

# Employment lawyers need to keep a careful eye on the Brexit legislation

This article makes the valid point that we all need to keep a careful eye on the Brexit legislation to see what the government plans to do with employment rights. Trade Unionist Frances O Grady makes a fair point that there are imaginative lawyers out there that will find solutions for their employer clients, whether unscrupulous or not. But those imaginative lawyers will also hopefully scrutinise the legislation, to make sure the government doesn't make a complete mess of our current employment law system and will make their voices heard.



It is true that the government has promised to protect all the workers' rights that come from the EU. But we are very concerned that the bill won't do enough to protect those rights effectively. Hidden in the bill are mechanisms that allow future governments to gut some of those hard-won rights. It would give imaginative lawyers acting for unscrupulous employers the opportunity to whittle down our rights through endless legal challenges. Most at risk are the rules that protect small groups of vulnerable workers – which are far easier to pick off.

[🌐 https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/sep/03/employment-rights-risk-brexit-eu-withdrawal-bill](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/sep/03/employment-rights-risk-brexit-eu-withdrawal-bill)



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