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The next webinar in the Spring Perspectives Series programme will be presented online by a global Clifford Chance panel, including Christine Kim, Patrice Navarro, Stephen Reese and

Gunnar Sachs, as well as Julia Peng our guest from Shanghai He Ping Law Firm, on Tuesday 6 May at 8am EDT / 1pm BST / 2pm CET / 8pm HKT.

From personalised medicine, improvements in medical robotics, new methods of drug discovery and design, to medical research, AI is enabling advancements and efficiencies across healthcare and life sciences. Navigating relevant, evolving legal frameworks is crucial. What will new AI legislation and other digital regulation mean for AI-enabled healthcare, research and devices? What can organisations do to protect their intellectual property and manage IP, data and cyber risks? Our panel will discuss key legal considerations for healthcare and life sciences organisations leveraging AI and for investors in the healthcare sector.

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Clifford Chance Webinar: The new UK digital markets and consumer enforcement regimes – what you need to know

The following webinar in the Spring Perspectives Series programme will be presented online by Michael Grenfell, Nelson Jung and Samantha Ward, on Thursday 8 May at 8am EDT / 1pm BST / 2pm CET / 8pm HKT.

The Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 confers new powers on the Competition and Markets Authority to regulate the conduct of large digital market businesses and, separately, to impose big fines on any business that breaches consumer protection laws. Our panel will explain how these new regimes will affect businesses operating in the UK and how businesses should adapt to the new risks and opportunities that they create.

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Clifford Chance Comment: Court of Appeal explains its reasons for upholding Thames Water plan

We already knew the outcome of the [Court of Appeal's decision to uphold Thames Water restructuring plan](#) provided on 17 March.

On 15 April, the Court of Appeal provided its reasons for doing so. We understand that the Court of Appeal has allowed the parties until 25 April to apply for Permission to the Supreme Court, should they wish to challenge the restructuring plan.

Clifford Chance has prepared a [briefing paper](#) considering the decision and its implications, including its reinforcement of the flexibility of restructuring plans as a tool for companies seeking to restructure, its emphasis of the Court's critical oversight role in ensuring equitable outcomes for the parties involved, and its clarification of the limits of the issues that the Court will have within its contemplation.

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LMA publishes Q&A on Italy's implementation of NPL Directive

The [Loan Market Association \(LMA\)](#) has published its fifth of a planned series of [Member State surveys](#) on the implementation of the Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Directive.

The survey published relates to implementation in Italy and is intended to provide factual and practical guidance for members as well as the core requirements of the local legislation itself.

The LMA plans to release a short podcast on the Italian legislation.

Please note the documents are only available to LMA members.

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