

## Legal Latin

### 1. In the following text, underline the common Latin words and phrases. Do you know what they mean?

The claim for breach of contract fails *inter alia* to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action, is uncertain as to what contract plaintiffs are suing on, and is uncertain in that it cannot be determined whether the contract sued on is written, oral or implied by conduct. The complaint alleges breach of contract as follows: "At all times herein mentioned, plaintiffs were a part (*sic*) to the Construction Contract, as well as intended beneficiaries to each subcontract for the constructions of the house. In light of the facts set above, defendants, and each of them, have breached the Construction Contract." On its face, the claim alleges only that the defendants "breached the Construction Contract". But LongCo is not a party to the Construction Contract *per se*. Therefore LongCo cannot be liable for its breach. See e.g. *GSI Enterprises, Inc. v. Warner* (1995).

### 2. Match each Latin word or expression with its English equivalent and its explanation.

Ad hoc	Thus (used after a word to indicate the original, usually incorrect, spelling or grammar in a text)
Et alii (et.al)	For example (used before one or more examples are given)
Et cetera (etc.)	For this purpose (often used as an adjective before a noun)
Exempli gratia (e.g.)	Against (versus is abbreviated to v. in case citations, but to vs. in all other instances)
Id est (i.e.)	And others (usually used shorten a list of people, often a list of authors, appellants or defendants)
Per se	And other things of the same kind (used to shorten a list of similar items)
sic	By itself (often used after a noun to indicate the thing itself)
Versus (vs./v.)	That is (used to signal an explanation or paraphrase of a word preceding it)

### 3. Match each Latin term with its English equivalent

De facto	Among other things
Ipsa facto	Per year
Inter alia	Number of shareholders or directors who have to be present at a board meeting so that it can be validly conducted
Per annum	In fact
Pro forma	Of one's own right, able to exercise one's own legal rights
Pro rata	proportionally
quorum	By that fact itself
Sui iuris	As a matter of form
Ultra vires	As follows
Videlicet (viz)	Beyond the legal powers of a person or a body

