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Senior Lawyers for IDDAS Mentor Panel

Lord Freeman, Chairman of IDDAS, the business and career mentoring firm is delighted to announce that three senior figures from the world of law have joined together to launch a new Mentor Panel for law firms that will complement IDDAS's existing capability within professional services.

The senior lawyers joining the Panel are Janet Gaymer, Terence Kyle and Francis Neate. Working closely with Philip Beddows and Jonathan Cohen, they join IDDAS's 25 mentors, coaches and senior advisers, whose collective experience encompasses board level roles in professional services firms, private and public companies, financial institutions and not-for-profit bodies.

Commenting on the formation of the new Panel, Janet Gaymer, previously Senior Partner of Simmons & Simmons and recent recipient of the City of London Law Society's Lifetime Achievement Award, said:

"Changing client expectations, workplace trends and the effects of globalisation and improved technology are just some of the challenges with which those who work in and lead the legal profession today have to deal. I am delighted to have been invited to join IDDAS's new Legal Mentor Panel in order to offer support and an informed point of view on these and other issues to those whose personal and career development is central to their and their firm's success."

Terence Kyle, former Managing Partner of Linklaters and General Counsel for Nomura International plc, added:

"Challenges for partners in law firms, and particularly for those in senior positions, continue to increase in size and scope. Issues far beyond the effective delivery of legal advice demand urgent attention. As a member of IDDAS's Mentor Panel for lawyers, I look forward to providing assistance based on experience as to how these issues can be handled, and guidance to those who wish to forge a successful career beyond their firm, as I did myself."

Francis Neate, former Partner of Slaughter & May, President of the International Bar Association and currently Of Counsel to Kirkland & Ellis International LLP, reflecting on his own experience within the profession commented:

"The practice of international business law has changed out of all recognition since I first qualified over 40 years ago. I have been lucky to have practised throughout this period and relished the experience. I welcome the opportunity to share what I have learned with others, and to help firms and individual partners by assisting in creating a network of 'ambassadors for life' simply by providing the mentoring that IDDAS can offer."

Welcoming the new team, Jonathan Cohen, a founding Director of IDDAS, said:

"We are delighted to welcome Janet, Terence and Francis to IDDAS. Their many years of experience at the top of the legal profession will enhance the business and career mentoring capabilities we are able to offer lawyers. With these three new appointments we are demonstrating our commitment to law firms by providing mentoring services to support the development of partners and their careers."

The IDDAS Board is chaired by Lord Freeman, the former Cabinet Minister, current Chairman of Thales plc and ex Lehman Brothers Partner. The firm continues to be supported by advisors including Martin Smith, Deputy Chairman of New Star Asset Management, John Salmon, former Partner of PwC, Elizabeth Filkin, former Parliamentary Standards Commissioner, and Chris Leslie, Partner at the Zygos Partnership and former partner with Whitehead Mann.

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Notes to Editors:

IDDAS provides experience-based mentoring, coaching and advisory services to assist senior executives with business, personal and career transitions. Its Business and Career Mentoring services are designed for Chairs, CEOs, main board directors, subsidiary/divisional and functional directors of FTSE companies, senior people in financial institutions, public and not-for-profit organisations and partners in professional services firms.

In addition, IDDAS offers intensive, tailored Board Development programmes for both incumbent and aspiring executive and non-executive directors of UK-listed companies and public sector bodies.

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