

## **IAN RICHARDSON LL.B FCIS**

Ian Richardson has been Master of The Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (WCCSA) since 11 October 2011.

He grew up in Chester, graduated from Manchester University with an honours degree in law (LL.B) and then qualified as a Chartered Secretary (ACIS and subsequently FCIS).

His business career started with The Rank Organisation (films, cinemas, hotels, Hard Rock cafes, etc), where he became Deputy Secretary. He was then appointed Group Company Secretary and Director of Administration of H P Bulmer, the Herefordshire cider maker and drinks distributor (Strongbow, Bulmers Original, Perrier, Red Stripe lager, Pol Roger champagne, etc).

Before he retired at the end of 2007, he was Group Business Risk Director of AXA UK plc, the insurance company, with Main Board responsibility for Legal, Company Secretarial, Operational Risk, Compliance and Internal Audit matters.

He was elected a Freeman of The Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in 1998 and a Liveryman in the same year; he was elected to the Court in 2002. He has also been a Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Insurers since 2006.

He was Chairman of the Company Secretaries Forum of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators for many years and remains an Adviser to the Institute.

As well as his current activities with the Chartered Secretaries' Livery Company, where he is also a Trustee of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators General Charitable Trust (Chairman 2009 – 2011), he is non-executive Chairman of the AXA UK Pension Scheme, a member of the Financial Services Group of Livery Companies (which briefs the Lord Mayor ahead of his overseas visits, promoting UK financial services) and Vice-Chair of the Governors of Rokeby School in a very challenging area of the East End of London. The school is supported by the Livery Company and was rated 'outstanding' by OFSTED in April 2011, having come out of Special Measures only six years previously.

His main interests are jazz, chamber music, the theatre and long distance walking.

