

Julia McKenny selected as new International Securities Services Association (ISSA) CEO

Zurich, 28 April 2025



ISSA is delighted to announce that Julia McKenny has accepted the role of Chief Executive Officer of the International Securities Services Association. She will take on the position as of 16 June 2025 and Colin will hand over and retire.

Julia has both a Bachelor of Education from Sydney University and a Bachelor of Laws from Newcastle University (Australia) and then went to the College of Law, Australia to complete her legal training, prior to being admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court in New South Wales.

Julia's career in Securities Services began at JP Morgan in 2004, paving the way for impactful regional and global roles with Northern Trust, State Street, and Standard Chartered. After returning to London, Julia further expanded her expertise through leadership positions at TMF Group and Accenture and worked with the Prime Broking team at Morgan Stanley. Her career highlights include serving as General Legal Counsel, spearheading strategic advocacy initiatives, and ensuring regulatory compliance within complex international frameworks. Julia is also a well-regarded thought leader in the Securities Services industry, contributing regularly to Global Custodian and other leading publications.

Vicky Kyproglou, ISSA Board Chair, stated: "ISSA is delighted to welcome Julia to the role of ISSA CEO. The Board has chosen to build on ISSA's continuing success and growing relevance to make the role a full-time role. This investment will allow Julia to drive ISSA's vision to shape the future of Securities Services. Please join me and the ISSA Board in welcoming Julia and wishing her success."

Margaret Harwood Jones, who will become the ISSA Board Chair as Julia joins, said: "Julia will bring a new dynamic to the role of CEO. Her legal background does not mean that ISSA will change its focus but rather will have an added dimension to our capabilities. Both I and the Board look forward to working with Julia to help the industry shape the future of Securities Services."

McKenny said: "I am excited to join ISSA during a period of significant industry transformation. I believe that this is a fantastic role with an incredible opportunity to have a significant impact in the industry. I look forward to engaging with our members, other associations and potential members to improve the outcomes of the Securities Services industry and its clients."

Over the past two years, ISSA has focused on the execution of its strategy and its analysis of the industry's imperatives, such as T+1 Settlement, the Future of Securities Services, Digitization, Resilience and the Evolving Technological opportunities, positioning the organization as a thought leader and global resource for the industry.

Vicky Kyproglou ISSA Board Chair - Zurich

Margaret Harwood-Jones ISSA Board Vice Chair - London