



BAR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE – MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019

Chambers membership

[Law Society Gazette](#), [Politics Home](#), [The Barrister](#) - The legal media report that a new [Annual Chambers Membership](#) has been launched by the Bar Council.

The package brings together 10 new courses, two new forums for Heads of Chambers and Chambers management staff, in addition to services which the Bar Council delivers for the Bar. For the annual subscription, chambers gain access to value for money benefits and services, including training credit hours. This, the Bar Council anticipates, will encourage barristers' chambers to make greater use of the specialist courses the Bar Council puts together.

Malcolm Cree CBE, Chief Executive of the Bar Council, said: "This is an exciting initiative for the Bar Council. The creation of a new package of benefits and bespoke services to chambers is part of the Bar Council's drive to work more closely with chambers to strengthen and better support and promote the profession."

The Bar Council's Commercial Director, Dr Isabel DiVanna, said: "The Bar Council's Training & Events team have listened carefully to feedback from members of the Bar and chambers' staff who are often keen to take training courses but feel many on offer are simply not relevant to them. The Bar Council courses are all customised by trainers for the Bar; trainers themselves are often barristers or chambers directors, so we are confident that the content on offer is both pertinent and appropriate."

Brexit

New Law Journal – NLJ reports that the Bar Council has produced a bite-sized guide to Brexit last week.

The [three-part YouTube mini-series](#) features barrister and Brexit Working Group member Anneli Howard of Monckton Chambers. NLJ reports that Howard looks first at the options available now that Theresa May's deal has been rejected by Parliament, and how they sit with the Government's red lines. Second, she explains

why May's deal could have been considered impressive in terms of achievement even without agreement on services. Third, she looks at the WTO terms and why these are far from an easy fall back.

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Who or what will hold future UK governments to account on environmental laws and regulations post-Brexit? The Bar Council's latest [#BrexitPaper](#) has the answer and a warning that without the right enforcement, the environment may suffer.



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