

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 industry specialists** recognised in the legal directories.

After several years chairing **the Strategic Rail Forum of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport** Mary now sits on its Public Policies Committee. She is also a member of the policy think tank, **the Independent Transport Commission**. A founder member of the **Light Rapid Transit Forum**, she chairs its Steering Group. She provides training to **transportation companies**.

In 1994 she formed and led the rail group at the international law firm Wilde Sapte, where she was a partner, and from 1999 to 2006 established the transport practice of the law firm Nabarro Nathanson where she was a partner. She is now establishing a rail practice as part of the international transportation practice at international law firm Stephenson Harwood.

Mary has advised and counselled passenger train operating companies and owner 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.

Her roles have ranged over high level advice on:

- franchises and open access operations
- Infrastructure: HSL-Zuid,
- Eurotunnel
- Eurostar and CTRL
- Rolling stock and depots
- Transport for London and PTEs
- Integrated transport
- Regeneration and environment
- Light rail/tram/metro
- Rail access rights and new infrastructure
- Public private partnerships (PPP) under UK and other European regimes.

Mary has a degree in law and qualified as a solicitor in 1971. She is a **Fellow of the CILT**. She writes and lectures on transport, particularly roads, rail, tram and metro, privatisation and PPP.