



EDUCATION

University College London,
LLB

Solicitors Finals, First Class
Honours 1971

Fellow of the Chartered
Institute of Logistics and
Transport

APPOINTMENTS

Partner, FCP 2015-current

Partner, Bevan Brittan
2006-2014

**Partner, Head of
Transport, Nabarro
Nathanson** 1999-2006

Head of Rail, Wilde Sapte
(now Dentons) 1989-1999

Equity Partner, Gamelins,
Lincolns Inn 1973-1978

**Commissioner and
Trustee, The Independent
Transport Commission**

**Trustee, Worshipful
Company of Carmen**

**Director and Trustee,
Tring Park School Trust**

**Director and Trustee, Arts
4 Dementia**

**Director, Renaissance
Trains Limited**

KEY SKILLS

Experience drafting and negotiating contracts in a wide variety of public and private financing models for railway services, infrastructure and rolling stock



MARY BONAR is a UK solicitor with extensive experience in passenger rail franchising, rolling stock leasing, network access, and infrastructure. She established the railway law practices at Wilde Sapte, and then at Nabarro Nathanson, both leading London firms. She has led the legal teams for some of the largest transactions in the UK rail industry.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Acted for **Virgin Trains** on its successful bid for the 15 years franchise of the West Coast Main Line in 1996. This included commitments to upgrade services and acquire 433 new high speed tilting EMU carriages.

Advise for **Siemens** on several transactions to introduce new Desiro EMU Trains comprising over 1,000 cars to the UK. The first contract, valued at £1.5 bn for **South West Trains**, also included a new train care facility at Norton.

Advised the **Dutch Ministry of Works** on the structuring of procurement for the 125 km long **HSL-Zuid High Speed Line** from the Belgian Border to Germany

Appointed by **World Bank** as best practice adviser to the **Government of India** on the concession model for metro for India's cities in 2007-2008.

Advised **Transport for London** on securing legislative powers and planning the concession procurement process for the **London Overground** in 2004-2005.

Acted for train operator **GOVIA** in their successful bid for a 20-year franchise on the **Southern Railway**, to include £1bn of infrastructure enhancements.

Advised **Eurostar, SNCF, and National Express Group** at various times on restructuring of the Eurostar business ultimately leading to the merger of the international services via the Channel Tunnel of SNCF French Railways, British Government and SNCB Belgian Railways to form the integrated high speed operator **Eurostar International**.

Advised the consortium comprising **Keolis, Trent Barton and Alstom** which won the concession to expand the **Nottingham Express Transit Light Rail** system. This involved supplying and commissioning new track, signalling, electrification, and rolling stock while continuing to operate the existing system.

Acted for the **Welsh Office** on its first DBFO road concession, the A55.

International adviser to the **Finnish Road Administration** on its first DBFO Road scheme from Helsinki to Lahti.

As a Director and investor, acted as lead negotiator in all legal and regulatory matters to establish **Wrexham & Shropshire Railway Company**, a new train operating company to run services under Open Access provisions of the 1993 Railways Act. Negotiated a Joint Venture with John Laing, owners of the Chiltern Railways franchise. Oversaw all matters relating to governance of the company as a director of WSMR (Holdings) Ltd.