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Richard F. Chambers, CIA, QIAL, CGAP, CCSA, CRMA, is president and chief executive officer of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), the global professional association and standard-setting body for internal auditors. Founded in 1941, The IIA today serves more than 190,000 members in more than 170 countries and territories and is the internal audit profession's most widely recognized advocate, educator, and provider of standards, guidance, and certifications.

Chambers leverages more than four decades of internal audit and association management experience to direct more than 200 professional staff members at The IIA's global headquarters located in Central Florida, achieving the agreed-upon strategies and objectives on behalf of The IIA's North American and Global Boards of Directors.

Since becoming global CEO in 2009, Chambers has led The IIA to record membership and the launch of a number of valuable initiatives to benefit members and the internal audit profession, including the Audit Executive Center; *Pulse of Internal Audit*; Audit Channel; *Internal Auditor Online*; the Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA); the Qualification in Internal Audit Leadership (QIAL); the IIA Risk Resource Exchange; the American Center for Government Auditing; the Financial Services Audit Center; and the Environmental, Health & Safety Audit Center.

In addition to championing high professional standards and ethical conduct, Chambers has made a career-long commitment to advocating for the internal audit profession around the world, educating influential government officials and standard-setting bodies about the crucial role internal auditors play in private and public sector organizations. Under Chambers' leadership, The IIA also partners with national and global organizations on key initiatives to advance the profession.

Chambers builds awareness of and advocates for the internal audit profession through frequent public-speaking appearances, a popular blog, newspaper and magazine articles, webcasts, outreach initiatives, and participation on influential boards and committees. He has been featured by numerous high-profile media outlets, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Financial Times*, Reuters, Bloomberg Radio, and CNBC. *Accounting Today* has ranked Chambers as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People shaping the accounting profession, and he has been recognized by the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) as one of the most influential leaders in corporate governance.

Chambers has authored two award-winning books: *Trusted Advisors: Key Attributes of Outstanding Internal Auditors*, which was released in early 2017; and *Lessons Learned on the Audit Trail* in 2014. Each is available in multiple languages.

Chambers serves on the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) Board of Directors; the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC); and The IIA Board of Directors, as well as the Georgia State University School of Accountancy Advisory Council and the University of Alabama Culverhouse School of Accountancy's Professional Advisory Board. He served on the U.S. President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency; the NACD's Blue Ribbon Committee for Audit Effectiveness; The IIA Internal Audit Standards Board; and The IIA North American Board.

Chambers is the recipient of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award and the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) Legacy Award. In 2016, Chambers was honored by American City Business Journals' *Orlando Business Journal* as a top CEO of the Year. Under his leadership, The IIA has been consistently recognized as one of Central Florida's Best Places to Work.

Prior to assuming his current role at The IIA in 2009, Chambers served as national practice leader in Internal Audit Advisory Services at PricewaterhouseCoopers and vice president of The IIA's Learning Center. He spent the majority of his early career in public sector auditing, serving as inspector general of the Tennessee Valley Authority; deputy inspector general of the U.S. Postal Service; and director of the U.S. Army Worldwide Internal Review Organization at the Pentagon.

Chambers is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and holds numerous qualifications and certifications, including Qualification in Internal Audit Leadership (QIAL), Certified Government Auditing Professional (CGAP), Certification in Control Self-Assessment (CCSA), Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA), and Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration at Georgia State University, as well as a Master of Arts in International Relations at Salve Regina University. He also is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

Richard is a good friend of the IIA Atlanta Chapter. He's lived in Atlanta several times for a total of 22 years. He has two diplomas from Atlanta's Georgia State University, an IAEP certificate granting University. Richard started his career with Trust Company Bank, later called SunTrust, and is now Truist. Richard is a recipient of the Atlanta Chapter's "Paul Sobel Award" which is awarded to Atlanta Chapter members (and former members) who have achieved greatness in service to the Internal Audit profession. Richard has Keynoted more than anyone else at The Atlanta Conference (TAC).