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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 Ruth Duncan FIPA of RNF Business Advisory as its next Deputy Vice-President. Ruth took up the office of Deputy Vice-President in September 2015 and thereafter is expected to become IPA President in April 2017.

Following the Association's strive for diversity Ruth will be the third female President of the IPA. She has been an ordinary member since 2002, is a fellow of the Association, current Chair of the Finance Committee and has been progressively active in the Association's activities since being voted onto Council in 2013.

Ruth will support the work of the President and Vice-President over the next two years. Since leaving the Insolvency Service she has had a broad range of experience from small, medium and large firms and specialises in helping SMEs and sole traders in financial difficulty.

Ruth comments, "The IPA continues to play a pivotal role in widening the public's knowledge and understanding of the work of insolvency practitioners; working with the professional bodies that shape policy and providing an ever-widening range of services to its membership to raise standards. It is a real honour to be elected as Deputy Vice-President and I am delighted to be a part of this dialogue and look forward to contributing to the IPA's future success."

Mark Sands, IPA President added:

"I congratulate Ruth on her appointment as Deputy Vice-President. I look forward to working with Ruth 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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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 around 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