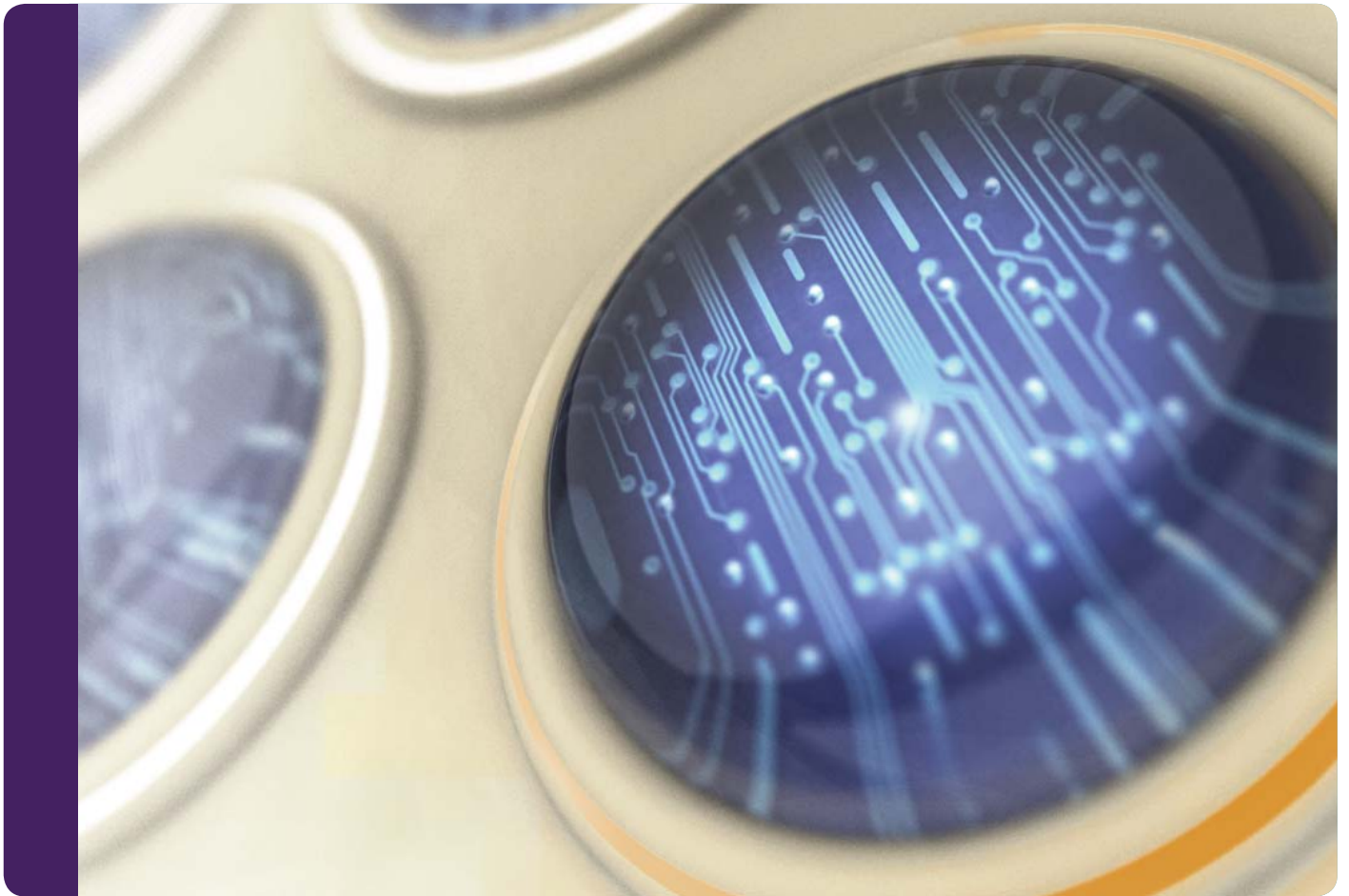
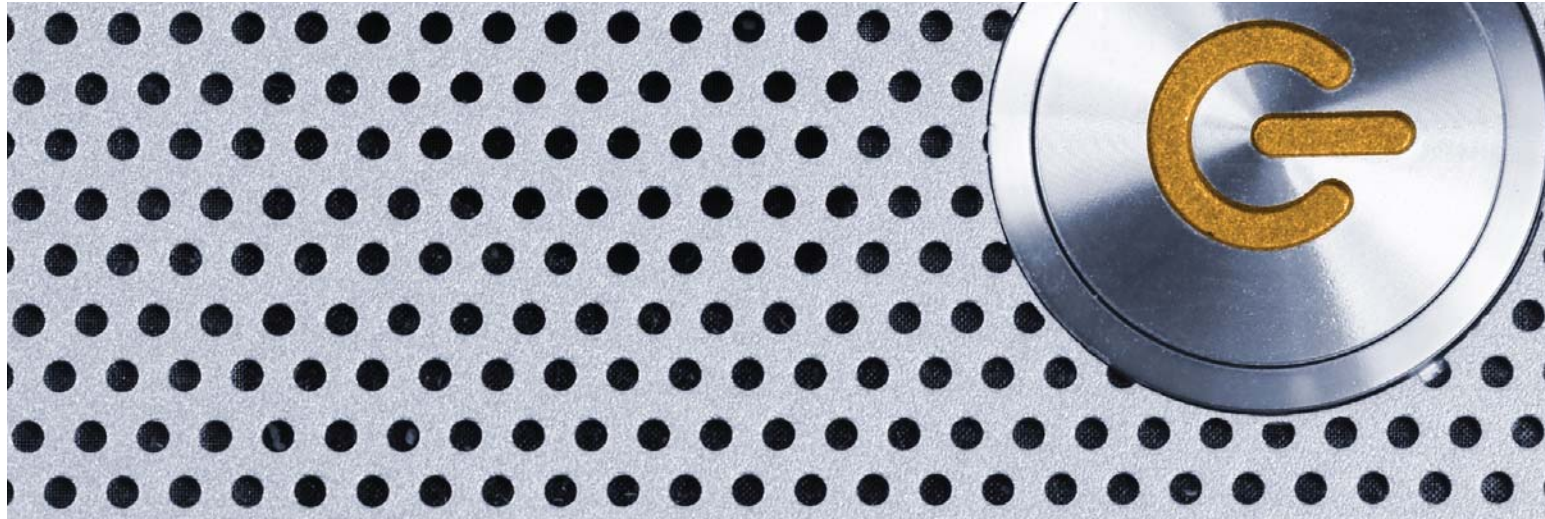




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Technology Law



“(Clients who have) used the team across non-contentious IT, IT litigation, procurement law, e-commerce and data protection, comments on its ‘strength in depth’.”

The Legal 500, 2007 - Information Technology

About us

Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP is a full service European law firm with offices in Brussels, Hamburg, London and Paris. In addition to our European offices, we have exclusive relationships with Spanish firm Jiménez de Parga and Italian firm La Scala. We also have strong affiliations with firms in France, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland.

With more than 130 partners and over 220 other lawyers, we advise a broad range of clients throughout Europe, Asia and the US, on domestic and EU law and have extensive experience advising on multi-jurisdictional matters.

Our Technology Law Group is one of the largest and most experienced in Europe. With a leading reputation in the field, we provide our clients with professional, approachable and commercially focused support. Our expertise in both the public and private sectors is ranked as a top tier practice by the leading independently researched UK legal guides, *The Legal 500* and *Chambers UK*.

Our team

Our technology lawyers are enthusiastic about our clients and their businesses. Many of them have backgrounds in the industry as consultants, programmers or commercial managers, and nearly all have spent time on secondment, learning to understand our clients' businesses and commercial realities. We choose the brightest and best. Between us, we have written numerous leading textbooks and contributed to many others. We produce advanced academic thinking while being involved in developments at a practical level, from biometrics to Web2.0, cybercrime to outsourcing models. Clients appreciate our responsive, practical and innovative approach and consequently we have a reputation for “getting the deal done”.

We act for both suppliers and users which gives us a unique insight into the issues affecting both sides. This is immensely advantageous when it comes to participating in negotiations as we can anticipate the objectives and requirements of the other side and find practical solutions.

“Clients report that they can rely on this firm for ‘clear commercial advice’ with ‘solutions and options to problems, not just the problems’. Peers also applauded a team of ‘sensible people to deal with’.”

Chambers UK, 2006

Our clients include:



How we can help

Technology procurements

Our Group is highly experienced in all aspects of software, hardware and systems procurement. We advise on systems development, support services, escrow and the entire range of procurement related requirements. Some of our largest projects run into billions of pounds in investment, while start-ups and smaller companies often benefit from our experience and views on smaller scale arrangements.

Outsourcings

Our outsourcing specialists advise on all kinds of outsourcings - BPOs, financial services, Government, offshore, supply chain, desktop, IT, HR, telecommunications, real estate services, warehousing and logistics. For highly strategic work and transformational outsourcings, we frequently field large teams on some of the most challenging projects there are. At the same time we provide project support and day to day advice on more straightforward transactions, where criticality of the outsourced function can still demand thorough analysis and pragmatic

solutions. We recognise that outsourcing relationships need to be collaborative, clear and successful. We work with the parties throughout the outsourcing lifecycle including advice on mid-term reviews, re-negotiations of outsourcing arrangements and exits.

Our wide ranging service includes data protection audits, responding to subject access requests, data protection policies, court proceedings, biometrics, representing our clients before the Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) and other regulatory and law enforcement agencies, and providing ongoing support on the implementation of compliance programmes.

Privacy & information

The regulation of information now affects almost every corner of the private and public sectors. We are recognised as having one of the biggest and best privacy teams there is, with a network of tried and tested advisers throughout Europe.



“ Clients recommend these lawyers because ‘they take quite a complex subject and present it in a clear and concise way’.”
Chambers UK, 2008 - Data Protection

“ FFW...has a reputation for providing an excellent all round service to an impressive list of UK and international clients.”
The Legal 500, 2006

E-commerce

The e-commerce market has evolved, but as one of the pioneering law firms during the dot com boom we have gained invaluable experience about what works and what doesn't. We advise on the full range of internet-related legal issues including e-commerce, web design and hosting. Clients include ISPs and portals, as well as blue chip 'bricks and mortar' clients, product/information providers, internet investment funds, offshore websites and consumer goods and services websites. In a maturing e-commerce market our work still includes advising entrepreneurial start-ups, but more commonly our practice focuses on the more challenging legal issues facing the sector.

New media

In the world of convergence, law firms are having to demonstrate a new range of skills to serve their clients. We have one of the foremost new media practices in Europe, independently recognised as having leading capabilities in and being at the cutting edge of all the core new media areas. This is illustrated by being the first major law firm to open an office in Second Life, a virtual world.

Understanding the sector and the context of our advice, enables us to work closely with clients and help them structure their business models and achieve their objectives in a highly dynamic and fast moving environment. We support players in this market by bringing together the necessary skills in a combined package so that such conventional specialisms as broadcasting, telecoms, IT, production, intellectual property, data protection and competition law are concentrated in a single practice group.

IT dispute resolution

We have a group dedicated to IT dispute resolution. Unlike many firms, IT disputes are not handled by general commercial litigators but IT experts, experienced in all forms of dispute resolution, from mediation to expert determination and, where necessary, litigation.

Other services

Our Technology Law Group specialise in the full range of technology-related legal issues. The group is able to provide a seamless service by working closely with colleagues in other specialist groups, including:

- Intellectual property
- Corporate
- Competition
- Tax
- Employment
- Real estate

These lawyers work closely together across our European offices to offer clients a fully integrated pan-European service.

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