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U.S. Chamber of Commerce
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WHY BUSINESSES INCORPORATE IN DELAWARE?

Access to Delaware’s courts is a top reason why more than 65 percent of Fortune 500® companies are incorporated in Delaware. Here are the details:

BODY OF LAW

Delaware is known as the preeminent authority on corporate law, a reputation earned through the development of more than a century of jurisprudence. Most of the relevant Delaware statutes affecting corporate affairs have been litigated thoroughly, resulting in a predictable and detailed body of law that increases certainty in corporate decision-making.

EXPERIENCED JURISTS

Established in 1792, the Delaware Court of Chancery is the oldest business court in the United States and is widely recognized as the nation’s preeminent forum for the resolution of corporate disputes. All cases before the Court of Chancery are heard by experienced jurists, rather than by potentially uninformed or unpredictable juries.

NEUTRAL FORUM

Plaintiff attorneys and defense attorneys alike prefer Delaware because the State enjoys a reputation as a neutral forum for litigation. Each year since 2002, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has ranked Delaware first for “Judges’ Impartiality.”

SPEED AND RESPONSIVENESS

Speedy resolution of lawsuits is the standard and most judges issue opinions in 90 days or less. The Court does not hear criminal cases or routine civil cases that seek money damages (such as products liability, automobile negligence or breach of contract). The Court’s limited jurisdiction enables it to focus on corporate law disputes and significant business cases.

INNOVATIVE ARBITRATION

Delaware business entities benefit from an important dispute resolution advantage in the form of the Delaware Rapid Arbitration Act (“DRAA”). Under the DRAA, where both parties agree to have disputes decided under this regime, the disputes can be resolved 120 days from the time the arbitrator accepts the appointment. Under the Act, expert arbitrators resolve business disputes in highly-expedited, confidential proceedings. The arbitrators are not sitting judges, and arbitrations do not take place in the courts. Parties may appeal to the Delaware Supreme Court in limited circumstances and under limited standards of review.

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