

## THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE FOR YOUNG LAWYER STUDENTS

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**Abstract.** Proficiency in English is essential for young law students to thrive academically and professionally in a globalized legal landscape. As the dominant language of legal resources, international communication, and career opportunities, English equips aspiring lawyers with the tools needed to access global legal knowledge, communicate effectively, and engage in international legal systems. This article explores the critical importance of English in areas such as accessing global resources, pursuing international careers, enhancing communication skills, and participating in global legal discourse. For future lawyers, mastering English is a strategic investment in their success and global competitiveness.

**Keywords:** English proficiency, legal education, young lawyers, global legal resources, international legal systems, legal communication skills, multinational law careers, legal conferences, cross-border disputes, analytical thinking in law, English for legal studies, globalized legal profession, legal language skills, comparative legal studies

## ВАЖНОСТЬ АНГЛИЙСКОГО ЯЗЫКА ДЛЯ МОЛОДЫХ СТУДЕНТОВ-ЮРИСТОВ

**Аннотация.** Знание английского языка необходимо молодым студентам-юристам для академического и профессионального роста в условиях глобализации правового поля.

Являясь доминирующим языком юридических ресурсов, международного общения и карьерных возможностей, английский язык предоставляет начинающим юристам инструменты, необходимые для доступа к глобальным юридическим знаниям, эффективного общения и взаимодействия с международными правовыми системами. В этой статье исследуется критическая важность английского языка в таких областях, как доступ к глобальным ресурсам, построение международной карьеры, развитие коммуникативных навыков и участие в международном юридическом дискурсе. Для будущих юристов овладение английским языком является стратегической инвестицией в их успех и глобальную конкурентоспособность.

**Ключевые слова:** Знание английского языка, юридическое образование, молодые юристы, глобальные юридические ресурсы, международные правовые системы, навыки юридического общения, многонациональная юридическая карьера, юридические конференции, трансграничные споры, аналитическое мышление в юриспруденции, английский для изучения права, глобализированная юридическая профессия, владение юридическими языками, сравнительное правоведение.

**Introduction.** In today's interconnected world, the role of the English language extends beyond mere communication. For young law students, proficiency in English is not just an academic asset but a professional necessity. Today, in this technologically advanced times, when every field, aims to have a global achievement, English Language is the only bridge connecting peoples and nations. We all agree that Law is the cement of a society and any change takes place essentially through this medium. Civilization comes into vogue only when there is perfect law and order. The legal profession, with its global interactions and reliance on precise language, demands a deep understanding of English to navigate successfully. Here's why English is crucial for aspiring lawyers.

### **1. Access to Global Legal Resources**

English is the lingua franca of the modern world, and the legal profession is no exception.

A significant portion of legal literature, case laws, journals, and research materials is available predominantly in English. For young lawyer students, the ability to read and comprehend these resources is indispensable. Without English proficiency, accessing global legal precedents or scholarly discussions becomes a challenge, limiting their learning potential.

### **2. International Career Opportunities**

The practice of law is no longer confined within national borders.

Multinational corporations, international arbitration, and cross-border disputes have created a demand for lawyers who can work seamlessly in a global environment. English, being the primary language of international communication, opens doors to prestigious opportunities such as working in international law firms, intergovernmental organizations, and NGOs. For young lawyers aiming for such careers, mastering English is a prerequisite.

### **3. Effective Communication Skills**

Lawyers must excel in both written and verbal communication. From drafting legal documents and contracts to presenting arguments in court, precision in language is vital. English, with its rich vocabulary and global recognition, equips young lawyer students with the tools needed to articulate complex legal concepts clearly and effectively. Moreover, persuasive communication in English can significantly enhance a lawyer's ability to negotiate, mediate, and advocate.

### **4. Participation in Legal Conferences and Seminars**

International legal conferences, seminars, and workshops are platforms for networking and knowledge sharing. These events are often conducted in English, attracting participants from around the world. For young lawyer students, fluency in English ensures active participation, better comprehension of discussions, and the ability to contribute meaningfully. It also fosters connections with peers and experts globally, which can be beneficial for career growth.

### **5. Understanding Multinational Legal Systems**

Legal systems across the globe are often interconnected, especially in areas like trade law, human rights, and environmental law. English is frequently the medium through which these systems interact. Young lawyer students proficient in English are better positioned to understand and compare different legal frameworks, an essential skill for those pursuing international law or comparative legal studies.

## **6. Enhancing Analytical and Critical Thinking**

Learning and using English in legal studies enhances analytical and critical thinking skills.

Legal texts in English often require a nuanced understanding, which challenges students to interpret, analyze, and synthesize information effectively.

These skills are invaluable in building a successful legal career.

The usage of English Language by the Law Teachers has become an important aspect in training the Law graduates into professionals. Language competencies are very essential for the law teacher so as to pass on the skills to the students to help them sail smoothly in their profession.

The responsibility of the teacher is very great, for the teacher not only infuses the nuances of the Law but also instructs the importance of delivering or pleading or the ability to speak. When the students are exposed to good language, the quality of education becomes certainly better. This will in turn have an impact on the "quality of Justice" which is the ultimate goal of all Courts of Law. Such society would definitely be a paradise. This answers to the query why English occupies a place in the curriculum of Law or Legal Studies. Like in any other field, it is now recognized by the experts in this field that a good grounding in English is a necessary qualification for a prospective lawyer. Though English is taught as a second language, it is still considered a foreign language. Looking at the newer and wider horizons in this expanding universe, English is the only language that enjoys the privilege of being the medium of communication. In this respect it is not fair to subject it as a 'foreign language' any more.

Teachers in all fields are expected to update themselves and keep abreast of the current trends, demands and needs of the students, keeping in mind the needs of the employers. Eligible graduates are recruited even within the college campus in the present times. This is a boon or a blessing the present generation of graduates, irrespective of their branch are gifted with.

When we turn to the professional fields, it is interesting to note that 'English' is once again the vehicle transporting the graduates from college to corporate/industry. Only the knowledge of 'English' or the usage of the language makes the difference. Today, the visiting employers do not welcome professional graduates with 80% or above. They expect that the IQ (Intelligent Quotient) level of the students should match with their EQ (Emotional Quotient) level. Such a candidate is given a job opportunity immediately.



EQ requires a coating or polishing, which is done only with the usage of English Language or communicative skills. These skills are termed as the “employability skills” or even “life skills”.

### Types of Law

**Common Law:** A legal system based on judicial decisions and precedents established through court rulings, rather than legislation. It is primarily derived from customs, traditions, and legal principles developed over time.

**Civil Law:** A legal system derived from Roman law and characterized by codified statutes and comprehensive legal codes. Civil law governs private relationships between individuals and entities, such as contracts, property, and torts.

**Criminal Law:** The body of law that deals with offenses committed against the public or society as a whole. It encompasses crimes such as murder, theft, and assault, and involves the prosecution of individuals accused of committing these crimes.

**Constitutional Law:** The branch of law that focuses on the interpretation, application, and protection of a country’s constitution. It establishes the structure and powers of government institutions and safeguards fundamental rights and freedoms.

**Administrative Law:** The area of law that governs the activities and operations of administrative agencies of the government. It deals with the creation of regulations, licensing, adjudication of disputes, and other administrative actions.

**Contract Law:** The branch of law that governs the formation, interpretation, and enforcement of contracts between parties. It establishes the rights and obligations of the parties involved and provides remedies for breach of contract.

**Tort Law:** The area of law that addresses civil wrongs or injuries caused by one person to another. Tort law covers cases involving negligence, defamation, product liability, and other wrongful acts.

**Property Law:** The branch of law that governs the ownership, use, and transfer of real and personal property. It includes laws related to land, buildings, intellectual property, and other assets.

**Family Law:** The field of law that deals with legal matters related to family relationships, including marriage, divorce, child custody, adoption, and domestic violence.

**International Law:** The body of law that governs the relationships between nations and supranational organizations. It covers areas such as treaties, diplomatic relations, human rights, and international disputes.

**Law and English:** Looking at the schools of Law, which breeds Law professionals in par with the International Schools, it is no doubt that English as a subject forms part of the curriculum.

The choice of texts has a direct bearing on legal matters. W.Shakespeare, A. Chekhov, B. Shaw, B. Russell, O’Henry, M. K. Gandhi, Joseph W. Planck etc., are some of the greatest writers

whose style and treasure of creativity are part of the syllabus, to enable the law graduates to acquire a taste for rich thinking and good writing. The young lawyer is also exposed to adequate practice of the language through the sections on vocabulary, usage, comprehension, speech practice, and composition. We understand that English Language is like the Janus's head. It is believed language and literature are the two faces of a head, like the two sides of a coin. A choice of the texts and grammar/linguistic components are thus made to enhance the level of the young lawyer. Through some of literary pieces, the student is taught the best ways of speaking and writing. To substantiate the above view, and to reinstate the fact that the course of law is not studies in isolation. Let us look at Joseph W. Planck's article, "The Law Is A Jealous Mistress". He cites a quotation from Hon. Merrill E. Otis, a learned judge, who holds that;

*"To say that he is learned in the law who has committed some or many of its rules to memory, who knows not history and philosophy and science and literature and jurisprudence is to give a poverty stricken meaning to an opulent, ancient phrase". (p.212)*

This paper makes an attempt to state that law does not exist loose. It is 'interrelated to other fields of human interest. As English is one of subjects prescribed, it is necessary to see that English includes knowledge of Communication skills which is the buzzword today.

**Conclusion.** For young lawyer students, proficiency in English is more than a skill, it is a gateway to academic success, professional opportunities, and global relevance. By mastering English, aspiring lawyers can access vast legal knowledge, communicate effectively in diverse settings, and position themselves as competitive professionals in an increasingly globalized legal market. Investing time and effort in learning English is not just advisable for young lawyers; it is essential for their growth and success. Language is mainly used for communication. Young lawyers need to communicate a lot, for they have to persuade and negotiate. Pleasing manners, good presentation and right usage of language are the secrets of the trade, which are taught in law schools. Grammar and vocabulary help the law graduate to talk fluently and currently. "Brevity is the soul of Wit". Economy of words, which M. Gandhi advocated and practiced, is the clothing that would suit the lawyer and this profession. The length of the arguments should not exceed the life of the complainant. The right usage of Language is in itself a solution to various issues - pending for a long period of time. English Language is no more a foreign language. We have with it and help our livelihood. Let's be grateful to the language. which is a succor and savior. To conclude it is not an exaggeration to say that language is the weapon which guards us from the external threats.

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