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Leslie Berkoff had two articles selected by The American Bankruptcy Institute to be featured in its Best of ABI 2022 Book: The Year in Business Bankruptcy. The articles are titled “Remedies for Refusing to Consummate a Settlement Agreement Reached at Mediation” and “Limitations On Confidentiality.” The book is a compilation of the best ABI Journal articles that highlight the top trends in both business and consumer bankruptcy.

Liz Boydston has joined Prism Law.

Irene Byela wrote an article titled “What is Forensic Accounting” for The Georgia Society of CPAs. [Read the article here.](#)

Kirsten Cellier achieved the 3rd highest score in the Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor (CIRA) exams, and received this award at the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors’ (AIRA) 39th Annual Bankruptcy & Restructuring Conference in California (pictured to the right).



Jane Downey was selected to the 2023 Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers.

Debra Grassgreen received the Founders Award at the Legendary Dinner at the International Insolvency Institute Annual Conference.

Jen Harrison was promoted to Director within Kroll’s UK Restructuring Team.

Pippa Hill was promoted to Partner in DLA Piper’s UK team.

Trinh Hoang joined DLA Piper's Asia practice, based in their Hong Kong office.

Sara Keith, Vice Chair of IWIRC Houston Network, is the new Chair of the State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section. The State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section, an organization comprised of over 1,700 bankruptcy lawyers and judges in Texas, provides financial support for pro bono bankruptcy services, organizes and sponsors professional education seminars and conferences, provides financial literacy programs and resources for high school students, publishes a quarterly newsletter, runs a prestigious moot court competition for law students, and awards a diversity and inclusion scholarship to a deserving law student interested in the bankruptcy practice area.

Jennifer Kimble joined Eversheds Sutherland.

Susan Poll Klaessy, Foley & Lardner LLP Partner, co-authored the chapter Treatment of Environmental Obligations in Bankruptcy in the 2023 edition of "Environmental Law in Corporate and Real Estate Transactions," published by the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education. The chapter offers an overview on the intersection of federal bankruptcy law and environmental law, with particular emphasis on implications for real estate transactions.

Sarah Letson was promoted to Partner in DLA Piper's UK team.

Ais Lidzhanova has joined Swiss law firm TA Advisory as Partner and Head of Dubai office.

Naomi Loewith was a finalist for the 2023 Canadian General Counsel Awards in the category of Business Achievement, recognising the work she has done in developing the litigation finance industry in Canada (pictured to the right).



Fiona MacAdam, partner of Walkers, has been featured in Global Restructuring Review's List of 40 Women in restructuring, 2023.

Eibhilín Marron joined PwC.

Samantha Martin joined Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP as a Practice Development Lawyer.

Monica McLaren joined DLA Piper.

Amy McLeish-Taylor, a previous Trainee and Associate in the DLA Piper London Restructuring team, has recently re-joined the practice as a Senior Associate.

D.J. Miller was appointed to the Executive Committee of the International Insolvency Institute.



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Naomi Moore joined DLA Piper's Asia practice and will share her time between Sydney and Hong Kong.

Lori Patton co-authored an article titled "Complications of Interstate Exemption Law and Marriage," in the June issue of the ABI Journal. [Read the article here.](#)

Yvonne Plamondon, Events Co-Chair of IWIRC Cayman (Director, FTI Consulting) has been featured in Global Restructuring Review's list of 40 Women in restructuring, 2023.

Clare Price was appointed as an Independent Director at Calderwood – a leading Cayman Islands boutique fund governance firm.

Rachael Reynolds KC of Ogier is acting as co-chair of the INSOL conference, Cayman Islands taking place on 15 November 2023.

Shula Sbarro has joined Baker & Partners as a Senior Associate.

Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong represented P.R.I.M.E. Finance as a delegate to the UNCITRAL Working Group V meetings concerning insolvency. She also spoke at and facilitated the World Bank-INSOL Africa Roundtable and judicial workshop in Kigali, Rwanda, attended by judges and stakeholders from more than a dozen countries in the region. She spoke at and facilitated the first World Bank-INSOL MENA Forum on Insolvency, Business Restructuring & Investment Promotion – Best Practices & Innovation Policy Approaches, in Cairo, Egypt, attended by judges and stakeholders from the MENA region. She received the New York City Bar’s “Her Hero” lifetime achievement award at the International Law Conference on the Status of Women. Lastly, she completed the Boston marathon and New York and Brooklyn half marathons.

Lauren Stricker joined Shuker & Dorris, P.A. in Orlando, FL.

Laura Toledo, counsel in Lathrop GPM LLP’s Financial Services Practice Group, has been named among the 2023 Most Influential Business Women by the St. Louis Business Journal. The award is presented to female business leaders throughout the St. Louis region who are making strides in their business or industry.

Nicolette Corso Vilmos has joined Berger Singerman as a partner on the Business Reorganization and Dispute Resolution Teams.

Adrienne Woods joined Heimdall RWA as General Counsel and Weinberg Zareh Malkin Price LLP as Of Counsel. The release date for the on-demand CLE Adrienne presented, titled “Chapters 7, 11 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code” was July 1, 2023 and will be available through [TRTCLE](#).

Retirement Spotlights

IWIRC seeks to honor its members who are retiring. If you are retiring, we would love to hear from you. If someone who made an impact on your career is retiring, please send a couple sentences on what they mean to you! IWIRC will include these celebrations in an upcoming member newsletter. Email your submissions to news@iwirc.com.

Congratulations on these fantastic achievements!

Have you recently changed jobs? Been published? Written an article? Received a promotion? We'd love to share and celebrate your professional news!

Send your submissions to news@iwirc.com to be featured in future IWIRC member news communications.



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