New ATT Vice President Barry Jefferd

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Barry Jefferd is the new ATT Vice President, a Chartered Accountant and expert in taxation – and a scouting enthusiast.

Barry's story begins in East Ham, London. He pursued higher education at the University of Bristol, studying Economics and Accounting. His career began at a small accounting firm behind Selfridges on Oxford Street, where he qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1985. However, Barry soon realised a gap in his tax knowledge and successfully passed the Institute of Taxation (as it was then known) exams in 1986.

In 1988, Barry moved to Potton, Bedfordshire, and joined George Hay Chartered Accountants. His expertise and dedication quickly earned him the position of taxation partner within two years – a position he holds to this day. Barry's role encompasses advising on a comprehensive range of taxes, though he admits a preference for capital gains tax and inheritance tax.

In 2014, Barry further expanded his qualifications by becoming an authorised probate practitioner through the ICAEW exams. He viewed this certification as a natural progression in his career, enabling him to support his clients not just during their lives but also in managing their estates after their passing. This qualification aligns perfectly with his membership of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), enhancing his ability to offer comprehensive advice on trusts and estates.

Barry's passion for tax is infectious. He often begins his lectures with a dancing 'Tax is Fun' slide, captivating audiences at CIOT and ATT Branch and National events, as well as other professional training sessions. His enthusiasm and depth of knowledge make him a sought-after speaker in the field.

Barry's influence extends beyond his firm. He has been a longstanding member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation and the Association of Taxation Technicians, contributing to various committees and branches.

Since 1988, he has been a member of the Mid-Anglia Branch Committee, serving in various roles, including Branch Secretary and Branch Chairman. From 2000 to 2017, he was also a member of the CIOT Education Committee, contributing significantly to the development of educational standards and practices within the profession.

In 2021, Barry joined the ATT Council. In addition to being a Council member, Barry serves as Vice-Chair of the Exam Steering Group. Passionate about training future practitioners, Barry said: 'I have always enjoyed my involvement with the CIOT and ATT. They are professional bodies I am proud to be a member of, as they are member-focused.'

Beyond his professional achievements, Barry finds enjoyment – and 'an antidote to the vagaries of professional life' – in his role as a cub scout leader, a commitment spanning nearly 40 years. This involvement has earned him the Silver Acorn Medal, symbolising outstanding service. For Barry, scouting offers a welcome escape and a chance to give back to the community.

Barry's journey is a testament to his dedication to his profession and his community, illustrating a balanced life of professional excellence and personal fulfilment.