CIOT Officers: meet the new team

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CIOT has announced its new team of Officers for 2025-26. Current Deputy President Nichola Ross Martin will become the new President, with Paul Aplin as Deputy President and John Barnett as Vice-President. The appointments were formally approved by the CIOT's Council earlier this year and the officers will take up their new roles on 29 May at the Institute's AGM.

Nichola Ross Martin is the founder and former managing director of the Rossmartin.co.uk online tax resources and the Virtual Tax Partner support service. She is now a tax consultant with 2020 Innovation, a lecturer, writer and web innovator. She is a specialist in owner managed business taxes, reorganisations and reconstructions, share schemes, tax appeals and investigations.

Paul Aplin is a well-known tax writer and speaker, particularly on issues around tax administration and technology. He previously worked as a tax partner at AC Mole & Sons and is currently an adviser to several software businesses. He chairs the Diploma in Tax Technology Committee. As a former president of ICAEW (2018-19), and expected to take the presidency of CIOT in 2026-27, he is set to become the

first person to hold the position for both organisations.

John Barnett is a partner at law firm Burges Salmon. He is a specialist in private client taxation and chairs the Institute's Technical Policy and Oversight Committee. He was a contributor to the 2020 Wealth Tax Commission, is a member of the CenTax Advisory Board and is a former chair of Presiding Judges for the STEP Private Client Awards.

Nichola Ross Martin said: 'I am thrilled and honoured to be taking on the role of President of CIOT at the end of May. I look forward to working alongside my fellow officers to help drive forward the Institute's important work and build on the work of my predecessor, Charlotte Barbour.

'I am looking forward to working with CIOT Council members and staff in 2025-26, and using my presidential year to meet more members, staff and other colleagues.'