



## BAR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE – FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2020

### Internal Market Bill

[Daily Mail](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Daily Mail](#), [New Law Journal](#), [Lawyer Monthly](#), [Law Society Gazette](#) – Daily Mail reports (three times) along with other media outlets on the Bar Council’s reaction to the news that the Government has removed clauses in the Internal Market Bill which would have broken international law.

**Amanda Pinto QC, Chair of the Bar**, is quoted. She said “We are very pleased that the government has pulled back from its plans to breach international law, which flew in the face of a principle that is central to the very fabric of our society.

“This U-turn should not have been necessary. We are disappointed that the initiative was ever adopted, but this course of action should demonstrate to all—including our potential trade partners—that Britain holds itself to the rule of law.

“We hope that any damage to our reputation and global position that may already have been done, is limited.”

### “Left lawyers”

[BBC News \(online\)](#), [The Guardian \(print and online\)](#), [MSN](#) – Following the latest criticism of “lefty lawyers” from the Home Office, this time in relation to a deportation flight to Jamaica, the media report on the backlash from Windrush victims and campaigners, as well as the Bar Council.

After the Home secretary said that those trying to stop a deportation flight to Jamaica are ‘do-gooding celebrities’, Windrush victims described the Home Secretary’s comments as “deeply insulting and patronising”.

The BBC reported on the Bar Council’s Tweet about the latest criticism from the Home Office. The Bar Council said: “Targeted attacks on individual lawyers who are simply doing their jobs applying the law of the land is completely wrong and

dangerous. We and the Law Society have recently been in contact with the Home Office again about our concerns."

The Guardian and other media reported that the Bar Council and Law Society had previously written to the Home Secretary and Prime Minister over the use of such language and its impact on the safety of lawyers.

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Today the Attorney General met with [@thebarcouncil](#) chair Amanda Pinto QC to thank her for her service as she prepares to move on. Amanda has done sterling work representing and supporting barristers across England and Wales in very challenging times.

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