

WIBA – “the Credit Crunch” Wednesday 21st May 2008 at City Inn

Speaker details

Sarah Rickard , Senior commercial Manager, HSBC

Sarah Rickard has worked at HSBC Bank for 10 years in a number of managerial roles, and is presently Senior Commercial Manager at HSBC's Central Birmingham Commercial Centre.

She has a wide experience in Commercial Banking and Credit, and recently appeared as a finance 'expert' in the Daily Telegraph. Outside work, Sarah is kept busy by her one year old son and says she doesn't have time for much else!

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Having spent the early years of her career with Eversheds in the East Midlands, she moved to niche corporate finance practice, Heaton's, in Birmingham where she was involved in a wide range of local transactions and also advice to Icelandic corporate finance house Baugur in a number of their retail acquisitions including the management buy out of Karen Millen.

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Frank joined Friend LLP in 1992. He was previously with Price Waterhouse and before that Coopers & Lybrand. Frank qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1977, is a qualified Chartered Tax Adviser and a graduate of Cambridge University with a degree in Mathematics.

Frank is partner in charge of Friend LLP's tax department. He enjoys long and well established relationships with clients, providing the full range of tax compliance and advisory work to corporate and private clients. Frank's particular area of expertise is in dealing with complex personal, corporate and international tax planning matters, and has an excellent track record of negotiations with the Inland Revenue.

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