

WHO USES THE COMMERCIAL COURT?

PORTLAND REVIEWED 1,158 JUDGEMENTS FROM THE COMMERCIAL COURT OF ENGLAND AND WALES BETWEEN 2008 AND 2016 TO UNDERSTAND WHERE LITIGANTS COME FROM AND WHO THEY TAKE TO COURT.

WHO IS FIGHTING WHOM?

Litigants, even foreign ones, mostly face their own countrymen in the Commercial Court.

1. UK vs UK
2. Kazakhstan vs Kazakhstan
3. Russia vs Russia
4. China vs Greece
5. UK vs Switzerland
6. UK vs Cayman Islands
7. UK vs British Virgin Islands
8. UK vs Russia
9. Nigeria vs Nigeria

A GLOBAL COURT

About

two thirds
OF LITIGANTS WERE FROM
OUTSIDE THE UK

in 2015-16

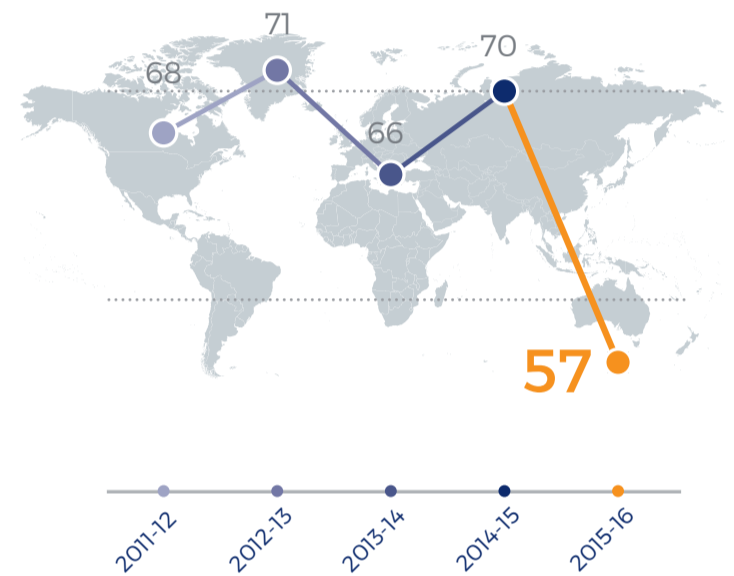


BECOMING LESS GLOBAL?

The past year had the

lowest
RECORDED DIVERSITY

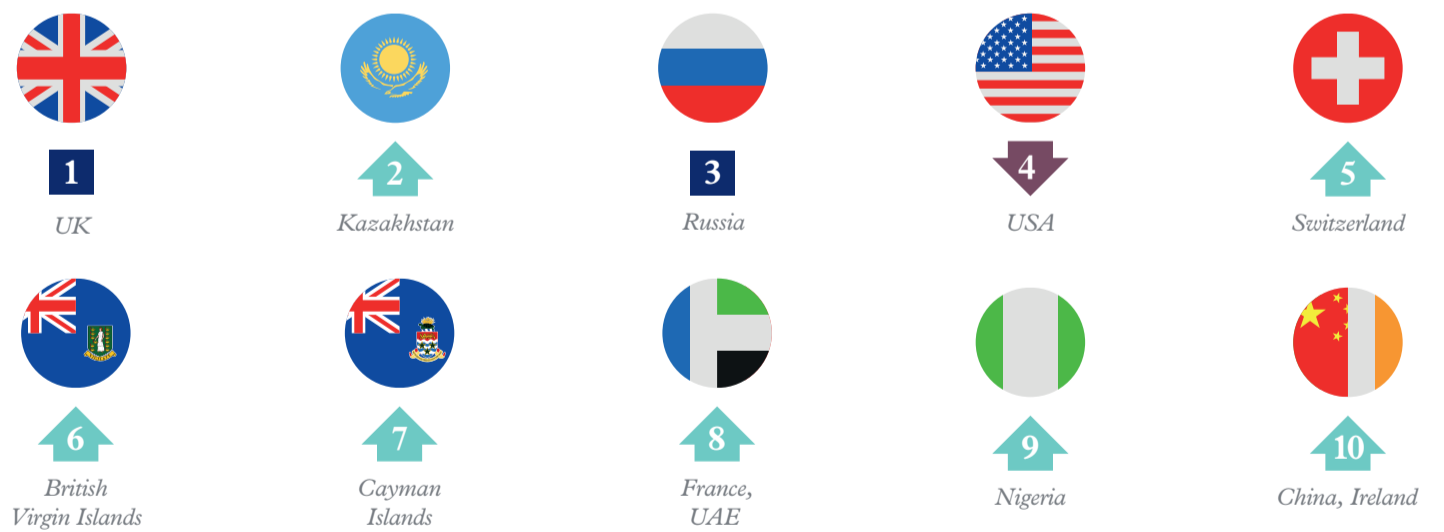
of litigants' countries of origin, with only 57



TOP 10

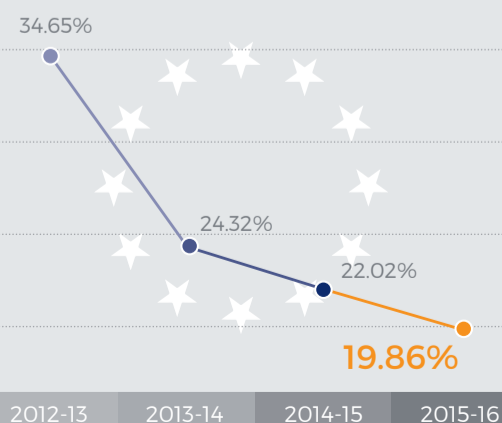
Where did most litigants come from in 2015-16?

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BYE BYE EUROPE

Europe has historically been home to the largest share of litigants – occasionally surpassing the UK itself. But its share has been declining steadily over recent years.



THE BIG FOUR

Historically four countries have recurrently produced the most foreign litigants:

THE UNITED STATES
SWITZERLAND
RUSSIA
KAZAKHSTAN