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Richard Bonnar is a highly experienced commercial/IT lawyer.

Richard leads DLA Piper's Public Sector practice in the UK and is responsible for the overall strategy and coordination of its different practice groups in their delivery of legal services to central and local government.

Richard is chair of the DLA Piper Brexit Committee, which coordinates the firm's approach to the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union.

## EXPERIENCE

Richard's experience includes acting for Transport for London, The Office of Government Commerce, The Northern Ireland Office, the Department for Work and Pensions and the NHS Connecting for Health.

## CREDENTIALS

### Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

### Prior Experience

- 2000 to date, Partner, DLA Piper
- 1995 to 2000, Managing Partner, UK based law firm
- 1990 to 1995, Associate, UK based international law firm
- 1986 to 1990, Solicitor, UK based multinational law firm

### Education

- Cambridge University, MA (Hons) (Double First)

## RELATED SERVICES

- Intellectual Property and Technology

## RELATED SECTORS

- Technology

### Publications

#### **Boardroom Brexit - 15 September 2020**

15 September 2020

Boardroom Brexit

After the seventh negotiating round between the UK and EU concluded in what was to be the end of the calm before the storm, the UK's Chief Negotiator, David Frost, said that "little progress" had been made and his EU counterpart, Michel Barnier, rated the chances of a deal as "unlikely".

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#### **Procurement Law Reform - Let's Start a Discussion**

29 July 2020

This is the fourth in our short series of bitesize feedback notes following on from DLA Piper's Panel Discussion Webinar held on 1 July 2020. This feedback note looks at the panel's response to the range of procurement procedures set out in the Public Contracts Act, 2015 (PCR'15).

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#### **Procurement Law Reform - Let's start a discussion**

9 July 2020

DLA Piper's panel discussion webinar held on 1 July 2020 had a lively debate on the merits of potential options for reform and which changes might produce a better model for procurement regulation in the UK post Brexit. This is the first of a series of bitesize summary reports providing feedback from the debate.

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#### **Boardroom Brexit - 15 June 2020**

15 June 2020

Boardroom Brexit

Boardroom Brexit - Britain rules out extension (15 June 2020).

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#### **Boardroom Brexit: Exit Day**

31 January 2020

Boardroom Brexit

Welcome to our latest issue of Boardroom Brexit, marking the UK's departure from the EU tonight, guiding you through the key timelines in the negotiations and recommending action you should consider taking.

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#### **Ten key points you need to understand about the Brexit negotiations**

23 December 2019

Boardroom Brexit

The UK will leave the European Union (EU) at 11.00 pm on Friday 31 January 2020. The UK Government's 80-seat majority in the House of Commons ("the Commons") means the Withdrawal Agreement Bill ("the Bill"), the legislation necessary to make the

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Withdrawal Agreement legally effective in the UK, will pass. The days of the Commons being able to overturn Government legislation are now over. The House of Lords will not vote the Bill down because of the parliamentary convention that it does not vote down legislation promised in a manifesto.

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### **Boardroom Brexit: Stay prepared for no-deal**

4 November 2019  
Boardroom Brexit

Welcome to our latest issue of Boardroom Brexit, covering most recent developments..

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### **Boardroom Brexit 2 August**

2 August 2019  
Boardroom Brexit

Welcome to the latest issue of Boardroom Brexit, covering developments since the election of Boris Johnson as leader of the Conservative party and, as a consequence, his replacement of Theresa May as the UK's new prime minister.

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### **Boardroom Brexit 12 April**

12 APR 2019  
Boardroom Brexit

Welcome to our latest issue of Boardroom Brexit, covering developments during the week commencing 8 April 2019.

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### **Boardroom Brexit: UK seeks further extension as EU warns of rising no-deal risk**

5 APR 2019  
Boardroom Brexit

On Monday, 1 April, the House of Commons (the Commons) voted on four possible arrangements (whittled down from the eight voted on last Friday) in an attempt to break the Brexit logjam.

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### **Boardroom Brexit: Customs union closest option to winning MPs' approval as PM's deal fails again**

1 APR 2019  
Boardroom Brexit

Welcome to our latest issue of Boardroom Brexit, covering developments during the period 25 - 29 March 2019. This week, we strayed from our usual Friday distribution to ensure we captured and reported on the outcome of last Friday's House of Commons vote.

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### **Boardroom Brexit: New timeline after EU grants conditional extension**

22 MAR 2019  
Boardroom Brexit

The third vote on the draft Withdrawal Agreement didn't take place this week. John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons

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(the Commons), announced that the deal couldn't come before the Commons this parliamentary session in similar, or substantially similar, terms as before. According to parliamentary convention dating back to 1604, the government couldn't hold repeated votes in the Commons, in the same parliamentary session, on a motion that is the "same in substance."

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### **Boardroom Brexit: What next after a dramatic week in UK politics?**

15 MAR 2019

Boardroom Brexit

MPs voted by a majority of 210 in favour of the government's motion extending the negotiation deadline until 30 June 2019, if the withdrawal agreement is approved by next Wednesday (20 March 2019).

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### **Brexit Podcast: No confidence vote and next steps**

22 JAN 2019

Following a tumultuous week in the House of Commons and with the 29 March deadline fast approaching, DLA Piper's Brexit Committee Chair Richard Bonnar and Brexit Director Paul Hardy review recent developments and summarise next steps ...

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## [Events](#)

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### **Procurement law reform webinar**

1 July 2020

Webinar

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