

Who can enforce a contract, and the exceptions.

The rule and its exceptions.

The rule

Only parties acquire rights and duties

A third party cannot sue on it

Nor can they be bound by it

Exceptions

Statutory third-party rights legislation

Agency, where one contracts for another

Trusts of a promise

Assignment of the benefit

Collateral contracts

Educational reference. Third-party rights legislation varies considerably; some systems never adopted a strict privity rule.