ECF Director of Finance Application

Name: Chris Mattos

Accounting / Taxation Qualifications: FCCA CTA ATT

ECF membership number: G 17659

Finance background and current roles:

I have a broad range of financial experience and specialist tax expertise – I am both a fellow of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants and member of the Chartered Institute of Tax (CIOT).

Tax Partner of Randall & Payne LLP

I am responsible for tax policy at Randall & Payne (a six partner accounting firm based in Gloucestershire) and oversee the management of the tax department. I take a strategic approach to tax efficient planning which involves understanding the operations of a business and only then applying tax know how. My main areas of speciality are business structuring (both in the UK and internationally) and environmental taxes.

UK Finance Director of Vizone International

I am responsible for and support the financial strategy and reporting of the Vizone International Holdings Group (a Maltese based management consultancy with 8 subsidiaries (5 of which are in the UK)). This has involved creating a complex group structure which is carefully controlled by clear corporate governance. I present prioritised graphical management information to the board to enable them to assess and monitor subsidiary plans and performances with minimal board time.

Other roles

Gloucestershire LEP Ambassador, CIOT Environmental Taxes Group Deputy Chair and CIOT Branch Chair

Chess background:

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Current grade – 179 Current clubs – Stroud / Gloucestershire CCA
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Historically, I have been Gloucestershire CCA's match captain, junior officer (also organiser of a number of mega finals) and part of the Cotswold Congress organising committee. I am the current vice match captain and have just taken on the role as the GCCA's ECF representative.

How I would like to help the ECF going forwards?

I believe that there are currently some positive opportunities that the ECF can pursue which could make a huge difference to the promotion, engagement and standard of chess in England.

The ECF have already consulted on a number of these opportunities, such as Charitable status, Governance and Financial Capital (of which I have made my own personal representations) - I would like to share my experiences in some of these areas and, where appropriate, help implement any changes that may be agreed.