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- **Teasdale takes top insurance lobbying role**

Nigel Teasdale has been elected as the new frontman for the lawyer association that goes in to bat for insurance companies.

The DWF partner takes the reins as president of the Forum of Insurance Lawyers, where he succeeds Duncan Rutter, a partner at DAC Beachcroft. And as with so many lawyers, Teasdale has Brexit on his mind as he slips into the top slot.

"There was significant delay to reform in the lead-up to the referendum and uncertainty remains about its implications for the legal and insurance sectors," he said. "In particular, there has been a delay in the reform around whiplash and the small claims track, and we hope there will be progress in the widening of fixed costs in the coming year.

"Brexit comes at a time when technology is presenting new challenges for insurers – for example around autonomous vehicles and telematics, and increasing cyber-risk."