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Upcoming Chapter Events

Community Service Event: The Food Bank of Delaware

Lunch & Learn on *Big Law Killed My Husband*

Letter from our Chair

Delaware Network,

Happy Spring! I am looking forward to warmer weather and sunshine. I am honored to be the chair for the IWIRC Delaware Network for 2019-2020.

If you are looking to get more involved in IWIRC, there are always opportunities. If you are not sure where to start, please reach out and we can help you.

We have many exciting events planned for this year, so please keep a look out in your emails for the invites.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon at an IWIRC event!

Best regards,

Mandy

Please join us at IWIRC's 16th Annual Spring Conference in Washington, D.C. on April 10, 2019.

<http://www.cvent.com/events/iwirc-s-16th-annual-spring-conference/invitation-8a799fcd2ed44d3b2017dd238383db0.aspx>





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Our Chat With The Honorable Laurie Selber Silverstein

What led you to the law?

My connection to the law stems from my mother. I moved to Delaware in fifth grade. My mother worked as a legal secretary and I helped her after school. At that time, certificates of service had to be signed by the parties being served, so I walked from firm to firm for my mother and had the certificates of service signed.

What led you to the practice of restructuring law?

I became interested in bankruptcy law in law school after I took a UCC course that was taught by a particularly amazing professor.

What have you found to be most challenging since becoming a Judge?

Since leaving private practice and becoming a Judge I find the biggest challenge has been not having large teams and generous resources to work on cases.

What is the most annoying thing that attorneys do in your courtroom?

Treat matters as routine when they are not. Very few matters are routine. Attorneys should always be prepared to justify the bases for the relief being requested. Attorneys should err on the side of over-preparing.

What challenges do you think women in the financial restructuring field face, and what advice would you give them?

The hardest thing about being a woman in the restructuring industry is a lot of times being the only woman in the room. The advice I would give women is to be confident, be prepared, and remember to speak up because you will add value to the conversation.

What advice do you have for young attorneys?

First, ask for the assignments you want. Do not wait around for assignments. If you want to work on first days, ask to work on a first day pleading. If you want litigation experience, ask to work on a small preference matter. Second, in terms of marketing, for the first two or three years of your career, your focus should be on "marketing" yourself to the senior attorneys in your firm. During those first few years, the partners and senior attorneys are your clients.



Fun Facts

- ❖ **Proudest Achievement:** Above all else, I am most proud of my son. He is my greatest accomplishment.
- ❖ **Favorite Film:** *The Illusionist*.
- ❖ **Favorite Musician:** James Taylor or Carole King.
- ❖ **Favorite Hobbies:** Knitting.
- ❖ **Favorite Activities:** Traveling, vacationing in Vermont, because it is nice to relax, hike, and ski as a family, attending contemporary craft shows.
- ❖ **First Job:** Other than assisting my mother at the law firm, my first job was at the Concord Mall at VIP Yarn which started my other passion which is for all things knitting.
- ❖ **Favorite City:** I visited Chicago a while ago and I loved the city. It is a very walkable city with beautiful architecture. I immediately found myself thinking that I could find a home here if I didn't already have a home in Delaware.



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Recent Events!

IWIRC Delaware Network New Year's Celebration





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IWIRC at the Shore





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Guest Bartending Event at Nomad

On April 3, 2019, the Chapter held an event to raise health care directive awareness and a benefit for Member Erin Brignola's family. The event was very well-attended and featured a fantastic lineup of guest bartenders and a smooth jazz trio. The Chapter raised \$1,630.50 at the event and a number of our friends and colleagues in the Delaware bankruptcy bar donated to Erin's daughter's GoFundMe page. Donations are still welcome at: <https://www.gofundme.com/help-with-kearin039s-medical-bills>





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Upcoming Events!

Community Service Event on Thursday, April 25, 2019

At the Food Bank of Delaware (in Newark), followed by Networking at Two Stone's Pub.

There is one spot left for this event! Please contact Marisa Terranova Fissel (terranovafissel@rlf.com) to sign up or to sign up for a future event. We look forward to enjoying each other's company, building new friendships, cherishing old friendships, and serving our community together!

Locations: The Food Bank of Delaware, 222 Lake Drive, Newark, Delaware and Two Stone's Pub, 2-3 Chesmar Plaza, Newark, Delaware

Lunch & Learn on May 22, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. at Womble Bond Dickinson

Big Law Killed My Husband

Please consider joining your IWIRC Delaware colleagues for a light lunch and general discussion of wellness in the profession.

Location: Womble Bond Dickinson, 1313 N. Market Street, Suite 1200, Wilmington, Delaware



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Member News & Updates

Professional Updates

- ❖ Mary Caloway was appointed as Chair of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney's Bankruptcy & Insolvency Practice Group.
- ❖ Amanda Steele was promoted to Director at Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.
- ❖ Leslie Heilman was promoted to Partner at Ballard Spahr, LLP.
- ❖ Morgan Patterson was promoted to Counsel at Womble Bond Dickinson.
- ❖ Brenna Dolphin has made the move to Polsinelli as an Associate.
- ❖ Shanti Katona was named as one of ABI's 40 Under 40 in the Insolvency Industry.
- ❖ Kara Hammond Coyle was named as one of ABI's 40 Under 40 in the Insolvency Industry.
- ❖ Brya Keilson has made the move to Morris James as Senior Counsel.
- ❖ Erin Fay was promoted to Director at Bayard, P.A.
- ❖ L. Katherine Good has made the move to Potter Anderson Corroon LLP at a Partner.

Welcome New Members!

- ❖ Erin Brignola
- ❖ Janet Moore



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