

Dr N. Smedley

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Dear Nick,

Thank you for explaining to me the circumstances which have caused you to tender your resignation from the IPS Board, to whose work you have contributed so assiduously, positively and supportively over the past two years. Having considered the matter very carefully I conclude, with great regret, that I must accept your resignation.

When you approached me informally recently to indicate that a conflict of interest might arise from your newly commissioned work for the Law Society, I thought it greatly to your credit that it was you who was raising the matter; others might have waited for someone else to perceive a problem. You had clearly considered the issues with sensitivity and, I know, a good measure of regret that you might have to leave behind your association with IPS/ILEX and the professional group they lead and regulate.

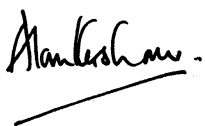
You have indeed played a full part in the establishment and good governance of IPS since the outset. Your colleagues on the Board will share my regret at your departure, as will Ian Watson and the staff team. I personally will miss your thoughtful and wise contributions, your independent and positive frame of mind, and your good humour.

We shall of course remain in contact, in various ways, over the coming years, if not as frequently as in the past. I wish you well with your commission and am sure the legal professions will benefit from it.

My best wishes also to Kate and we should be delighted to see you again in west Wales if your travels bring you here.

With best regards

Yours sincerely



Alan Kershaw
Chairman