

Lecture Seven: Private Law

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Vocabulary/ Translation

 Gaps Filling

A (1) is an agreement that has been drafted so carefully that it has no faults, in particular, it has no small mistakes (loopholes) that the other party could benefit from.

2. A (2) is a set of opinions or ideas that a group of people share about a particular, debateable, subject.

3. To (3) the meaning of something is to state what you mean very clearly so that there can be no doubt about what you are saying.

4. A (4) is a binding agreement between businesses that are located in different jurisdictions.

5. A (5) is a word used in a contract that has been interpreted in a certain way by a court and therefore all lawyers in that jurisdiction supposedly know what it means.

6. (6) is the unnecessarily complicated language that lawyers use in sentences around terms of art when they could use more easily understandable words without changing the meaning of the document.

1. (f) watertight contract

2. (d) school of thought

3. (e) spell out

4. (a) cross-border contract

5. (b) term of art

6. (c) legalese

 **Read the information in the table opposite and decide whether the following sentences use the prepositions in bold correctly or incorrectly.**

1. I must finish drafting this agreement until 3pm at the very latest.
2. I hardly ever see my family because I am always in the office, even at night.
3. I am going on a training course in Alternative Dispute Resolution on Friday 10 March.
4. I had been working as a solicitor in Singapore since 10 years before I came to New York.
5. I made some notes during I was listening to the judge.
6. I trained as a barrister from June 2017 until the end of 2018 but I decided it wasn't for me.
7. We have told the defendant's lawyers that we expect an answer to our offer within 24 hours.
8. She paid for the car in equal monthly instalments during 5 years.
9. I was in the USA working on Wall Street during the financial crisis of 2008.

1. **inaccurate (by 3pm)**
2. **accurate**
3. **accurate**
4. **inaccurate (for 10 years)**
5. **inaccurate (while I was listening)**
6. **accurate**
7. **accurate**
8. **inaccurate (over 5 years)**
9. **accurate**

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