



David Wilson succeeds Roger Dickinson as Chief Executive of The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA)

10 July 2009: The United Kingdom Committee of ICSA is delighted to announce the appointment of David Wilson to succeed Roger Dickinson as Chief Executive of ICSA with immediate effect. ICSA expresses its gratitude to Roger Dickinson for his contribution to the Institute over the past two years.

David Wilson has been a strong supporter of ICSA's work during the last 13 years, initially as an external adviser having written one of its most successful Best Practice Guides, and contributed to numerous others as well as many of the Institute's submissions to government and other bodies. David joined ICSA as Director of Policy and Strategy in September 2008, and has since then been instrumental in strengthening ICSA's capacity to develop its activities and grow its membership. He has significantly raised the profile of ICSA through various policy initiatives including the Institute's work on the FRC's review of the Combined Code and Sir David Walker's enquiry into governance in the banking sector. He is a regular speaker at conferences and has recently written on corporate governance for the *Financial Times* and *The Times*.

Prior to joining ICSA in 2008, David was Director and Chief Executive of the Wordsworth Trust, a leading charitable institution. The holder of bachelors and masters degrees in law, a Fellow of the Institute and a Solicitor, David has previously held positions as Group Company Secretary, General Counsel and

Legal Director at some of Britain's largest and well-known companies (including B.A.T Industries, Debenhams and Safeway). During his career he has also been company secretary of the Personal Investment Authority and the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, and has served as a non-executive director. He was a member of the Law Society's Standing Committee on Company Law between 1995 and 2001 and was a member of the Turnbull Committee on Internal Control for Listed Companies.

'I'm delighted to be taking on the role of Chief Executive' says David. 'Of all the professional bodies, ICSA has the most relevance in the current economic climate and the Chartered Secretary has a very significant role to play in delivering best practice in governance across all sectors of the economy. I look forward to working with ICSA on expanding our membership.'

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