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IWIRC Ontario Network- 2020 Year in Review

2020 was a year like no other! The IWIRC Ontario Network would like to thank each of you for your contributions over the past year and for coming together to meet the many challenges brought on by the pandemic. Thanks to all of you who attended our virtual events this year, shared photos and encouraged new members to join.

Member Achievements

- In February 2020, several IWIRC Ontario members participated in multiple panels at the 17th Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference (“ARIL”) in Vancouver, British Columbia
 - **Tushara Weerasooriya** was a panelist on the panel discussing the article *All Eyes on the Resource Industry: The Implications of Third Eye v. Dianor*
 - **Toni Vanderlaan** was a panelist on the panel discussing the article *From Sea to Shining Sea: Tensions Between a National Practice, Local Practitioners, and Filing Jurisdiction*
 - **Monique Sassi** was a commentator on the panel discussing the article *JIN and Coca-COMI: Cross-Border Protocols and Working Together*
 - **Natasha MacParland** was a commentator on the panel discussing the article *Trust me - The Addition of the Duty of Good Faith to Insolvency Legislation*
 - **Kathryn Esaw** was a commentator on the panel discussing the article *Oh Won't You (Extend the) Stay, Just a Little Bit Longer: Long CCAA Stay Extensions*
 - **Kyla Mahar** was a commentator on the panel discussing the article *Reversal of Fortune: The Rise of Creditor Driven CCAAs*
- On October 22, 2020, **Rachel Bengino** (IWIRC Ontario Director of Programs) was a panelist on the Ontario Bar Association's “Bankruptcy Basics” webinar.
- On December 15, 2020, **Virginie Gauthier**, **Maria Konyukhova**, **Melanie Mackenzie** and **D. J. Miller** were panelists on a panel moderated by **Anamika Gadia** titled *The Restructuring of Lydian International: the XX Factor* organized by the Turnaround Management Association Network of Women
- **Rachel Bengino** was appointed as Chair of the 2021 Next Gen Committee for the Turnaround Management Association (Toronto Chapter)

- On February 26, 2021, IWIRC Ontario members will be participating in the 18th virtual ARIL conference:
 - **Karen Kimel** will be a panelist on a panel discussing *Practice Innovations: Reverse Vesting Orders*
 - **Virginie Gauthier** will be a panelist on a panel discussing *Conduct Developments: Estate Litigation - Governance & Finance*
 - **Maria Konyukhova** will be on the ARIL Podcast Program discussing the article *The Crash After the High: Managing Insolvency in the Cannabis Sector*

We are dedicated to promoting all of our members' professional achievements through social media and the IWIRC's international website so that our hard work is recognized. Please provide us with your news and we would be pleased to promote it across the Ontario Network and internationally!

2020 IWIRC Ontario Events

Here is a look back at some of our favourite moments from 2020:

Spring Event- Hangar9 AGM

On February 25, 2020, IWIRC Ontario Network members participated in a "runway" presentation of spring 2020 fashion trends at Hangar9 Studio in First Canadian Place. It was an evening of networking, nibbles, fashion and fun!





Winter Event: Virtual Panel on the Past, Present and Future of the Cannabis Industry

On December 9, 2020, members of the Ontario network joined an all female panel of experts to learn about the origins of the cannabis industry, the perspectives of restructuring professionals on the ongoing challenges, the impact of recent insolvencies and what the lessons of the past two years tell us about the future of the industry.

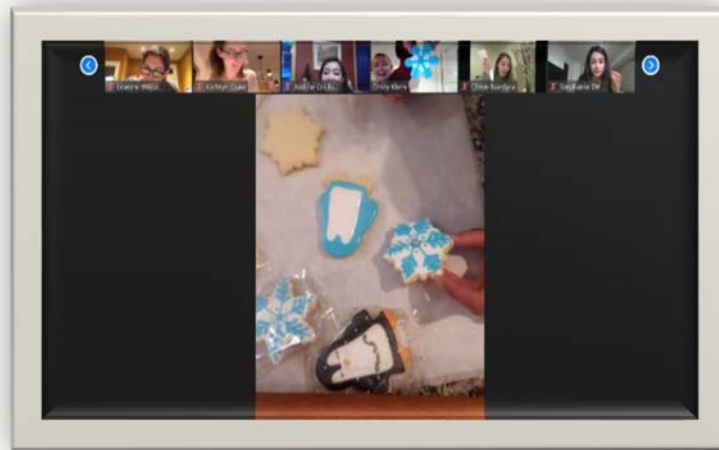
The panelists were Christelle Gideon (Chief Legal Officer, Aphria Inc.), Karen Fung (Vice President, Strategy and Transactions, Restructuring, Ernst & Young Inc.) and Jane Dietrich, (Partner, Restructuring & Insolvency Group, Cassels, Brock & Blackwell LLP). The event was moderated by Kathryn Esaw (Partner, Insolvency and Restructuring, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP).

The topics discussed included a brief primer on Canada's cannabis industry, experiences from industry insiders with respect to navigating evolving regulations and customer tastes, early financing opportunities and pitfalls, and a legal and practical analysis of recent insolvency cases.

It was an informative, timely and lively discussion!

Virtual Festive Event: Holiday Cookie Decorating Master Class in Support of the Red Door Family Shelter

On December 16, 2020, members of the Ontario Network participated in a virtual holiday cookie decorating Master Class with *Sweet & Shy Cakes*. Participating members were invited to donate to the Red Door Family Shelter, a charitable organization based in Toronto that provides emergency shelter and support for women and children affected by domestic abuse and families experiencing a housing crisis.



Upcoming Events – Stay Tuned!

The IWIRC Ontario Network has many more events in store for 2021. The IWIRC Ontario Network's 2021 Annual General Meeting will take place via Zoom on February 25, 2021, followed immediately by a virtual paint night with Art in Action Please stay tuned for news about our other upcoming events, which you won't want to miss! We look forward to "seeing" all of you in 2021!

Thank you!