

“There Is Talk of Ceasefire in Ukraine – But Russian Legal Battles Rage on in London,” *The Times*

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In an article for *The Times*, Partner James Rogers

explores Russia’s ongoing legal battles in the English courts. As talk of ceasefire on the Russia-Ukraine conflict captures global attention, Russia is also battling in the English courts over a 2014 arbitration ruling against its expropriation of the Yukos oil and gas company. The English Court of Appeal recently rejected Russia's sovereign immunity argument, clearing the path for enforcement of a \$63 billion (£48.5 billion) award in the UK, where over £25 billion in Russian state assets are said to be frozen.

This case highlights London’s strength as a leading arbitration hub, with its courts remaining robust in upholding arbitration awards, including against states and state entities. Despite shifting geopolitical tides, the reputation of the UK legal system remains second to none.

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