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Sara Abner published an article in Bloomberg Law in March titled, "Electricity as 'Good' or a 'Service' Under Section 503(b)(9)."

Leslie Berkoff, a Partner and Chair of the Dispute Resolution Practice Group, was honored with an award from the New York State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section in recognition of her ongoing commitment to the expansion and growth of the practice area of mediation. Ms. Berkoff developed and launched the New York State Bar Association's Annual Mediation Tournament and serves as its Executive Director. The Tournament is open to law schools and LLM students nationwide and enables three-member teams of law students to develop and display both advanced mediation and advocacy skills while participating as mediators, advocates and in-house client representatives.

Jane Downey moved to Baker Donelson in Columbia, South Carolina.

Rosa Evergreen, a Bankruptcy and Restructuring partner at Arnold & Porter in Washington, DC, was recognized in The Deal's 2023 "Top Women in Dealmaking" list. The list recognizes attorneys who are "setting the bar for the next generation," and "have displayed excellence in their respective legal fields."

Kristina Feher, Managing Member of Feher Law, P.L.L.C., spoke to the Real Estate Mastermind Group of Tampa Bay at the Pinellas Realtors Organization (PRO) on the topic of Clients Divorcing is not the end of the world; it's the beginning.



Margarita (“Rita”) Ginzburg joined Windels Marx on February 1, 2023. Her practice focuses on complex commercial litigation matters, judgment enforcement and all aspects of in- and out-of-court bankruptcy and reorganization proceedings. She is a member of the team that represents the SIPA Trustee for the liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC and the Chapter 7 Trustee of Bernard L. Madoff in connection with the recovery of assets for creditors of Madoff’s Ponzi scheme. Rita will head up the complex national and international discovery in the Madoff subsequent transfer cases.

Jeanne Goche published an article, “What’s Different About the 13-Week Cash-Flow Analysis in a Troubled Hospital?” in the January 2023 ABI Journal. Jeanne, President and CEO of Solutions in Healthcare Management located in Iowa, is an executive leader and has been helping health care organizations rebound toward long-term sustainability since 2008. Find more about Jeanne and her work and connect with her [here](#).

Donna Hall was selected to the Virginia Lawyer’s Weekly Hall of Fame.

Susana Hidvegi and Rosa Rojas Vértiz were selected as the new Co-chairs of IWIRC LATAM.

Adine Momoh joined the US Attorneys’ Office for the District of Minnesota as an Assistant United States Attorney and a federal prosecutor. She will lead the bankruptcy work for the Office in the Civil Division and will represent the United States and its interests in bankruptcy cases throughout Minnesota. She will also handle various affirmative (including criminal) and defensive matters for the Office, such as civil rights enforcement and fraud. This follows her 14 years, including 7 as an equity partner, at Stinson LLP.

Nicosia Lawson was promoted to Senior Associate at Baker & Partners.

Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong received the NY City Bar Her Hero Lifetime Achievement Award on International Women’s Day. Judge Stong also facilitated the INSOL-World Bank Africa Roundtable in Kigali.

On February 23, 2023, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Iowa confirmed a Joint Debtor/Committee Plan involving QHC Facilities, LLC and its 10 related nursing home and assisted living facilities. Confirmation of the Plan was the final chapter in the case that was preceded by an almost year-long sale and restructuring process. The Plan was made possible through complex negotiations with multiple entities, including the state and federal governments, two secured lenders, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, and the United States Trustee. The Debtors were represented by, among others, **Krystal Mikkilineni** and **Tirzah Roussell**, IWIRC Midwest Network members, of Dentons Davis Brown.

Congratulations to Attorneys **Elizabeth Lally** of Spencer Fane LLP (IWIRC Midwest) and **Elizabeth Vandesteeg** of Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC (IWIRC Chicago) for their recent engagement as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the In re South American Beef Chapter 11 pending in the Southern District of Iowa Bankruptcy Court. They join two other IWIRC Midwest members already in the case: **Krystal Mikkilineni** of Dentons Davis Brown, who represents a secured creditor, and **Kristina Stanger** of the Nyemaster Goode, P.C. who represents the largest unsecured creditor in the case.



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