

# Fiona Cain in The Law Society Gazette: ‘Why England is an International Hub for Dispute Resolution’

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## What makes England an ideal international destination?

England is an ideal international destination for dispute resolution due to its long-established and well-respected legal system, which recognises parties’ freedom to contract and is supportive of arbitration and commerce.

English law is based on well-founded principles, is transparent and provides predictability of outcome, legal certainty and fairness whilst also being flexible and responsive to the ever-changing world.

As well as a long-established legal system, England also benefits from English being the global language of business.

Parties choose to have their disputes heard in England because English arbitrators and judges are independent, experienced in dealing with international disputes, and are world class legal minds.

## How England compares to other countries worldwide

The English courts are experienced in dealing with international disputes. In Portland’s Commercial Court Report 2021, in the period April 2020 to March 2021, parties of 75 different nationalities were found to have used the English Commercial Court to resolve their disputes, often without an English counterparty.

In terms of arbitration, London seated arbitrations continue to top the list in the annual International Arbitration Survey conducted by Queen Mary’s University as the most preferred seat for arbitration.

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