



English Law Day

Application of English law in trade and investment

Date: 21 September 2015, 09:00 - 19:00

Venue: Ai Li Hua Hotel, 36 Haidian Road South, Haidian District, Beijing 100080, P.R.China

English law and its international applications, especially for trade and investment, is of strong and growing interest to the international legal community. The Law Society of England and Wales, in partnership with Great Britain-China Centre, will host a seminar to promote the value and principles of the English legal system.

This seminar event sets out to explore the practical applications of English law in international transactions involving parties from both common law jurisdictions and civil law countries such as China, with a particular focus on how English law can be applied to the benefit of international investment and trade.

09:00 - 09:30	Registration and refreshments
09:30 - 10:00	Opening of the conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zhang Wei, Vice President, Beijing Lawyers Association• Stephen Denyer, Head of City and International, Law Society of England and Wales (facilitator)• Professor Shi Yan'an, Secretary General of Centre for Common Law Renmin University of China• Professor Liu Ruiqi, Executive Dean, Lawyer College Renmin University of China

10:00 - 11:15	<p>Session 1 - Introduction to English law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the principles behind English law in international business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ principle elements of English law (statute, common law, equity); ○ interpretation of international contracts; • Why use English law in transactions involving Chinese parties? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ international contracts that are often governed by English law ○ advantages of choosing English law as the governing law of international transactions ○ Limits of choosing foreign law including English law in China related transactions <p>Moderator: Michael Fosh, Partner, Reed Smith</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suhail Nigar, Managing Partner, Directus Law • Nick Dunnell, Partner, Farrer & Co • Jun Wang, Director and solicitor, Capital Alliance ADR Advisory Services Ltd
11:15 - 11:45	Tea / coffee break

11:45 - 13:00	<p>Session 2 - The application of English law in international business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mergers & Acquisitions: A brief road map to cross-border merger transactions • Mitigating risk when drafting contractual documents • Setting up operations overseas - understanding the local market and applicable legal regimes • Choosing right business partners and legal advisors • Case-Study: M&A transaction under English law <p>Moderator: Andrew McGinty, Partner, Hogan Lovells</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay Ze, Head of China Corporate Practice, Eversheds LLP • Matthew Townsend, Senior associate, Norton Rose Fullbright • Raymond Zhu, Partner, Dacheng Law Offices
13:00 - 14:30	Group photo and lunch break
14:30 - 15:45	<p>Session 3 - Resolving international disputes in London using English Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolving disputes in England: how it works in practice • Litigating in England and Wales: the court system, procedural rules, court costs, enforcement of international judgments • Arbitrating in London: advantages of using arbitration to resolve cross border disputes; LCIA and LMAA arbitration for international parties; English arbitration law (procedural issues, tribunals' power, English Court's supportive and supervisory power); enforcement of foreign arbitral awards • London International Court of Arbitration – rules and practical issues • Why choose London to resolve your international disputes than elsewhere? (use of English law, neutral forum, choice of arbitrators and support services etc) <p>Moderator: Nick Beckett, Managing partner (Beijing Office), CMS Cameron McKenna</p>

	<p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armstrong Chen, Partner, King & Wood Mallesons • James Tumbridge, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP • Julian Copeman, Managing partner (Greater China), Herbert Smith Freehills LLP
15:45 - 16:15	Tea/coffee break
16:15 - 17:15	<p>Session 4 - English law education and training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching English law in the top Chinese law schools • Doing legal business in England and Wales • Dual qualification as an English solicitor through taking the Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme (QLTS) • How Chinese lawyers can practise and set up office in England and Wales cross border practice across the European Union <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Denyer, Head of City and International, Law Society of England and Wales • David Wan, Senior partner, Guo and Partners • Charles Wang, Solicitor, Farrer & Co
17:15 - 19:00	<p>Closing remarks and drinks reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Denyer, Head of City and International, Law Society of England and Wales • Han Jun, Vice President of Shenzhen Lawyers Association and Chairman of Intl Law Practice Committee of Guangdong Lawyers Association

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