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Mark O'Connor has over 20 years' experience of helping public and private sector clients with all aspects of IT law, particularly cloud and digital transformation, public procurement and outsourcing.

Mark is the Global Co-Chair for the Technology Sector, co-chairs the firm's AI Group, was previously UK Managing Partner and is the Vice President of the Society for Computers and Law.

Mark advises companies and governments on digital transformation, agile development, open source, AI and cloud computing legal challenges. He has been involved in drafting and negotiating cloud computing contracts on both the provider and customer side.

In 2021, Mark assisted the UK's Ministry of Defence on the conclusion of a new five year GBP460 million contract with Boeing Defence UK, extending existing arrangements for a logistics system critical to UK Armed Forces operations worldwide.

As a member of DLA Piper's International Tech&Sourcing group, Mark was heavily involved in the development of [AI Scorebox](#), a practical tool aimed to help organisations measure and understand their AI maturity, that launched in December 2021.

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