

Supporting US Litigation

We have nearly twenty years' experience of invoking the assistance of English courts to provide support for US litigation. This includes making applications to the English courts in relation to discovery, both the provision of documents and deposition of witnesses, and the appointing of court examiners to supervise the conduct of depositions. This has involved making applications pursuant to letters rogatory to the English courts pursuant to the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act 1975. Outside of court, we also often provide on the ground assistance, in terms of evidence-gathering and interviewing witnesses in the UK for use in US proceedings.

We also have extensive experience of obtaining interim relief (including freezing orders) in support of US proceedings, under section 25 of the Civil Jurisdiction Judgments Act 1982. This can be particularly valuable to US plaintiffs where they are suing defendants with assets in the UK, preventing defendants dissipating their assets. At a practical level, obtaining a freezing order in London is a particularly useful tool in encouraging a defendant to settle.

Finally, at the end of the litigation process, we also have a great deal of experience of enforcing US judgments in the English courts against defendants who are present in the UK, or elsewhere in the EU, or have assets here.

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