

# DLA PIPER INTERNATIONAL APPOINTS CHARLES SEVERS AS NEW MANAGING PARTNER

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DLA Piper International has elected **Charles Severs** as its new managing partner, a position he will assume effective January 1, 2025. After ten years as international managing partner and global co-CEO, **Simon Levine** will move to lead the firm's innovation and strategic transformation program in a newly created role as Strategic Innovation partner.

## Charles Severs

Charles joined DLA Piper as a partner in 2003 and has had international responsibility for Corporate, along with other roles. Since 2018, he has been managing partner for Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa. For the past ten years, Charles has also been part of the firm's senior management team, and among other projects, he has led the graduate onboarding program.

## DLA Piper International

Jon Hayes, Chairman of the Board of DLA Piper International, comments: "Under Simon Levine's leadership we have achieved a number of significant milestones: revenue and profit growth every year; stronger profiles across many practice areas, geographies and sectors; recognition for our innovation; and leadership as a responsible and committed firm. During this time, we have also matured as an international firm, with great values and in tune with our clients' needs. Charles' appointment will mark a new chapter in the firm's evolution. We look forward to what Charles will bring to this position and to the firm. Over the next 10 months, Simon Levine, the current managing partner, will work with Charles to prepare for the new role, while continuing in his current role in full

until the end of his term on December 31, 2024.

Simon Levine added: "Charles has been part of my senior management team for the past decade and it will be an honor to pass the baton of leadership of DLA Piper to him at the end of the year. Charles is not only an exceptional lawyer, but his strength lies in his proven ability to lead and also to listen. I have every confidence that Charles is the right person to lead DLA Piper into a bright future."