

Legal English - Terms of art

Legal English, in common with many other professional languages, employs a great deal of terminology that has a technical meaning and is not generally familiar to the layperson. These are sometimes referred to by lawyers as 'terms of art'.

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

- (1) The director's total _____ exceeded \$1 million per annum.
- (2) Customs officers seized the _____ at the border.
- (3) Many employment contracts contain _____ which restrict the employee from competing with the employer in the event that the employee leaves the company.
- (4) Local building companies were invited to submit _____ for the construction project proposed by the city council.
- (5) The partners decided to dissolve the partnership and form a limited company to replace it. They asked a lawyer to draft the necessary documents, including the _____
- (6) The company hit financial difficulties and eventually became insolvent. Court proceedings followed, which resulted in the company being _____
- (7) My client wishes to _____ the contract because the goods he received were not the same as the ones he was promised. It is a clear case of contractual _____
- (8) The firm exercised a _____ on the goods until the outstanding invoices were paid.
- (9) The company has considerable _____ which must be taken into account when considering its value.
- (10) The law firm's corporate department was very busy in the run-up to the _____ on the stock exchange of one of its corporate clients.
- (11) As Ms. Jones was overseas at the date of the meeting, she authorised a _____ to vote at the company meeting on her behalf.
- (12) After the _____ of the last meeting were approved, those present at the meeting dealt with the next item on the agenda.
- (13) The rule that oral evidence cannot be given to contradict, alter or vary a written document unless there are allegations of fraud or mistake is known as the _____
- (14) _____ to the goods shall only pass from the seller to the buyer when the buyer has paid for them in full.
- (15) One of the aims of the new competition laws is to prevent the creation of _____

wound up, cartels, lien, title, contraband, minutes, rescind, restrictive covenants, flotation, parole evidence rule, articles of association/bylaws, goodwill, proxy, emoluments, tender, misrepresentation

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