

Barry Davidow

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2020 Bob McDonald Award citation

Barry Davidow is an outstanding member of the Institute of Internal Auditors – Australia. His professional career has been one of high achievement in both the Internal Audit and Fraud Prevention professions. He actively upholds the highest professional standards as a member of the internal audit profession. Barry encourages and mentors upcoming internal auditors and those working in fraud prevention in current methods, ongoing professional development and formal credentials.

Barry has held significant Internal Audit, Fraud Prevention and related management roles during his career. During this time Barry was an official member and active contributor of several committees responsible for developing leading edge guidance in NSW which has set the benchmark for corruption prevention in the public sector across Australia. He is currently Senior Corruption Officer, Independent Commission Against Corruption.

He has been a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors in Australia since 19 June 1992. Barry was an active member of the NSW Chapter, serving on the Council in the late 1990s and early 2000s, being largely involved with the professional development program.

Barry has been a regular speaker at various IIA events and has developed and delivered internal audit training courses in Australia and the region. He has presented papers at IIA–Australia conferences and IIA–Global international conferences; conducted training for IIA affiliates in a number of countries; delivered webinars for the IIA–Australia. He has presented papers at the Corruption Prevention Network and other professional forums and conferences highlighting the importance of internal audit.



He is an active contributor to the advancement of the internal audit profession in Australia and internationally. In the advocacy space, for example, he has facilitated and encouraged liaison between NSW ICAC and IIA–Australia to achieve mutual goals and has lobbied for internal audit and the IIA in training sessions, forums and papers at conferences with international public sector leaders including in Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Tonga and Vanuatu.

Barry has contributed significantly to enhancing ethics and integrity and combatting fraud and corruption in Australia and internationally. Specific activities include writing investigation procedures and manuals that improved the ability of organisations to respond to suspected incidents of fraud, corruption, bullying, harassment and breaches of policies and integrity; and, providing innovative and engaging training in ethics, governance, compliance, audit, fraud and corruption control and related topics to many organisations, that had the effect of improving ethical culture, practices and structures.

He has authored a number of publications which have contributed to the IIA body of knowledge. This includes being a co-author of ten White Papers for the IIA–Australia (including *Conflicts of Interest: A Framework*; *Conflicts of Interest in the Award of Contracts*; *Auditing Tender Specifications and Assessment Criteria*; and, *Fraud Risk Indicators*); being the author of the section on fraud and corruption control for the IIA–Australia Graduate Certificate in Internal Auditing; being published in *Internal Auditor*; and contributing to books on fraud, computer fraud, communications and sociology. He has contributed to a range of thought leadership activities including providing advice to the National Crime Authority fraud task force; co-ordinating and developing governance standards in Local Government; providing advice on the public interest disclosures legislation; and, liaising with Standards Australia for the update of *Australian Standard 8001 Fraud and Corruption Control*.



Barry promotes practical integrity measures and has demonstrated the highest professional and ethical practices and in so-doing has been an inspiration for many internal auditors and others with whom he has come in contact.

The Bob McDonald Award is the highest honour that can be conferred by the IIA-Australia on one of its members and in the opinion of the Institute of Internal Auditors – Australia Board, Barry Davidow is a most worthy recipient of it.