

Foreign words used in legal English

Many foreign – mainly Latin – words remain in use in the legal English used today. In many cases these words represent important legal ideas. Try the exercise below.

Exercises

Insert the correct foreign term from the list below into the following sentences.

- (1) An _____ tribunal was set up to deal with the case.
- (2) The contract contains provisions dealing _____ with the sale of the shares and the appointment of new directors.
- (3) The court rejected the application, ruling that the applicant did not have _____ to intervene in these proceedings.
- (4) Following his disastrous handling of the matter, he became _____ at the firm.
- (5) It was a great relief to obtain a final court order in the case – it seemed to have dragged on _____.
- (6) The company's _____, though unorthodox, was fascinating to watch.
- (7) The damaged vehicle was examined _____
- (8) Jacques Chirats (_____) opposed the plan put forward by the Turkish government.
- (9) We are not opposed to restructuring _____ but require more information as to the approach you recommend.
- (10) We have never heard of this company before, and are therefore doubtful whether it can be regarded as a _____ purchaser.

inter alia, in situ, ad infinitum, sic, persona non grata, bona fide, modus operandi, locus standi, per se, ad hoc

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