

About Mary Bonar

Starting with involvement as a legal adviser to train operating companies, a Rosco and bidders for franchises during the privatisation of the British railway industry from 1994-1997. Mary Bonar has become one of the **leading rail activity industry specialists** recognised in the legal directories.

Mary was actively involved in the promotion and setting up of the open access operator, Wrexham & Shropshire and assessing other potential open access operations.

In 1994 she formed and led the rail group at the international law firm Wilde Sapte. She went on to establish the transport practice of the law firm Nabarro Nathanson, and the rail practice at Stephenson Harwood. She now works as a legal consultant to public services law firm Bevan Brittan and as a transport consultant.

Mary has advised and counselled passenger train operating companies and owning groups, specialist suppliers, manufacturers, maintenance and renewal contractors and government bodies in the UK and Europe. She combines experience of public and private financing and financial advisory work with regulatory requirements and knows her way around the complex contractual matrix which underpins the UK industry as well as the EU framework. She is involved in transport policy development.

Her experience includes:

- franchises and open access operations
- Infrastructure: HSL-Zuid, Eurotunnel
- Eurostar and HS1
- Rolling stock and depots
- Transport for London, PTEs and Combined Authorities
- Integrated transport, fares and ticketing
- Regeneration and environment
- Light rail, tram, metro and tram-train
- Regulations and competition, rail access rights and disputes
- Funding structures, debt, leasing and PPP under UK and other regimes.

Mary has a degree in law and qualified as a solicitor in 1971. She is a **Fellow of the CILT** and an active Commissioner and Trustee of the think tank, the Independent Transport Commission.