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### Members and Friends of IWIRC NY,

Happy 2020!

Thank you for making this past year so special. We had a wonderful time with you in 2019 at our cooking, terrarium and floral classes, our golf and boating events, our negotiation skills and litigation claims financing panels, and our book signing and sponsor appreciation events!

We are excited to keep this momentum going and are working to bring you fresh and new programming for 2020.

We also were proud to cap off the year with our highest membership number ever – 170! This makes New York the largest local network, and we are very pleased to be a part of it. Thank you again for your support and dedication to IWIRC NY.

Stay tuned for details on the amazing events we are planning for you this year, including some fantastic panels, a casino night, and our annual golf and boating events.

As always, we appreciate your support and attendance. We are looking forward to a fun-filled year with you!

Jasmine Ball and Samantha Martin  
IWIRC NY Co-Chairs

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## Litigation Claims Financing: An Innovative Tool to Maximize Recovery?

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Alissa Nann and Sharmeen Khan—Substantive Events Co-Chairs

On October 22nd, IWIRC NY hosted a panel on the topic: “Litigation Claims Financing: An Innovative Tool to Maximize Recovery?” The evening panel was hosted at BakerHostetler’s midtown New York offices. The panel consisted of an eminent group of professionals and industry experts – Judge Elizabeth Stong of the Eastern District of New York; Daniela Raz, Investment Manager and Legal Counsel at Bentham IMF; Tatiana Markel, Partner and Legal Counsel at BakerHostetler and Jane W. Mitnick, President and Financial Advisor with SM Financial Services Corp. Each of the panelists provided a detailed overview of litigation claims financing, its mechanisms, and how it can be used as a tool in distressed situations. They shared perspectives as practitioners as well as views from the bench, and discussed traditional vs. alternatives tools available in the litigation funding space. We had an amazing evening full of robust discussions, informative exchanges, meaningful networking and lots of fun!



## Afternoon Tea Book Club with Mentor X Author, Stephanie Wickouski

November, 18, 2019

Alissa Nann and Sharmeen Khan—  
Substantive Events Co-Chairs

Put the kettle on! On a rainy afternoon in November, IWIRC NY members got cozy with a book and a cup of tea (or prosecco!). IWIRC NY hosted an afternoon tea with author and fellow IWIRC member, Stephanie Wickouski of Bryan Cave. Stephanie, the author of three books, joined IWIRC to offer tips and insights from her latest literary achievement - *Mentor X: The Life-Changing Power of Extraordinary Mentors*. The event was hosted by FTI in its lovely board room, and featured an assortment of teas by Harney & Sons, tea sandwiches and pastries.



### Substantive Events

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- Shanté George
- Samantha Martin
- Summer McKee
- Jodi Porepa
- Jessica Weitzman
- Lara Sheikh

## IWIRC NY Sponsor Holiday Party

November 19, 2019

Fig and Olive

On November 19, the IWIRC NY board hosted its annual holiday party as a “thank you” to our sponsors for their generous support throughout the year. IWIRC NY’s extensive programming would not be possible without the sponsor’s funding and participation. We kicked off the holiday season right by feasting on Mediterranean delights and sipping on delicious hand crafted cocktails. A wonderful time was had by all!



## Introducing Our Newly Elected IWIRC NY Board Members!



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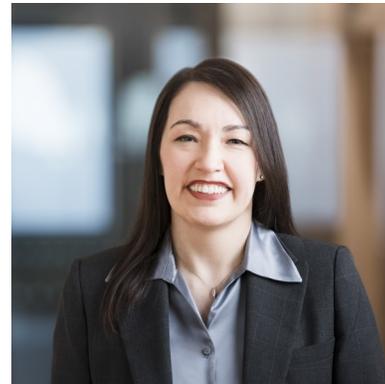
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**Thank you to our outgoing Board Members Christina Pullo and Krista Kulp for their generous time and commitment to IWIRC NY!**

**ABI Announces 2019 "40 Under 40" Emerging Leaders in Insolvency Practice featuring three IWIRC-NY Members! Congrats!**

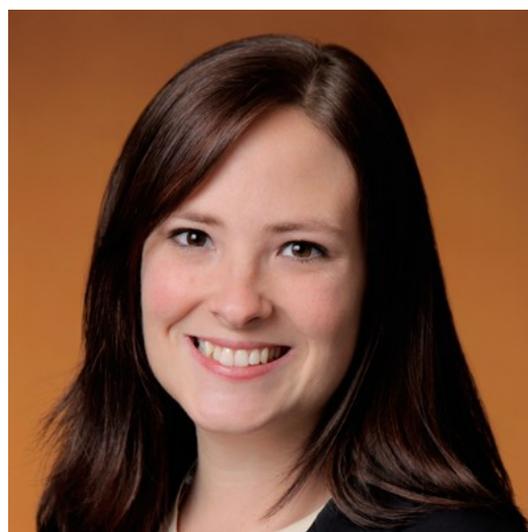


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## Summer McKee

Associate  
Cooley LLP



The success of our Chapter is due in no small part to the contributions and enthusiasm of our incredible members. In celebration of that fact, each quarter, we recognize an “IWIRC NY Shining Star” to introduce you to exemplary members of the IWIRC NY community.

This issue we celebrate Summer McKee for her tireless contributions to IWIRC NY. She has been a member of IWIRC since 2015 and often touts it as her favorite professional organization. More than the many unique events IWIRC hosts, she enjoys the meaningful connections and friendships she’s formed as a result of her membership. Summer currently serves on the Substantive Events Committee and appreciates the opportunity to give back to the organization by assisting with the planning and execution of events designed to connect, promote, and empower women in the restructuring industry.

Congrats Summer!

### Professional Background

Summer McKee’s practice focuses on representing corporations, creditors and investors in bankruptcies and restructurings, both in and out of court, as well as advising clients in connection with distressed acquisitions. She has represented official committees of unsecured creditors in significant retail Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, including Claire’s and Brookstone, while also spearheading Debtor-side representations, including most recently Charlotte Russe. Summer loves helping clients develop creative strategies to transform conflict to collaboration. In addition to IWIRC, Summer is also a member of Cooley’s Diversity Committee and Pro Bono Committee, LeGal, and WorkOUT.

### Favorite IWIRC event

The annual “IWIRC At The Shore Conference” is something I look forward to every year. Not only does it include CLEs on meaningful topics of interest, but the unique venue has allowed me to really get to know other IWIRC members and guests and form relationships which continue to spark joy long after the conference has ended.

### How Did You Get into Restructuring?

Like most law school students, I had no idea what type of law I wanted to practice. As part of “finding my path”, I attended just about every event hosted by an area law firm and made a sincere effort to initiate conversations with attorneys in all different practice areas. Although many folks were passionate about their practice, there was something which always stood out about those in restructuring: they genuinely seemed to love what they did. So I dug deeper: mix of corporate and litigation? That sounded good. All types of parties in interest you can represent? That would keep things interesting. With every new tidbit I learned, I liked it more. The same remains true today. I love what I do, and enjoy telling those who look surprised when I say as much that bankruptcy is full of much more optimism than you might think.

### Do You Think There is Life on Other Planets?

Of course! As Carl Sagan said: “The universe is a pretty big place. If it’s just us, seems like an awful waste of space.”

### Best Concert You’ve Ever Attended?

There are so many!! But one of my very favorite was James Taylor. I grew up with his music and took my Mother to see him when I was in college. Swaying in the stands with her by my side and him crooning on the stage was unforgettable!

Congratulate your fellow IWIRC NY members on their recent accomplishment! Click on a name to send a note.

Let us sing your praises! Email us your accomplishments for inclusion in our next newsletter.

## Speaking Engagements

[Lisa Donahue](#), AlixPartners, spoke at Debtwire's "Women in Fixed Income" event in New York. Lisa shared valuable advice and learning experiences from her 20+ years as a turnaround professional with an audience of fellow professionals and leaders.

[Carrienne Basler](#) (Managing Director, AlixPartners), participated in the panel "Yes, You Need Them: The Value of Financial Advisors and Investment Bankers in § 363 Sales" at the ABI Winter Leadership Conference on December 6, 2019. Carianne will be speaking on the PLI Panel: Recent Developments in Distressed Debt, Restructuring and Workouts 2020 on January 20, 2020.

[M. Natasha Labovitz](#), Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP participated in the panel "Increasing Leverage Through the Different Parties Involved" at the GRR LIVE - IWIRC London Women in Restructuring Conference on November 7, 2019. Natasha also participated in the 2019 Distressed Debt Conference for the Fordham University Gabelli Center for Global Security Analysis and Columbia Business School's Restructuring and Distressed Investing Club.

[My Chi To](#), Debevoise & Plimpton, presented the program "Avoiding Powers"— Augmentation of the Estate in Corporate Bankruptcy on December 2-3, 2019 for Practising Law Institute, Nuts and Bolts of Corporate Bankruptcy 2019.

[Jasmine Ball](#), Debevoise & Plimpton, spoke on the panel "Restructuring/Bankruptcy Career Paths" on November 11, 2019 for the Turnaround Management Association Academic Relations Panel. Jasmine also spoke on the panel "From the Trenches: Realities from Distressed Aircraft/Helicopter Acquisitions and Restructurings" on December 5, 2019. Jasmine will be speaking on the panel "Risks in Aircraft Finance and Leasing" at the 6th Annual Airline Economics Aviation Finance & Leasing School on January 22, 2020 and "Financing Issues including DIP Loans, Intercreditor and Subordination Issues" at the Practising Law Institute's Bankruptcy & Reorganizations 2020: Current Development on April 21, 2020.

[Kaitlin Walsh](#), Mintz Levin, spoke on a panel at ABI Winter Leadership titled "Recent Trends in the Credit Bidding of Assets and Cross-Border Issues" on December 6, 2019.

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## Honors

[Lisa Donahue](#), AlixPartners, was awarded the "Mega Company Turnaround of the Year" by The Turnaround Management Association (TMA) for her work on Westinghouse Electric Company in September 2019.

## Firm Changes and Promotions

[My Chi To](#), Debevoise & Plimpton, was appointed to lead the Insurance Division at the New York State Department of Financial Services.

[Morrison & Foerster](#) welcomed Aarti Gupta and Allison Selick, two new associates in the firm's Business Restructuring & Insolvency Group.

[Aarti Gupta](#) previously practiced as an associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. She received her J.D. from Duke University Law School, and her B.A. magna cum laude in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles.

[Allison Selick](#) served as a law clerk for the Hon. Michael E. Wiles and the Hon. James L. Garrity Jr. of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. She also previously practiced as an associate at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. She received her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and her B.A. summa cum laude in communication from the University of Southern California.



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## Welcome to IWIRC NY's New Members

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Drop them a line personally welcoming these new members by using the hyperlinks on their names.

Need to renew your membership or become an IWIRC NY member? We want to see you here in our next newsletter—Register or renew [HERE](#) today.

### Membership/Sponsorship Subcommittee

- Isabel Arana de Uriarte, Chair
- Shanté George
- Jennifer Kimble
- Carole Levine
- Samantha Martin

Jasmine Ball is a corporate partner and member of the firm’s Restructuring Group. Ms. Ball regularly represents debtors, investors, creditors and other parties in distressed mergers & acquisitions, workouts, debt and equity financing and refinancing, complex restructurings and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Ms. Ball is recognized by *The Legal 500 US* (2014–2019), where she is praised for her “strong management skills and critical thinking” and noted as “particularly good” and “thoughtful and smart.” She is listed as a Notable Practitioner for Restructuring and Insolvency by *IFLR1000* (2020).

Ms. Ball was among the winners of Turnaround Management Association’s 2018 “International Restructuring of the Year”, Global M&A Network’s “Turnaround Atlas Awards 2018 Corporate Turnaround of the Year” and M&A Advisor’s 2017 “Restructuring Deal of the Year (\$1B to \$5B)” for her role as aircraft counsel to CHC Group in its successful Chapter 11 proceedings as well as Turnaround Management Association’s 2016 “Transaction of the Year: Large Company Award” for her role in advising Altegrity in its Chapter 11 proceedings and successful restructuring of more than \$1.8 billion in funded indebtedness. She was also a recipient of Turnaround Management Association’s 2014 “Transaction of the Year: Mega Company Award” for her role in advising American Airlines and AMR, as special aircraft counsel, in their highly successful Chapter 11 proceedings. Ms. Ball has been named a 2015 recipient of the “Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business” awards and recognized as an “Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyer” (2013) by *Turnarounds & Workouts*.

Ms. Ball is a member of the Bar of the State of New York and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Ms. Ball is Co-Chair of the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) New York Chapter and serves on the Board of Directors of The Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY). She is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Turnaround Management Association and on the TMA New York Academic



## Jasmine Ball

Partner  
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

Relations Committee, the International Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the Advisory Board of Practical Law Bankruptcy. She is also a member of the firm’s Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Council and is active in various Asian legal associations, including Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund and Asian American Bar Association activities.

Ms. Ball received her B.S. from Princeton University and her J.D. from the University of Michigan, where she was an executive editor of the *Journal of International Law*.

Krista L. Kulp has been the Communications Co-chair of IWIRC NY for the past two years and has been (and continues to be) amazed by all of the support she has received from the women of IWIRC over the years.

Krista is an associate in Cole Schotz's bankruptcy and litigation practice groups and is experienced in all stages of the commercial bankruptcy process, having represented landlords, litigation trusts, and secured lenders in various bankruptcy proceedings.

Krista is also the Editor in Chief of the ABA Business Bankruptcy Committee's E-Newsletter and serves as the Programs Chair for the Bankruptcy Court Structure and Insolvency Process Committee of the ABA. Krista has written chapters for two books: REORGANIZING FAILING BUSINESSES, *Chapter 4: "Utilizing Structured Financing Techniques"* (3d ed. 2017) and GUIDE FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL PRACTICAL RESOURCE TO CUTTING-EDGE ISSUES, *Chapter 8: "The Impact of the Automatic Stay"* (1st ed. 2019), in addition to various articles published in the ABI Journal and New York Law Journal.

Krista is also frequently speaks on panels and chairs programs for the American Bar Association's Business Bankruptcy Committee.



**Krista L. Kulp**  
Associate  
Cole Schotz P.C.

## New York Metro Area

### TMA New Year's Networking Event

January 15, 2020, New York, NY

### NYIC/AIRA Joint Bankruptcy and Restructuring Event

January 21, 2020, New York, NY

### NYIC 13th Annual Women in Achievement Awards

February 3, 2020, New York, NY

### TMA NOW Event

February 11, 2020, New York, NY

### Joint Super Networking Event

(ABI, IWIRC NJ, TMA, AIRA, and many more)

February 12, 2020, Newark, NJ

### TMA NextGen Networking Event

March 10, 2020, New York, NY

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## Regional / National

### 2020 TMA Distressed Investing Conference

February 5-7, 2020, Las Vegas, NV

### VALCON 2019

February 26-28, 2020, Las Vegas, Nevada

### IWIRC at the Shore

March 5-6, 2020, Atlantic City, NJ

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