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The Chairman of Speed and Stracey Lawyers, Robin Speed, today announced that Richard Gilbert will be consulting to Speed and Stracey as Director of Corporate Affairs from 1 September 2009, when he officially stands down as CEO of IFSA.

Richard Gilbert held the position at IFSA from 2002-2009, and for the past three years was chair of the International Investment Funds Association (based in Montreal, Canada) and the Finance Industry Council of Australia, the peak body representing the finance sector associations. Prior to joining IFSA he was a general manager in CUSCAL Funds Management and secretary to a number of Senate Committees, including the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation.

Speed and Stracey is a boutique Sydney law firm, specialising in strategic tax, trade practices, commercial, and high quality legal advice in all manner of regulatory and public policy matters for over thirty years.

Mr Speed said, 'We are delighted that Richard Gilbert has made the decision to join Speed and Stracey. Government is more and more seeking in-depth submissions from business (whether in the areas of trade practices, tax, corporate or otherwise) and looking to work with business to achieve solutions. Richard will provide an important insight on what might be important to Government and achievable. He will bring an invaluable public policy and 'Canberra' perspective to the firm and our clients, offering significant value to the service we can provide. Richard will be in a position to assist in providing clients with well thought out solutions to the most demanding corporate challenges.'

Richard Gilbert said, 'I am looking forward to working with the Speed and Stracey team, as over the last ten years of working alongside the firm, I have come to appreciate and respect the quality skills and insights that they can bring to the most problematic of issues.'

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