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## ENGLISH LAW PRACTICE

### GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

Few jurisdictions have historically been as influential on a global scale as England and Wales. The roots of the English common law can be traced back to medieval times. To this date, the key features of English law, when compared to other jurisdictions, are the doctrines of precedent and stare decisis: court decisions are the law of the land (“case law”). Cases involving identical fact patterns must principally be decided in line with precedents.

With the rise of the British Empire, the English common law conquered the world. Today, one third of the world’s population lives in jurisdictions based fully or partially on the common law of England and Wales.

### WHAT WE DO

BODENHEIMER HERZBERG are an international business law firm. While we operate out of Germany, many of the cases we handle are truly international in nature. Our lawyers are admitted in six jurisdictions, on four continents. Several of our lawyers are qualified as solicitors of the Senior Courts of England and Wales or hold other relevant professional credentials under English law. We regularly and successfully handle cases involving English law, as well as cases governed by laws based on and still relatively closely linked to the English common law, such as Irish law.

### OUR PEOPLE, SKILLS, AND RESOURCES

- Partner **Dr. Rouven F. Bodenheimer, M.A. FCIArb** is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London, a body under Royal Charter at the forefront of international dispute resolution in the common law world.

- Partner **Axel Benjamin Herzberg, LL.M.** holds a Postgraduate Master of Laws of the University of London (Queen Mary/UCL) (“with merit”). He is admitted to the roll of solicitors of the Senior Courts of England and Wales.
- Counsel **Dr. Jan-Bertram A. Hillig** is a former Research Fellow and Lecturer at the University of Reading (Berkshire). He is admitted to the roll of solicitors of the Senior Courts of England and Wales.
- Associate **Dr. Nicolas Klein, LL.M.**, while admitted to the New York Bar, frequently handles cases under English law.

All our lawyers have permanent access to the leading databases on the English common law, i.e. Westlaw UK, and Practicallaw UK.

## CASES HANDLED

We have successfully handled a large number of cases under English law:

- We won an ad-hoc arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules on behalf of an Indian company against a UK company, under English law.
- We won a construction adjudication under the English Housing, Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 for a German a client against a UK company.
- We successfully settled a complex advertisement law dispute against a U.S. company under English law on behalf of a Turkish client.
- We successfully settled English-law based claims of an Austrian investor against a major German bank arising out of the purchase of debt securities issued by a U.S. defense contractor.
- We successfully settled a complex, English employment law dispute, involving whistleblower claims, out of court, on behalf of a German top executive, against a UK company.
- We currently advise a German construction company on claims under English law in relation to the construction of the Gagosian Art Gallery, a signature building in Central London.

Our partners also frequently sit as arbitrators in cases involving English law.

## OUR NETWORK

In some cases, it is useful or necessary to involve local practitioners. We have, for many years, been working with a large number of fine firms, barristers and chambers in England on a non-exclusive basis. Examples include Quadrant Chambers, 39 Essex, 3VB, Fox Lawyers, Lester Aldridge, Peters & Peters, and Penningtons Manches.

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