

Pickering to take chair at Bestrustees

Alan Pickering, author of the simplification report on rules governing private pension provision in 2002, is to become chairman of Bestrustees.

He will leave Watson Wyatt in January 2009, where he is a partner.

In addition to assuming the chairman role, Pickering hopes take on a number of trusteeships on behalf of Bestrustees.

Pickering said he was leaving Watson Wyatt, where he had worked since 1992, because he wanted a "fresh challenge".

"I have been advising trustees for most of my career so it's exciting that I'm about

to become one. It must be every coach's dream to leave the touchline and join the team, so for me, this is a dream come true," he remarked.

Pickering will replace outgoing chairman Charles Woodward, who was one of the first people ever to be appointed as an independent pension trustee. Woodward is now heading for retirement.

Pickering is the latest in a string of high profile appointments at Bestrustees.

Last year, SAUL's chief executive Penny Green joined the team. Richard Stroud, the former chief executive of the Pensions Trust, also joined as associate. **KF**



Pickering: becoming a trustee is 'a dream come true'