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## **Insolvency Practitioners Association Elects New Deputy Vice-President**

The Insolvency Practitioners Association (IPA), the membership body and regulator for those specialising in insolvency practice, has chosen Maureen Leslie, founder director of MLM Solutions, Glasgow, as its next Deputy Vice-President. Maureen will take up the office of Deputy Vice-President in April 2014, and thereafter is expected to become IPA President in April 2016.

Maureen brings a wealth of experience to the role having practiced in the insolvency and restructuring sector for more than 24 years. Her expertise in handling a range of cases, both personal and corporate, and representation of the IPA on Scottish matters, has enhanced her reputation as one of the leading practitioners in this field.

Maureen has long been a supporter of the IPA and has been at the forefront of the Association's engagement with the development of insolvency policy in the UK generally and in particular in Scotland; she has been a member since 1997 and for the last five years has served as a director on its governing board which is responsible for the management of the IPA including determining policy and strategy. Maureen qualified as an insolvency practitioner in 1997. She became a fellow of the IPA in 2008.

In her new role, Maureen will support the work of the President and Vice-President over the next two years.

Maureen comments, "The IPA plays a vital role not only in raising standards within the insolvency profession and in providing a range of services to members, but also in widening knowledge and understanding of the value of the work of insolvency practitioners."

"I have enjoyed a long relationship with the IPA and it is a real honour to be elected as Deputy Vice-President. It's important that those with first-hand knowledge of insolvency practice play an active role in working within the professional bodies that shape policy. In particular, it has been good to see the IPA engage pro-actively and constructively in a number of important developments in Scottish

insolvency, and I have been privileged to serve the Association and the needs of its growing Scottish membership.”

Charles Turner, President of the IPA, comments:

“It is a big plus for the Association to have Maureen as the next Deputy Vice-President. Maureen has given her time and energy to the IPA over a long period and we value hugely the attributes and experience she brings. With so many ongoing debates about current issues within the insolvency sector in Scotland and more widely, the contribution of leading experts like Maureen will be crucial in the coming months and years. I am delighted that Maureen will be playing a leading role for us going forward.”

David Kerr, Chief Executive of the IPA, comments:

“I congratulate Maureen on her appointment as Deputy Vice-President elect. I look forward to working with Maureen, and am sure that she will make a very effective contribution to maintaining and enhancing the IPA’s reputation as the specialist insolvency regulator.”

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This press release has been issued on behalf of both the IPA and MLM Solutions.

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### **About MLM Solutions**

MLM is a boutique debt solutions, restructuring and insolvency practice providing a customer driven, focused approach to distressed financial situations. MLM was formed in December 2004 following a buyout of substantially all of the Business Recovery practice of Baker Tilly in Scotland.

MLM now employs 6 people in Livingston and 26 people in Glasgow. It opened an Edinburgh office in 2011 and plans to open an office in London in 2014. It won Small Firm of the Year at the UK wide Insolvency and Rescue awards in September 2010, reached the final in the “Team of the Year” category

at the same event in 2012 and 2013 as well as the finals of the Scottish Accountancy Awards in the same year.

Further information can be found at: [www.mlmsolutions.co.uk](http://www.mlmsolutions.co.uk)

### **About the Insolvency Practitioners Association**

The IPA is the only one of the recognised professional bodies specialising solely in insolvency. Its principal aim is to promote and maintain standards of performance and professional conduct amongst those engaged in insolvency practice. It has some 2,000 individual and firm members and students and is the second largest, in terms of the number of licensed insolvency practitioners (IPs), of the professional bodies recognised for the purposes of authorising IPs under the Insolvency Act 1986. The IPA currently licenses in excess of 550 IPs in the UK.

Further information can be found at [www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk](http://www.insolvency-practitioners.org.uk)

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