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# IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME: Making Sense of a Labyrinth of Legislative Compromises

This may be a hard pill to swallow, but it is best if you take it in your stride that the Gods of the Greek Pantheon, still walk the earth today. What is more, they continue to take an active interest in the happenings of this mortal plane.

Of course, these deities are immortal and thus have always been there, yet one may have hoped that their interventions and influences would fade away, as much as their names have from the public consciousness of most. Yet it seems that as long as we continue to remember them in some way or form, from the Greek columns and facades of government buildings, to laurel wreaths and the Olympics, the Gods themselves feel welcome to meddle in mortal affairs and remind us of their presence often in search of worshipful adulation.

In the present day, this has become more and more difficult as our attention spans have withered in the pursuit of new media from TikTok to Snapchat and following the ups and downs of the entirely invented 'invisible hand of the market.' This has resulted a storm of preternatural acts of epic proportions in recent times by the Gods attempting to gain our attention. The most egregious of this was the COVID – 19 pandemic visited upon our lands by Apollo, with other gods such as Hermes compounding the horrors with acts such as the blocking of the Suez Canal.





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I hope you can now see, why I have been so up front and honest with you and that you are able to appreciate the scale of problems we are dealing with. Angered by the actions of Apollo and others which he considers to be rash and ill thought out, Zeus, first among equals of all the Olympians has called for a conclave of all the Gods to determine anew, what the ideal rules of interaction and engagement with the mortal realm and one another must be.

Such an arrangement, though rare is not wholly unusual. Previous gatherings of this nature have secured promises of no further direct involvement with individual mortals as well as an outlawing of human sacrifices. It is plain however, from the given state of affairs that there is much more to be done. Through this letter, you are hereby offered a quest by the Olympian God's themselves, as was the case in millennia prior.

Your task, should you choose to accept it, is to serve as an impartial mediator, facilitating candid conversations between the divine deities and others, to arrive at an agreement regarding Choice of Law Provisions to be applied in the resolution of their disputes, without the need for yet another Trojan War to arrive at a suitable settlement. You are tasked to aid with the development of a conflict of law system that may achieve justice by associating matters with the most fitting law, independent of substantive legal values.

Don't fly to close too the sky.