Choosing the law of England and Wales makes good business sense

Why choose England and Wales?

England and Wales is the leading global centre for legal services. We are home to some of the greatest law firms in the world, globally renowned courts and an abundance of legal talent.

Over 200 international firms have chosen to base themselves here, from over 40 jurisdictions, and our law is the most commonly used law in international business and dispute resolution.

In fact, a recent survey of 500 commercial law practitioners and in-house counsel found that 48% of respondents identified English law as their preferred choice of governing law in contracts (TheCityUK, 2016). Our capital, London, is also the leading global centre for arbitration and we have expert regional centres offering arbitration and dispute resolution services.

It simply makes good business sense to choose England and Wales as the law of choice for contracts, and the destination of choice for dispute resolution and arbitration.
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Hundreds of international firms have based themselves in the UK – particularly London – from over 40 jurisdictions.

English and Welsh law is the most commonly used law in international business and dispute resolution. (TheCityUK, 2016)

English and Welsh law is a popular choice for contracts worldwide because it is clear, transparent and flexible – it essentially does what it says on the tin.

English and Welsh courts are globally renowned, with incorruptible judges experienced in international disputes, and thorough but proportionate procedures.
Choosing the law of England and Wales as the international law for your contracts makes good business sense.

English and Welsh law is the global law of contract.

Businesses use English and Welsh law because it is clear, transparent and flexible: English and Welsh law is based on the principle of freedom of contract, allowing businesses and individuals to tailor bespoke agreements to fit their specific needs, offering commercial flexibility.

Growing demands

There is a growing demand for English law from developing markets. A survey of 500 commercial law practitioners and in-house counsel conducted by the Singapore Academy of Law found that 48% of respondents identified English law as their preferred choice of governing law in contracts.

(TheCityUK 2016)
Choosing English and Welsh courts as the forum for settling your disputes makes good business sense

We have judges experienced in resolving commercial disputes, particularly those with an international focus: our judges are known and respected for their understanding of the commercial world and for the reliability of their decisions.

We have thorough but proportionate procedures: our system provides a ‘cards on the table’ approach which give parties access to the documentation necessary to determine the strengths and weaknesses of their case in advance of a trial. Effective case management also adds to the appeal of settling disputes in England and Wales.

World class and specialised community of lawyers: people come to the UK because they know they will find first class, highly specialised solicitors, barristers, arbitrators and mediators.
Choosing London as your preferred location to resolve disputes through arbitration makes good business sense.

**Leading centre**

London is the leading centre for arbitration and we have regional centres of expertise: the number of commercial and civil disputes resolved through arbitration, mediation and adjudication in the UK totalled over 22,000 in 2015. (TheCityUK 2016)

**Legislative framework**

We have a clear legislative framework for arbitration: our legislative framework provides a clear set of rules which guide people through arbitration and provides effective enforcement of arbitration awards.

**World class people**

World class arbitrators, legal advisers and arbitration organisations: London is home to a large body of world class, international law firms that offer multi-disciplinary and often multi-jurisdictional legal advice to international businesses.
JUDICIAL SUPPORT FOR ARBITRATION
NEUTRAL FORUM FOR INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES
WORLD CLASS LEGAL ADVISERS
MEDIATION
DECISION MAKING
IMPARTIAL
OBJECTIVE
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UNBIASED
NEUTRAL FRAMEWORK
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