



“Delaware is consistently **ranked first overall** (every year from 2002 through the most recent survey) and **first for Judicial Competence**, demonstrating the State’s well-deserved reputation for its outstanding jurists.”

U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Lawsuit Climate Ranking of
States

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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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TOP 10 REASONS FOR SELECTING DELAWARE

1 PRO-BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

Ranked among the top 5 most friendly states in the nation for the past 5 years.

2 GOVERNOR'S CONCIERGE TEAM

For international businesses helps companies get started quickly and profitably with little red tape.

3 FREE TRADE ZONES

Are set up with alternative site framework to reduce or eliminates tariffs on raw materials imported into Delaware.

4 CORPORATE PREMINENCE

With 65% of the Fortune 500 companies incorporated in Delaware.

5 COST OF DOING BUSINESS

Much lower than the national average.

6 HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND

Is the fastest in the U.S.A., and the 3rd fastest in the world.

7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The State has received a triple-A credit rating every year since 2000.

8 SKILLED WORKFORCE

With the 2nd highest concentration of PhDs per capita.

9 SMALL SIZE

Provides easy access to decision makers and the close-knit community benefits from easy access to top government and elected officials.

10 CONVENIENT LOCATION

Reach 40% of the U.S. population in one day's drive.

"In Delaware you have **access to decision-makers** and to a community of business leaders."

Brian Pryor,
CEO of LiteCure,
a British based laser producer