

Looking to the future

Our Manufacturing and Industrial update

Diversified industrials annual conference - Tuesday 28 November 2017, London

Leading informative and interesting speakers will present and participate in panels on some of the key challenges facing manufacturing industries. Our special guests include **James Landale**, a diplomatic editor at the **BBC**, who will give us an insight into the economic challenges facing industrial companies post Brexit and Trump, **Lord John Hutton**, a former labour government minister, who will give us an insight into how the government is progressing Brexit behind the scenes. We will also be joined by **Gavin Lambert** who is the Director of Advanced Manufacturing for the **BEIS** who will give us an insight into the UK's governments proposed industrial strategy following the recent consultation and also attending will be a representative from **CBI** who will be able to share the views of industrial companies on the proposed industrial strategy and the wider challenges faced by businesses. The conference will be fully interactive, allowing you to raise any issues you have, sharing experiences with your peers and network with like minded people.

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News bulletin

Keeping you up to date

Data centre opportunities for industrials

Industrial land and buildings which are surplus to operational requirements can often be adapted into data centres. With end users paying potentially millions a year in rents and operators looking for lease terms of 20 years upwards, data centres offer a viable, and fundable alternative use to industrial land.

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Exclusion of liability clauses

Exclusion of liability clauses are often the subject of complex litigation between companies in the Diversified industrials sector. In this article, we look at the up-to-date law on contractual interpretation and the court's current approach in relation to exclusion of liability clauses in commercial contracts.

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GDPR - are you ready?

With less than 12 months to go before the General Data Protection Regulation comes into force, there is no time to waste in understanding how GDPR will affect your organisation and putting in place the measure necessary to achieve compliance by 25 May 2018.

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Preparation against future cyber attacks

With the ramifications of the global ransomware cyber attack still being felt by organisations across the world, within any industrial business this is a critical risk management issue. It is imperative scenarios are actively explored and played out to understand both how to protect against and respond to these attacks when they happen.

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UK general election - what does it mean for Brexit

Theresa May has confirmed she will be forming a minority Government and that she has reached an arrangement with the Democratic Unionist Party. But what does this all mean for Brexit? Will it still go ahead? Will there be a softer Brexit? Will the start of the negotiations be delayed? In this briefing, we provide our view on these issues.

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Failure to prevent facilitation of tax evasion

The Criminal Finances Act 2017 introduced two new corporate criminal 'failure to prevent' offences. These are seen as the first of a number of new "failure to prevent" economic crime offences aimed at corporate offenders.

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US tightens sanctions

The new US administration have proposed changes which could tighten the US sanctions against Cuba, Russia and Iran. These new developments present potential concerns for businesses exporting goods, services or technology to these countries, especially in light of the extra-territorial nature of the US sanctions regime.

[Read the report here](#)

The new Electronic Communications Code

Many industrial and manufacturing companies will have telecoms apparatus situated on their land or buildings. The new Electronic Communications Code is expected to come into force later this year and is intended to clarify the law, give operators clearer rights, greater flexibility in enjoying those rights and is intended to facilitate the sharing of network apparatus

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The future of Artificial Intelligence

Countless lives are lost each year due to vehicle-related deaths and more than 90% of these accidents are attributable to human error. With the advent of new technological capabilities, we live in an age where limiting these tragic outcomes is a very real possibility. Embracing this new technological advancement, the rate of auto-related deaths will be lowered drastically while at the same time improving overall transportation, commerce and quality of life.

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Bite size update on topical HR issues

With the many other political and economic issues to take on board in recent months, some key developments in employment law may have slipped off the radar of some employers. This includes the requirement to publish an **annual slavery and human trafficking statement**, new **"gender pay gap"** reporting obligations, developments in the area of **contingent workers/the gig economy** and the **new apprenticeship levy**.

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Global employment law update

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Global tax digest

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Procurement - Technology and Construction Court Guide

Earlier this week a new Appendix H to the Technology and Construction Court Guide was published which provides guidance on procedures for public procurement cases. Although this detailed procedural guidance is likely to prove useful in ensuring the efficient progress of public procurement cases, both bidders and contracting authorities / utilities are most likely to be interested in the guidance on pre-action conduct and the steps parties should take to facilitate the resolution of disputes at an early stage contained within the Guide.

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What we have been up to

Data Privacy, Cybersecurity, Intellectual Property and other challenges raised by Autonomous and Connected Cars

We recently hosted Transportation Disrupted, a symposium featuring panels with a cross-section of experts in fields that are driving the development and adoption of autonomous cars, including AI and robotics, insurance, cybersecurity, and data privacy. Our lawyers and corporate counsel for Amazon Web Services, Rob Czarnecki, led a panel on the data and intellectual property challenges posed by autonomous cars. Here are some of the key themes and takeaways from that panel.

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For more information on Automation and to listen to our podcasts - see our [Automotive blog](#)

The fourth industrial revolution: understanding the opportunities and threats

With the speed of change that the new wave of technology represents, we considered the changing impact on business. This webinar includes an overview of revolutionary developments, robotics, AI and automation, blockchain, additive manufacturing and cyber and data security.

[Click here to view this webinar](#)

Midlands Driverless Vehicle conference

On the 28th June this year, we were delighted to be a sponsor and speak at the inaugural Midlands Connected Autonomous Vehicle ("MCAV") event. Held in iCentrum in Birmingham, the event had significant interest with 180+ delegates, 16 keynote speakers and 12 exhibitors. Speakers included Innovation Birmingham, with Eversheds Sutherland client Conigital, as well as Transport for West Midlands, Westfield Sports Car, Beacon Centre for the Blind, Harper Adams University, Climate KIC and Cambridge Wireless as well as our own Head of TMT sector Charlotte Walker-Osborn who spoke about the laws which are relevant to connected and autonomous vehicles. We are working heavily in this area across all relevant legal areas including AI, insurance, product liability, technology and cyber, privacy, and more.

If you would like to see a copy of the slides from the event or speak to Charlotte, please email her [here](#)

We help steer driverless vehicle joint venture between Autoliv and Volvo

Eversheds Sutherland (International) has advised Autoliv, world leader in automotive safety systems, in forming joint venture "Zenuity" with Volvo Cars to develop new autonomous driving software. This marks the first time a premium car maker has joined forces with a tier one supplier to develop driverless vehicle technologies.

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Consequences of tariffs for industrials

May's door now open to business?

Goods and Services Tax Introduced in India

Knock on effect of protectionism

Upcoming events



GDPR and HR

Various dates and locations available

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This event covers key actions for employers regarding the collection, transfer and use of staff data. We also consider the main practical impact of GDPR on day to day HR activities and processes.

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People issues in deals - Disruption then integration

London - Various dates available

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Low interest and exchange rates, Brexit and Northern Powerhouse initiatives are leading to a flurry of transactional activity. Although the people aspects of a corporate transaction rarely drive a deal, they often determine the success of it. Without careful internal messaging about the strategic benefits of a deal, industrial businesses may fail to gain the emotional buy-in necessary to realise the full value of the project.

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Health & Safety summer school

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27 - 28 September 2017, Oxford

When the Regulator gives health the same priority as safety, industrial employers must take notice. This summer school considers subjects including asbestos, vibration and mental health as well as new developments and recent incidents.

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