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Members and Friends of IWIRC NY,

Happy Spring!

We welcomed 2022 with our first social event in February. As with all of our virtual events over the last two years, we were impressed with the level of participation! We hope you had a fun experience learning about cookie decoration while interacting with the IWIRC NY network.

In addition, we were so happy to see so many of you in person at IWIRC at the Shore after two years apart for many of us. Check inside for some great photos!

We also kicked off our 2022 networking pods, and we have heard great feedback about pod events so far! Please reach out to info@iwircny.com if you would like to be added to a networking pod!

IWIRC NY continues to actively plan future events including upcoming in-person gatherings. We are very excited for what's been planned. So stay tuned!

Best,
Rachel Chesley & Shirley Luo
IWIRC NY Co-Chairs

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Substantive Event: Mass Tort Liabilities, Divisive Mergers and Useful Tools in Bankruptcy - What We Need to Know.

Sharmeen Khan and Alissa Nann—

Substantive Events Co-Chairs

May 4, 2022 at 6:00pm

Please join IWIRC New York for a virtual discussion with our panel of eminent restructuring professionals to learn about the recent trends and cases related to mass tort bankruptcy, how to advise clients in addressing class action and mass tort liability and useful tools from the Chapter 11 process.

Stay tuned to emails from IWIRC NY for more details!



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Virtual Galentine's Day Cookie Decorating Workshop

February 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (ET)

Just in time for Galentine's Day, more than 70 IWIRC gals (from NY and beyond) joined us for a virtual cookie decorating workshop! Jacqueline Terrel, the Owner of Tudor House Cookies, led us through a tutorial on cookie decorating, which tasted as good as they looked! Check out some of the delicious creations that our network made!



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IWIRC at the Shore March 3-4, 2022

A number of IWIRC NYers packed up our bags and headed down to Atlantic City for networking, spa-ing, dining, dancing, and professional development alongside the IWIRC New Jersey, Delaware, Greater Maryland and Greater Philadelphia regions.

Panels were held on topics ranging from cybersecurity for bankruptcy professionals, insurance protection and claims in bankruptcy, and a lively session on witness prep for evidentiary hearings. It was great to break bread with old friends and new, reconnecting in person after far too long apart.

Thank you to the Conference Planning Committee!



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Jasmine Ball

Debevoise & Plimpton, Partner



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 Jasmine Ball, our former IWIRC NY Co-Chair and current IWIRC NY board advisor. Congratulations, Jasmine!

Professional Background: Jasmine is a corporate partner and member of Debevoise & Plimpton’s Restructuring Group. Jasmine 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. Jasmine has been recognized by The Legal 500 US (2014–2021), where she has been praised for her “extensive knowledge of the bankruptcy code, combined with in-depth knowledge on how to leverage and negotiate matters with a broad range of often competing stakeholders,” and her “strong management skills and critical thinking.” She is also noted as “calm, focused,” and “thoughtful and smart.”

IWIRC Involvement: Jasmine has been active in IWIRC for many years and had the privilege to be elected Co-Chair of IWIRC-NY and served in that capacity for six years, before terming out. Jasmine now serves as the board advisor for the IWIRC-NY board and is considering how to continue to participate in IWIRC-NY and IWIRC International on a go-forward basis.

Most Memorable IWIRC Moment: It is so hard to pick one most memorable IWIRC moment or event over the past years. From breakfasts with experts on UNCITRAL, to joint lunches with women in III and IWIRC, to truffle-making sessions, to horseback riding, to making headdresses with friends and having amazing BLTs for breakfast, lunch and dinner, to fancy smoked scotch with cheesesteaks and tomato pie, to holding manta rays in warm Cayman waters, to cheese and whiskey tastings, to spa days and green tea, there has been so much good food and so many good people that it is impossible to choose a favorite, but the theme is the people – they people have been absolutely amazing!.

How did you get into restructuring? Bankruptcy and restructuring was not on my “list” when I was thinking about what kind of lawyer I wanted to be. Other than commercial transactions, I never took a bankruptcy or creditors rights class in law school (as I said, it wasn’t on my list) and joined Debevoise without considering whether it had a bankruptcy and restructuring practice. Our firm has a policy of rotating through groups, and I was fortunate to rotate through the restructuring group and surprisingly, it stuck!

Do you think there is life on other planets? Yes. The universe is so vast that I am sure there are other planets with life. It may not be exactly what we imagine and we may not even be able to imagine it, but there is just so much out there!

What’s your favorite TV show? I don’t really watch TV – my TV is really for watching movies. However, if I do turn on the TV to watch shows, I watch true crime and unsolved mysteries. Also, instead of TV, I also like to listen to true crime and unsolved mysteries podcasts as well as cooking podcasts – podcasts don’t tie me to the couch!



Kroll's Restructuring Administration practice (formerly Prime Clerk) is honored to showcase our female leaders in restructuring. As a predominantly female-led claims and noticing agent, Kroll offers the industry's leading suite of technology-driven and consulting services to support restructurings of every complexity, size, industry and type.

Our team is also proud to announce the promotions of Christina Pullo as Managing Director and head of Kroll's Restructuring Administration and Issuer Services practices and Saima Meyer as Managing Director and head of Business Development. We also congratulate Abigail Lerner, Director in Kroll's Restructuring Administration practice, on her recent election as Secretary to the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) NY board.

Christina, a long-time member of IWIRC, has almost 20 years of restructuring experience and is one of the few recognized restructuring experts in the public securities and solicitation fields that has successfully led many of the industry's most complex and largest restructurings.

Saima has 17 years of restructuring experience, having worked on dozens of major Chapter 11 restructurings, including representing debtors and major key creditor constituencies across a broad range of industries.

In addition, Abigail serves as a director in Kroll's Restructuring Administration practice. Abby has over 15 years of restructuring experience and has represented debtors, creditors and lenders in the context of complex Chapter 11 cases and out-of-court restructurings.

Q. What does it mean to have women hold leadership roles in the restructuring industry?

Christina Pullo: In the early years of my career, I would often walk into a boardroom or courtroom and be the only woman there. I would feel intimidated. This feeling was the primary reason I became involved with IWIRC—to network with restructuring women that were likely having similar experiences. Having achieved some of my personal career goals, my focus has shifted from my individual path to elevating women as a global community. I am proud to see so many more senior women in the restructuring industry these days, but we need to keep that momentum going through mentorship and sponsorship of women at earlier stages of their career so they can benefit from our stories, struggles and experiences.

Abigail Lerner: I think that this is a great reflection of the changing times. No longer does the industry feel (or look) like a boys' club. Women holding leadership roles provides tremendous value, both from an outside perspective in the way that potential clients view our industry and from an internal perspective in the way that our colleagues recognize the benefits of having women role models and mentors for the future of the industry.

Q. How does Kroll elevate women in the workplace?

Saima Meyer: Christina, Abigail and I all started our careers under the inspirational leadership of Marcia Goldstein, (who at the time co-headed the restructuring group at Weil, Gotshal & Manges) and alongside many female restructuring colleagues who also have climbed the leadership ranks within the industry. Within Kroll, this has continued. We've also had several male colleagues and mentors, including Shai Waisman, President of Kroll, who have supported the advancement of our female leaders. It's been a true honor to work side-by-side with so many impressive women within Kroll, including Stacey Corr-Irvine, a director at Kroll and former partner at Jones Day, and Shira Weiner, General Counsel in Kroll's Business Services practice and a former restructuring attorney at Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

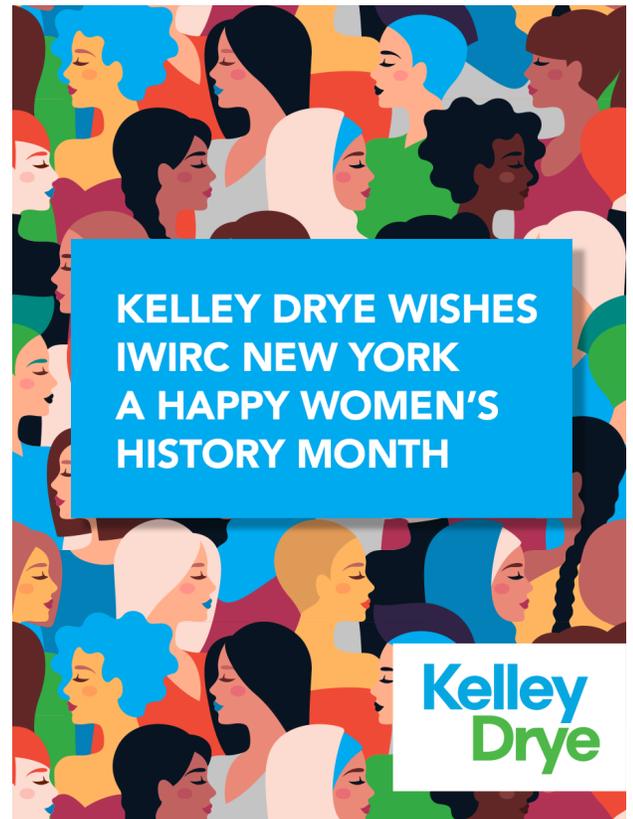
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- AlixPartners is excited to share this year's Disruption Index. See how leaders are responding to the disruption from changing economic forces by clicking here: <https://disruption.alixpartners.com/>
- Camille Bent and colleagues published an article in [Fraud Magazine](#)
- [Adeola Akinrinade](#) was presented with the Americas Rising Star Dealmakers Award by the M&A Atlas Awards on January 26, 2022. Winners were honored at the virtual networking ceremony and awarded the "Rising Gold Star Trophy". The award recognizes exceptional young dealmakers from the private equity and growth investors, lending, M&A and restructuring transactional communities for their achievements, dedication and talents for closing value creating transactions.



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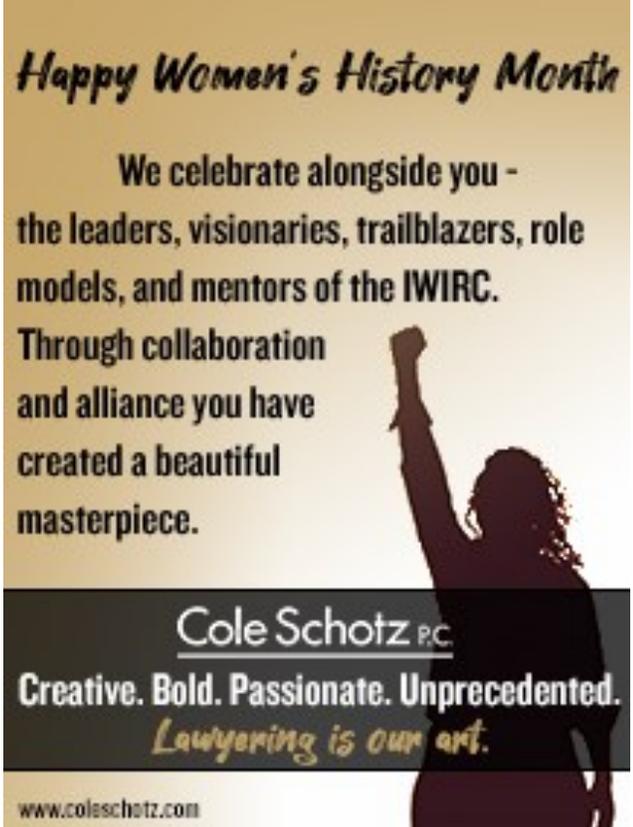
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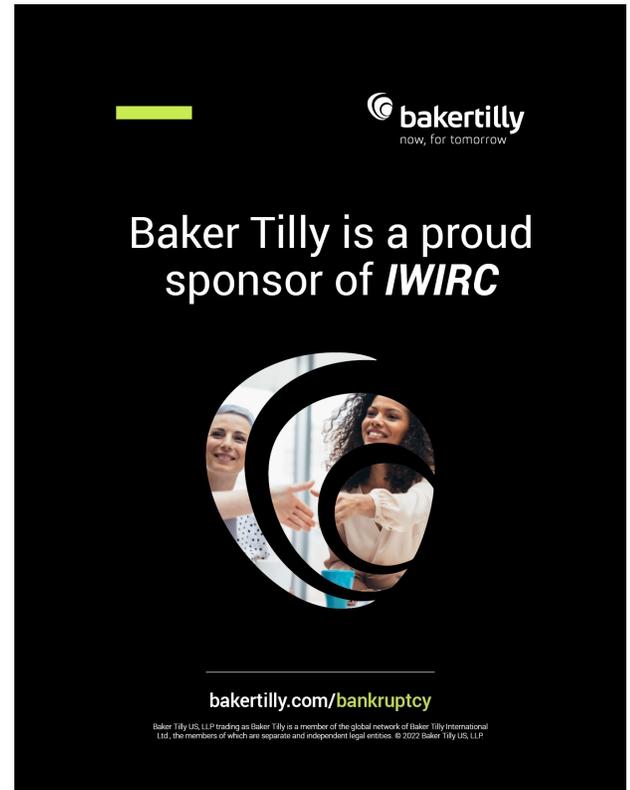
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