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### **IPA Announces Appointment of Michelle Thorp as Chief Executive**



The Insolvency Practitioners Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Michelle Thorp as Chief Executive with effect from 10 September.

Michelle joins the IPA from the Department for International Trade where she was Digital, Data and Technology lead at the Department for International Trade and a major project leader for the Cabinet Office, specialising in strategic organisational change.

Michelle has almost twenty years' experience dealing with senior government departments which will be invaluable given the IPA's role in developing the regulatory framework under which all IPs operate.

Commenting on her appointment, Michelle said:

"I'd like to thank Liz for her stewardship of the organisation over the past 6 months. I take over the helm with the IPA in a great place from which to regulate according to the highest standards and deliver services our members need. In particular, I'd like to thank everyone involved in the recruitment process, which Liz led.

I am looking forward to continuing the role of supporting our members and guiding them through the regulatory framework to ensure they are able to uphold the highest possible standards within our industry. We will continue to develop our training programs and other member support services and I

intend using my recent digital experience to further enhance the way in which we deliver that learning and support to our members.”

Liz Bingham OBE, interim CEO said:

“Following an exhaustive and rigorous recruitment campaign, the Board were delighted to offer the position to Michelle who has unparalleled experience of leading teams and running businesses within a regulatory environment. Michelle brings a dynamism and insight that will propel the IPA through the challenges and changes ahead.”

Lloyd Hinton, IPA President, added:

“I was closely involved in the recruitment process and I am delighted that Michelle has accepted the role. Michelle brings an exceptional wealth of experience, energy and enthusiasm and will help me and the Board drive the change that is necessary at this critical point in the IPA’s history. On behalf of the Board and our Members, I extend the warmest of welcomes to Michelle and I look forward to working with her.”