



Western Canada Network Newsletter

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From the Chair

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the IWIRC Western Canada newsletter! We are pleased to launch our newsletter as a tool to keep in touch with our members and keep you informed of matters that may be of interest to you. In issues to come, we will highlight member news, specific matters of interest to the insolvency community, and upcoming IWIRC events in Calgary, Vancouver and Edmonton. If you are speaking or have spoken at a conference, have written a paper or contributed an article to a publication, have been promoted, or have moved, please let us know. We will be using this newsletter to champion the accomplishments of our members to our community and beyond.

We will also be featuring upcoming events, including regional and international IWIRC events. One such event is IWIRC On The Vine on September 27-28, 2019 in Kelowna. Last year was the inaugural IWIRC On The Vine in Napa, California, and IWIRC Western Canada was a founding sponsor. We also had representation on the planning committee. It was a great opportunity to meet, learn with and share some fun with IWIRC members from around the US. We are looking forward to this year's conference and hope that you'll consider attending.

The success of our network is due in no small part to the many contributions and enthusiasm of our members. If you are interested in becoming more involved in our network, please contact me or the Vice Chair for your city, or attend an event.

As always, we appreciate your amazing support and attendance at IWIRC events. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events and look forward to sharing your news!

Caireen E. Hanert
Chair, IWIRC Western Canada

Upcoming Events

- **IWIRC Montréal, IWIRC Ontario and IWIRC Western Canada, Afternoon Tea**, Montréal, January 31, 2019
- **Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference**, Montréal, February 1, 2019
- **IWIRC Western Canada, Breakfast at Cucina**, Calgary, February 8, 2019
- **IWIRC at the Shore**, Atlantic City, New Jersey, February 28 - March 1, 2019
- **IWIRC Annual Spring Conference**, Washington, D.C., April 10-11, 2019
- **CAIRP 2019 Insolvency and Restructuring Forums**, Edmonton (May 9, 2019), Vancouver (May 14, 2019)
- **IWIRC On The Vine**, Kelowna, September 27-28, 2019

Welcome New Members!

- **Natalie Quinn**, FTI Consulting, Vancouver
- **Kelsey Lough**, Grant Thornton Limited, Calgary
- **Jessie Mann**, Torsys LLP, Calgary
- **Lindsay Rydl**, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, Calgary
- **J.J. Burnell**, MLT Aikins LLP, Winnipeg
- **Nav Shukla**, Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP, Vancouver
- **Claire Hilderbrand**, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Vancouver

Member News

- Congratulations to **Breanne Barker** for being promoted to Manager at Grant Thornton LLP.
- Congratulations to **Jill Strueby** for being promoted to Director at Alvarez & Marsal Canada.
- Congratulations to **Pinky Law** for being promoted to Vice President at Deloitte Restructuring Inc.
- Congratulations to **Mary Buttery** who was recently recognized with the Q.C. designation.
- Congratulations to **Karen Fellowes** who was recently named Vice-Chair of Pro Bono Law Alberta.
- Congratulations to **Karen Fellowes** who was recently named Director of the IWIRC International Newsletter.
- **Sarah Hawco** recently co-founded Hawco Peters and Associates Inc. in Calgary.
- **Caireen Hanert** recently joined Gowling WLG in Calgary.
- **Vanessa Allen** recently joined MNP Ltd. in Calgary.
- **Lorry Fritsche** recently joined Hardie & Kelly Inc. in Calgary.

Gender Pay Gap Discussion

On October 24, 2018, the IWIRC Ontario Network and the IWIRC Western Canada Network hosted a cross-country discussion on gender pay gap statistics, trends and interpretations as it relates to professional firms and the broader economy. Attendees were able to engage in an open and frank discussion on these issues. Thank you to **Deloitte Restructuring Inc.** for hosting the event in both Vancouver and Calgary!

Matters to Watch in 2019

- ***Orphan Well Association v Grant Thornton Limited***
Priority of environmental claims relating to oil and gas wells over the rights of secured creditors. The appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada was heard on February 15, 2018. Decision to be released on January 31, 2019.
- ***In the Matter of the Receivership of Virginia Hills Oil Corp.***
The status and priority of municipal claims for linear property taxes in the context of a receivership. The appeal to the Alberta Court of Appeal was heard on June 12, 2018. Awaiting decision.
- ***In the Matter of a Plan of Arrangement of Canada North Group Inc.***
Priority dispute between "super-priority" charges in a CCAA Initial Order and a statutory deemed trust for unremitted source deductions. The appeal to the Alberta Court of Appeal was heard on October 4, 2018. Awaiting decision.

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