

Biographical Notes



Ian Ritchie ACII

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CII Vice President

Ian Ritchie has spent his entire working life in the insurance business and is still actively involved. Starting with Eagle Star in 1966, part of his induction was to become a member of the CII and in 2016 achieved 50 years' membership of the CII.

From Eagle Star he moved on to General Accident where he became an inspector, working in the Southampton and southern Hampshire area. Through the 1970's that role involved him in sales, development of insurance broker relationships and fire and security surveying.

In 1979 he was co founder of H C Foreman Insurance Brokers, which from small beginnings grew, became Foreman Bassett in 1995 and when the business was sold in 2000, staff numbers had grown to 30.

Following the disposal, he turned his attention to compliance and with Robin Wood helped develop the RWA Consultancy, whose core business is to support insurance brokers with their compliance with FCA rules. That business has grown and now employs over 30 people throughout the UK and looks after the compliance and business consultancy needs of many hundreds of broking firms.

Ian Ritchie has been an active member of Council of the Insurance Institute of Southampton since 1992, having been President in 2000. He was also an elected member of the original Insurance Broker Regulator, The Insurance Brokers Registration Council from 1994 until it's dissolution in 1999.

In 2015 Ian became a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Insurers.

Away from insurance, he is honorary chair of the trustees of the Geoff Smith Foundation, a charity which supports MS sufferers and their families. He is also a long time supporter of Southampton Football Club and if time ever permits, one of his goals is to get his golf handicap to less than 18.