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IMPRESS announces two new board members



Debrah Harding
Managing Director
Market Research Society



Cordella Bart-Stewart
Director
Black Solicitors Network

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24 July 2020. IMPRESS has announced two new appointments to its board: Cordella Bart-Stewart, Director of the Black Solicitors Network; and Debrah Harding, Managing Director of the Market Research Society.

Cordella Bart-Stewart has over 30 years' experience as a solicitor and established her own general legal practice in North London in 1990. She has a strong interest in equality and human rights issues and has specialised in family and immigration law for over 25 years. She has been a fee paid Judge of the First Tier Tribunal since 2000. Formerly an independent Governor of Staffordshire University, which awarded her an Honorary Doctorate. She is a Chartered Manager and Companion of the Chartered Management Institute. She is a serving Director and founding member of the award winning Black Solicitors Network, was shortlisted as the Law Society Gazette Legal Personality of the Year in the Law Society Excellence Awards 2014 and is a member of the Council of Law Society of England & Wales.

Cordella Bart-Stewart said: 'Civil society requires a strong, independent press and in a post truth age the public should have confidence in all sources of news. I am delighted to join IMPRESS and help it to deliver on its aim to provide the public with trusted sources for their news.'

Debrah Harding has worked on behalf of the research sector for over 20 years. As Managing Director of the Market Research Society (MRS), Debrah leads on its standards, policy and public affairs activities, working extensively with government departments and global institutions. Debrah has a wealth of knowledge of ethical Codes, quality standards, guidelines and data protection/GDPR and their enforcement. Debrah is also Chair of the Global Business Research Network (GRBN), Vice-President of the European Research Federation (EFAMRO), a member of the BSI Standards Policy & Strategy Committee, a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and Fellow of the RSA.

Debrah Harding said: 'I saw at first hand the significant goals that the IMPRESS team has set out to achieve when we developed our joint opinion poll guidance for journalists last year. I am pleased to be joining the board as the organisation moves into the next stage of its development and to be formally supporting its work to uphold standards and promote best practice in journalism.'

IMPRESS Board members are independently selected by the [IMPRESS Appointments Panel](https://www.impress.press/page/appointment-panel.html) (<https://www.impress.press/page/appointment-panel.html>).

Walter Merricks CBE, Chair of IMPRESS, said: 'I am proud to welcome two such outstanding new members to the IMPRESS board. Cordella and Debrah have exceptional skills and experience to contribute to IMPRESS. I look forward to working with them on the next stage of our development.'

More information about the IMPRESS Board and its members is available on the [IMPRESS website](https://www.impress.press/about-us/our-board.html) (<https://www.impress.press/about-us/our-board.html>).

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