Piper International LLP (“International”) have overwhelmingly approved closer global alignment under a single leadership team, led by Frank Ryan as Global Chair and Co-CEO and Charles Severs as Global Co-CEO. The move will sharpen the firm’s competitive position and increase its capacity to pursue complex work and top-tier talent across its practices and markets around the world.

“DLA Piper is uniquely positioned to help clients navigate a landscape marked by the increasing complexity of doing business across borders, with less trade and regulatory certainty, and rapid technological disruption,” **said Global Chair and Co-CEO Frank Ryan**. “This alignment strengthens our ability to invest in the lawyers, teams, and technologies that will reshape competition in major legal markets.”

Building on global revenue of US$4.6 billion in 2025, the firm aims to surpass the success of its first 20 years, driven by a team of leaders from around the world. In addition to Frank Ryan and Charles Severs, the leadership team will include John Gilluly and Loren Brown as Vice Chairs, Sandra Wallace and Rick Chesley as Global Co-Managing Partners, and the firm’s International Managing Director for Clients, Benjamin Parameswaran.

“Today’s milestone marks the next step in two decades of successful collaboration between our US and International businesses,” **said Global Co-CEO Charles Severs**. “DLA Piper already advises clients on some of the market’s most complex local and cross-border issues, but our ambition is to bring the full strength of our platform to the market. This move reflects our shared confidence that DLA Piper can take market share when the firm operates with unified global focus and coordination.”

“For Luxembourg, this global alignment is both timely and strategic.” **said Xavier Guzman, Country Managing Partner of DLA Piper in Luxembourg**. “Our clients operate at the intersection of cross-border regulation, capital flows and technological change. This positioning strengthens our ability to deploy the firm’s full platform from Luxembourg, efficiently, consistently and at scale, creating even more opportunities for our clients and our people.”

The changes will take effect on May 1, 2026. Client service will continue without disruption during the implementation of the alignment. The new structure will consist of a global LLP sitting above the existing US and International entities, which will continue. It will replace the current DLA Piper Global Swiss verein, which will be dissolved. In addition to the individual leaders named above, the firm’s strategic direction will be guided by global executive and policy committees.