



Board of Directors Candidates

Tony McKenna

IT DIRECTOR

HOWARD KENNEDY LLP



Candidate Country

UK

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Legal Sector
Experience

- Allen & Overy LLP 2008-2015
- Freshfields LLP 2015-2016
- Gowling WLG LLP 2016-2020
- Howard Kennedy LLP 2020-present

ILTA Volunteer
Experience

- Co-Chair of ILTACON Europe for six of the last seven years
- PPC member from 2016 – 2021
- Executive Vice President, ILTA Board of Directors, 2021-present
- Speaker and content author

Board of Directors
Experience
(ILTA and other
organizations)

- Executive Vice President, ILTA Board of Directors, 2021-present
- Chair of a charity for 10 years
- Trustee of a senior school for 10 years
- Director of Allen & Overy LLP pension scheme, 3 years
- Director of IT and Change within legal, 2016 - present

Background

At Howard Kennedy I am responsible for Technology Services, Innovation, Business Change, and Information Security. I am also the current Executive Vice President on the ILTA Board of Directors. I have co-chaired ILTACON Europe for six of the last seven years. Over my career I have delivered significant transformational change programmes and maintained the highest level of technology and change services across the Utility and Legal sectors.

Outside of the office volunteering continues to play an important part of my life, chairing a local youth charity for over 10 years and acting as a trustee in a local secondary academy in my home village in Essex. I enjoy most sports, traveling, and sampling the local food and drink wherever I find myself.

I am married to Deena and have lived in Hockley England for the last 22 years. I have 2 fantastic adult children, Mel & Tom, and one very amazing grandson – eight-month-old Jude.

Vision

Each candidate was asked questions related to Board service and their vision for ILTA's future. The questions and response are shown below.

Question: Considering the areas of global experience, financial expertise, and consensus building, please share some unique business experience, personal qualities, and/or perspectives that you will bring to your ILTA Board service if elected.

Response: *"Prior to legal I worked for 20 years in Global Utility business delivering technology service and transformational change. In my 7 years at Allen & Overy LLP my remit was Global IT Services and Transformational change, opening offices from Belfast to Sydney.*

I have been financially Accountable for over 20 years with the highest single year budget accountability at £65m.

I'm very self-aware and use my excellent communication skills to foster a diverse, collaborative and success-orientated environment wherever I deploy my energies."

Question: Please describe your vision of ILTA's future. What does ILTA need to help ensure a successful future?

Response: *"ILTA needs to remain relevant and current -- just-in-time programming tailored to me -- is what we need to give colleagues.*

I see ILTA as the place to go for content (such as job descriptions, organisation models, process maps, and professional methodologies), networking, and development opportunities at all levels.

We must also showcase new and emerging technologies as part of our content and colleague interaction. We need ILTA to be in the metaverse."

Question Which ideas from the current strategic plan should be pulled forward into the 2023 – 2026 strategic plan and what additional outcomes should be included in the 2023 – 2026 strategic plan?

Response *"All the above stand the test of time. I feel given the challenges of the 2021-2023 period the above still have some way to go before we can be happy to move onto other things. We need to continue the Investment in ILTA staff and improving our technology to support these ambitions."*