

Accent Transcripts

Received Pronunciation (RP)

Interviewer:

What role would laws and lawyers play in a corporate acquisition by one company of another?

Candidate:

For both sides lawyers are needed to advise on laws and terms, prepare the documentation, and make sure the deal goes smoothly with the best result for their client. If you're representing the acquiring company for example, you'll want to make sure all of the information provided about the company you're acquiring is accurate and up to date. You'd also want to be aware of any effects on the client's reputation and guide them in the case of a dispute.

General Northern English (GNE)

Interviewer:

What effect will Brexit have on UK law firms?

Candidate:

Depending on how the Brexit deal is agreed, it could have an effect in many areas. One is British financial services, especially as passporting rights could be affected. There might also be an effect if financial firms move out of the UK, so that they can stay in the EU once withdrawal has finished. English law may continue to be the governing law for most

of their deals, but clients might want to transfer their staff, and this will have an effect on where law firms decide to place their staff too.

Urban West Yorkshire English (UWYE)

Interviewer:

How has the Human Rights Act 1998 affected law in this country?

Candidate:

The Human Rights Act is an important piece of legislation. The requirement for a private and family life means that some criminals can't be deported for a long time, and that prisoners have the right to vote. Some of these requirements are problematic. You could argue that criminals and prisoners shouldn't have these rights. So it has done some good but I do disagree with some aspects of it. But it has been useful to have human rights set out in one place this way.

Estuary English (EE)

Interviewer:

Explain the difference between contract and tort.

Candidate:

Contract and tort are both private law. The main difference is that people voluntarily enter into contracts, but that's not relevant in tort. Torts are civil wrongs. One of the most common torts is negligence. If you're texting while driving and you hit a person, you may have been negligent. There was no previous agreement between you and that person, but that's not needed for him to sue you in tort. In contrast to this, existing contracts will affect whether someone can sue in contract law.

Multicultural London English (MLE)

Interviewer:

A client wants to sue a supplier for £1,000. But the court fees will amount to £2,000.

What do you do?

Candidate :

I'd say that we should look into the client's concerns further. It's important for law firms to build the relationship and show that we understand their business. It seems that litigation might not be the best idea here, so we should try to understand what's important and relevant to the client, not just the cost of the court fees. We should find out what the client's problem is, why they want to sue, and see if they can meet their goals in another way.

