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Paul Hardy has over 25 years' experience working as a lawyer and policy adviser, including working in the European Commission in Brussels and as the senior EU Legal Adviser to the UK Houses of Parliament.

Paul joined DLA Piper from the House of Lords in April 2017 as the firm's Brexit Director. He advises businesses, public sector organisations and States on the implications of Brexit and how best to manage them, and works with our sector specialists worldwide. His professional background makes him uniquely placed to navigate clients through the complexities of the post-Brexit domestic and cross-border regulatory environment, and to understand the new opportunities and risks that will arise for clients under trade agreements.

In April 2020, Paul took over as UK Head of Government Affairs from Lord Clement-Jones CBE.

Paul and the wider UK government affairs team provide clients with strategic policy advice, combining the team's political insights with the regulatory expertise of the firm's sector specialists. The UK government affairs team is part of an inter-connected global government affairs offering within DLA Piper, with centres in Brussels and Washington DC, working across borders in interdisciplinary teams.

Paul holds the qualification of practicing barrister, and also remains a "door tenant" at specialist EU and administrative law barristers' chambers in London, Francis Taylor Building, where he last practiced as a self-employed member of the Bar.

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- Litiges, arbitrage et enquêtes
- Commerce international, réglementation et affaires gouvernementales

English French

LANGUES PARLÉES

- English
- French

Barreau

- Barrister in England and Wales, 1992

Expérience préalable

- In 2014 he was promoted to EU Legal Adviser to the House of Lords, carrying out a similar function for the seven EU Select Committees in the Lords.
- In 2009 he was appointed Counsel for European Legislation in the House of Commons, heading up the team providing EU legal advice to the House and its Select Committees.
- Over eight years in the UK Parliament Paul reviewed every piece of EU legislation and policy produced by the EU, and played a prominent role in advising Parliament on their implications. His advice on the UK's legal liability to pay into the EU budget after withdrawal was published in a high-profile Lords Select Committee report, the first time the Lords has published internal legal advice.
- From 2004 to 2008 he was a civil servant (fonctionnaire) in the European Commission, where he was a legal and policy adviser in the Directorate-General for External Relations. His role included negotiating on behalf of the Commission in Council working groups, and negotiating elements of EU trade agreements.
- From 2000 to 2003: Barrister, Chambers of Andrew Tait Q.C., Francis Taylor Building, London, specialising in administrative law and environmental law and judicial review in the High Court.
- 1992 to 1998: Barrister, Chambers of Anthony Shaw, Q.C., Red Lion Chambers, London, specialising in crime and human rights.
- Paul has also worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross, as a legal adviser on judicial reform in Bosnia, and as a trial lawyer in Rwanda.

Éducation

- Inns of Court School of Law (Bar Vocational Course), 1992
- University of North London, CPE (law conversion), 1991
- University of St Andrews M.A., 1989

ACTUALITÉS

Publications

- "Parliament, Legislation and Accountability", *Hart*, 2016

Événements

- Speaker, Netherlands British Chamber of Commerce event, "Impact of Brexit on Manufacturing", Manchester, 23 November 2017
- Chairman, EU Withdrawal Bill Summit, Guildhall, 21 November 2017
- Moderator, "Investing in the UK", Horasis China Meeting, Sheffield, 5-6 November 2017
- Keynote speech on the Supreme Court's decision in Miller, Legal Research Foundation of New Zealand, Auckland, 10 July 2017
- Keynote speech on Brexit, European Business Council for Africa and Mediterranean Annual Dinner, London, 29 June 2017
- Speaker, Alliance for Intellectual Property breakfast event on Brexit, London 29 June 2017
- Panellist, Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment Brexit Debate, London, 27 June 2017
- Keynote speech on Brexit, South African Chamber of Commerce, London, 6 June 2017
- Keynote speech on Brexit, Asset Based Finance Association annual conference 2017

ACTUALITÉS

- NZ businesses need to prepare for Brexit changes, *Radio New Zealand*, 13 July 2017
- Businesses sit on their hands as Brexit deadline approaches, *Financial Times*, 28 June 2017
- Businesses can't afford to leave UK before Brexit, says lawyer, *The Times*, 23 October 2017

OVERVIEW – BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Overview

Paul Hardy is an Employed Barrister working in Litigation & Regulatory group. He specialises in Government Affairs, Trade and Regulatory work. He leads the firm's Brexit advisory service.

Paul has over 25 years' experience as a lawyer and policy adviser including first-hand experience of working for international organisations and the UK Parliament.

He remains a member of the specialist EU and administrative law barristers' chambers, Francis Taylor Building, London.

Experience

- 1992 to 1998: Barrister, Chambers of Anthony Shaw, Q.C., Red Lion Chambers, London, specialising in crime and human rights.
- 1998 to 1999: Employed by Belgian NGO, Advocates sans Frontières, to represent defendants in domestic war crimes trials in Rwanda.
- 1999 to 2000: Rule of Law Officer, Office of the High Representative, Bosnia Herzegovina. Responsible for drafting and implementing judicial reform legislation in the Serbian entity.
- From 2000 to 2003: Barrister, Chambers of Andrew Tait Q.C., Francis Taylor Building, London, specialising in administrative law and environmental law and judicial review in the High Court.
- From 2003 to 2004: senior legal adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva. Advising common law States on the transposition of international law conventions into domestic law. Drafting implementing legislation. Manager of team of five regional advisers.
- From 2004 to 2008: civil servant (fonctionnaire) in the European Commission, where he worked in the foreign policy and human rights directorates.
- In 2009 to 2014: Counsel for European Legislation, House of Commons, heading up a team providing EU legal advice to the House and its Select Committees.
- From 2014 to 2017: EU Legal Adviser to the House of Lords, carrying out a similar function for the seven EU Select Committees in the Lords.
- From 2017 to present: Brexit Director/Legal Director, DLA Piper. Advising businesses, public sector organisations and States on the trade and regulatory implications of Brexit, and how best to manage them. Particular expertise on supply-chain mitigation.

Notable Human Rights Experience

- Currently instructed in an application before the European Court of Human Rights claiming a breach of the European Convention on Human Rights in the election of hereditary peers to the House of Lords. He is being led by Lord Pannick QC.
- As an official in the European Commission:
 - Participant in the EU negotiating team in the creation of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva
 - Representing the EU in UN human rights discussions in the UN General Assembly EU representative to the Assembly of States Parties at the International Criminal Court (management and legislative oversight)
 - Managing an EU-funded human rights investigation into extra-judicial killing in the Philippines
- At Francis Taylor Building: junior counsel in the first case under the Human Rights Act 1998 to reach the House of Lords, Alconbury.