



Chair



Neil Buckley

Prior to becoming Regulatory Board Chair Neil was Chief Executive of the Legal Services Board, an oversight body for legal regulators in England and Wales. Before this he was Director of Investigations at Ofcom, leading a team responsible for enforcing competition law and regulatory rules applying to the communication sector. Neil is Board Member of the Valuation Tribunal Service and the General Pharmaceutical Council. He qualified as a solicitor in 1990, and worked for a number of law firms in the City of London, specialising in international private arbitration. He has a master's degree in Regulation from the London School of Economics and an undergraduate law degree from Hertford College, Oxford University.

Lay Members



Helen Brown

Helen has a non-executive portfolio in Insurance and the charitable sector, building on her 29-year career as a senior executive at AIG and Accenture with international operating experience and deep expertise in strategy, transformation and governance in the Insurance industry. She is a collaborative problem solver with an academic background in Philosophy. Her interests include the effect of change on people with special reference to cultural differences and organisational values, and the social, economic and ethical impact of data. She is a Non-Executive Director of the Lloyd's Managing Agent RenaissanceRe, and also holds non-executive positions with the EdTech charity, Founders4Schools, and The Data Lab. She joined the IFoA's QAS Sub Committee as a lay member in 2019 and the Regulatory Board in 2020.

Sue Lewis

Sue is an independent board member and consultant. Previously a senior Treasury official, Sue's more recent experience includes: chairing the FCA's independent Financial Services Consumer Panel; Trustee Director at The People's Pension; lay member of the Chartered Insurance Institute Professional Standards Committee and of the Chartered Banker Professional Standards Board. Sue has also been a beneficiary representative on EIOPA's Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group and advised international organisations on financial education, financial inclusion and financial services consumer protection regulation. Sue has a particular interest in how developments in data science will impact on regulation and consumer outcomes.



Nicola Williams

Nicola Williams is a part-time Crown Court Judge and author. She was listed as one of the 100 most influential Black people in the U.K. After a successful career at the Bar (including as a legal commentator on the OJ Simpson trial verdict) she served as an Ombudsman both in the UK and internationally, including as a Commissioner at the Independent Police Complaints Commission and as the Complaints Commissioner of the Cayman Islands. She was the first Service Complaints Ombudsman for the UK Armed Forces. Nicola holds a number of Board and Trustee positions. She is Chair of the Independent Complaints Panel for the Portman Group; co-Chair of the EDI Forum for the Association of Chief Executives; and a trustee of Bridge Support. She is also an active volunteer for Speakers for Schools. She is the author of the legal thriller, "Without Prejudice". Her second thriller will be published by Penguin in March 2023.

Mitesh Soni

Mitesh is an experienced Investment Banker and Corporate Finance professional. He recently joined a fast growing technology company and previously was at J.P. Morgan where he spent the majority of his career advising companies on M&A and Capital Markets transactions globally in the Energy and Industrial sectors. Mitesh graduated from U.C.T. with Honours in Actuarial Science and Finance.





Council Member

Matt Saker

Matt has nearly 30 years' experience working as an actuary in the life and general insurance industry. After a long career at Watson Wyatt, Matt joined Aviva in 2009 and currently holds the role of Group Chief Risk Actuary with responsibility for all aspects of the Group's actuarial methodology in respect of both Life and General Insurance. In addition, Matt is leading the development of data science within Aviva's Risk function. Matt plays an active role in the profession and was elected onto the Council of the Institute & Faculty of Actuaries in 2016, before joining the Regulatory Board in 2018.



IFoA General Counsel



Ben Kemp

Ben is a Director and General Counsel at the IFoA. He was formerly a partner in the Regulatory and Professional Discipline at London law firm Kingsley Napley LLP. Prior to that he trained and worked for ten years as a solicitor with Shepherd + Wedderburn LLP. Ben is dual qualified as a solicitor in Scotland and England & Wales, a solicitor member of the Scottish Solicitors' Discipline Tribunal and a member of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales. He serves as a Legal Assessor appointed to advise disciplinary panels of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and is a part time tutor in public and constitutional law at the Edinburgh University.

Practitioner Members

Edwin Sheaf

Edwin is a Senior Director at Willis Towers Watson, where he has worked for almost 30 years. He divides his time between advising the trustees of pension schemes, having held a Scheme Actuary certificate for 22 years, and advising the companies that sponsor such schemes. Edwin is a current member of the IFoA's Practising Certificates Committee. He has twice been elected to IFoA Council. He is also a former member of Management Board, Nominations Committee, the Diversity Steering Group and the DC Advisory Group, as well as several working parties dealing with actuarial regulation and education.



Simon Martin

Simon has recently retired, having been a pensions and investment specialist for nearly 40 years. Simon has made a valuable contribution to the profession in a variety of posts, including involvement in the design and delivery of CPD and professionalism courses for new and experienced members. He has been an IFoA Staff Actuary, and an Investigation Actuary under the Discipline Scheme. For the past 6 years, Simon has been a member of the Disciplinary Board. Before he retired, Simon was a Partner in the Retirement and Investment Business at Aon, specialising in delivering investment advice to defined benefit pension schemes.

Melanie Puri

Melanie is Head of Audit for LGRI and Group Finance at Legal and General. She was previously a Director in the Actuarial Services practice at PwC, specialising in providing consulting advice for life insurance clients and she was a reviewing actuary for a number of life insurance audits. She has over 25 years extensive and varied experience in life insurance companies and consultancies, for a number of years operating at the C-suite level. Melanie has 15 years' experience working overseas in India and the Netherlands - based in Delhi, the Hague, and Mumbai. She returned to the UK in 2017 after building an actuarial consultancy business for PwC in Mumbai and is currently based in Bristol.



Mike Smedley

Mike is a partner at Isio, which was previously KPMG's UK pensions advisory business. He has over 30 years' experience delivering pensions advice to trustees and sponsors in a wide range of situations. Over his career he has worked for a law firm, Big Four consultants and employee benefit firms including Towers Perrin and Mercer and has a MBA from London Business School. He has previously been a member of IFoA Council and various industry and DWP working groups. He is also a regular press commentator and speaks at a number of conferences and events on topical pension issues.

David Broadbent

David is a Senior Consulting Actuary with Buck and has over 35 years' experience within the pension and life assurance industry with almost 17 years' experience as a Scheme Actuary. David advises both trustees and sponsors. David is a member of Buck's Actuarial Committee, Buck's lead on PPF levy management and also a Senior Quality Assurance Representative for Buck. David was previously a member of the IFoA's CPD Committee and a Panel Actuary for the IFoA's Disciplinary and Capacity for Membership Scheme having sat on some high profile cases. Recently, David was also a member of the GN30 Compensation for Professional Shortcomings Working Party.

