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A SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE CHAIR

Janet E. Bostwick, IWIRC Chair

Greetings. I hope this edition of the Newsletter finds everyone well. For those celebrating holidays this December, I hope you have a wonderful and joyous time with your family and friends.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Chair, and look forward to working with the new board as we continue to work to expand IWIRC and its services for members. And I hope to have the opportunity to meet many of you over the next two years at one of our events. I thank our new board for their willingness to devote time and energy, and they have already stepped up to move IWIRC forward. Joining me on the new board are:

Leslie A. Berkoff, *Vice-Chair*, Moritt Hock Hamroff & Horowitz LLP

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Debra Kuptz, *Recruitment Director*, AlixPartners LLC

Sheryl E. Seigel, *Past Chair, Ex Officio*, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

IWIRC would not be possible without the considerable time and efforts of volunteers. While space does not permit me to name everyone, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf

of IWIRC to thank a few people who have provided particular support in the past year:

I thank our immediate past chair, Sheryl E. Seigel of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP for her leadership and direction as chair. During her tenure, IWIRC added four new local Networks, and increased membership by more than 50%, in addition to undertaking key strategic planning for the future. We appreciate the efforts of Sheryl at the helm and thank her for her time and energy.

I also thank the other outgoing board members, for their valuable contributions. Judi Ross of Thompson & Knight, our outgoing Membership Director oversaw the Directory and the Newsletters for the last two years. Sara Chenetz of Robinson,

Diamant & Wolkowitz, our outgoing Network Director, provided support for both our existing and expanding networks. Dina Glass of Middletons Lawyers, our outgoing International Director provided perspective and representation of the viewpoint of members outside the North America area. Finally, I also appreciate the efforts of Susan Rhiel of Rhiel and Associates, who stepped down from her ex officio position as past chair.

For those who attended the Conference in Chicago, I am sure you will join me in thanking our program chair, Brenda Bowers, and her committee for their hard work. It was a spectacular event, and one of our best attended. It could not have been possible without the hard

work of Brenda and her Committee. (And if you missed the event, be sure to read all about it in Catherine Bauer's article!)

I cannot thank enough Debra Kuptz, of AlixPartners, our Recruitment Director, and her committee, for their terrific job on our membership drive. An overwhelming success, the drive resulted in an increase of membership by more than 50%, strengthening and expanding the organization.

I also thank Erica Bramer of AlixPartners and Judi Ross for their efforts on the directory. One of the greatest benefits of IWIRC is the opportunity to network -- and the directory is a critical tool.

I also thank Catherine Bauer and the volunteers who have assisted her in getting out the newsletter this year -- to ensure

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we keep members informed not only about IWIRC, but also about our members.

I would also like to thank our many sponsors, who helped provide a successful conference and year for IWIRC, which are listed later in the newsletter. It would not be possible for us to have had such successful events without their generosity.

Finally, we appreciate the hard work of our administrators, Suzanne Bingham, and Sheri Bedker, who handle the day-to-day aspects of IWIRC's operations.

I appreciate and thank all of those who have spent time and effort over the last year to make the organization such a success, including Network Chairs, Directors, as well as Committee members and volunteers. Although we do not have space to name everyone, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

I hope you will take a moment to read the newsletter and learn of the exciting efforts underway both on the international level, and at the Networks. And I promise you more to come in the New Year.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2003!

Janet E. Bostwick
IWIRC Chair

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

PROGRAMS! GET YOUR PROGRAMS HERE!

Brenda K. Bowers, Program Director

First, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in the Chicago event. That event could not have been possible without the hard work and contributions of our board, our sponsors, and our planning committee: Faye Feinstein of Altheimer & Gray, Penny Friedman of GE Capital Commercial Finance, Carmen Lonstein of Bell Boyd & Lloyd, Lisa Neimark of Ernst & Young Corporate Finance LLC, Catherine Steege of Jenner & Block, and Kelley Hoeckle of Crossroads LLC.

With Chicago finished, we are starting to work on the program schedule for the upcoming year. We want to expand the programs to include more events, and I soon will be in contact with the local network leaders to get their ideas for potential programs. If you or your local network have ideas, please make sure that you contact me.

Also, if you have comments or suggestions, e.g., things that you really like and would like to do again; things that you don't want to see or hear again; or suggestions for topics or speakers, please contact me.

Please remember to put San Diego on your October 2003 calendar. The NCBJ conference is scheduled for October 15-18, 2003 in San Diego, California.

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FALL CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Catherine Bauer, Communications Director

The 2002 International Conference in Chicago was a great networking opportunity, as well as being educational and just a plain good time. More than 160 professionals gathered for this annual event, just prior to the Annual Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. This year's IWIRC Conference capped a particularly good year for the organization, which added more than ninety new members as the result of a very successful membership drive.

The opening reception on October 1 at the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art was an auspicious start. We were privileged to have as our keynote speaker the Hon. Susan Sonderby, Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Judge Sonderby spoke on the subject of "Mega Bankruptcy Cases," something she has substantial experience with as the judge over the reorganization of K-Mart Corporation (and its thirty-seven related entities), the largest retail reorganization in U.S. history. Judge Sonderby spoke about the challenges of handling the K-Mart case, and outlined the many practical mechanisms she put in place in order to deal with its immensities.

Bright and early the next morning, we gathered for a continental breakfast, more networking, and a stellar panel discussion entitled "World Auto Parts: An Insolvency Case Study." The moderator for the panel was Faye B. Feinstein of Altheimer & Gray in Chicago. Joining her were Holly Etlin from Crossroads, LLC in New York, Carmen Lonstein of Bell Boyd & Lloyd LLC in Chicago, Elizabeth Manning from GE Commercial Finance Business Credit in Chicago, Lisa Neimark from Ernst & Young Corporate Finance LLC in Chicago, and Sheryl Seigel of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, LLP in Toronto.

Our expert panel presented us with an Insolvency Simulation Exercise on a hypothetical company - World Auto Parts. With both U.S. and Canadian subsidiaries, a great deal of self-dealing and affiliate transactions, substantial audit adjustments, and enough other problems to simulate a real life situation, our panelists threw themselves into their assigned roles as the lender, legal counsel, consultant, or company.



Sheryl Seigel's primer on Canadian insolvency law was certainly enlightening to the majority of the attendees. And, the panel hit on such timely issues as the duty of care owed by a board of directors, a board's potential liability for "deepening the insolvency," the need to review loan documents, and the importance of advising directors to retain independent counsel. Perhaps the greatest concern of the panelists in this scenario was whether they should expect to be paid for their services in a World Auto Parts-type case! It was a spirited panel, and one came away with the definite impression that the panelists had worked on (or are working on?) very similar matters.

At the break, Recruitment Director Debra Kuptz of AlixPartners LLC congratulated IWIRC on its very successful membership drive, noting that there was a 44% increase in membership as a result of the membership drive and recruiting in advance of the conference. (As of press time, our membership has grown to 370, a net increase of more than 51% since the drive began!) She presented the recruitment drive's grand prize, a \$500 American Express gift check, to Tinamarie Feil of Bankruptcy Management Corporation in El Segundo, California. Ms. Feil recruited eight new members, thus winning the grand prize and our respect for her persuasive powers. Coming in a close second, with seven recruits, was Francine Gordon of Trumbull Services in Aurora, Ohio, who received an American Express gift certificate for \$250.

After the two top prizes were awarded, there was a raffle amongst those who had recruited at least one new member. The prizes, lovely Coach leather goods tastefully embossed with IWIRC's acronym, were enthusiastically scooped up by the following: Anna Phillips of Ernst & Young, Penny Friedman from GE Capital, Karen Giannelli of Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger, Ellen Carpenter of Roach & Carpenter, P.C., Debra Grassgreen of Pachulski Stang, Ziehl & Young, Linda Hein from TRG, Catherine Steege of Jenner & Block, and Catherine Bauer from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The next presentation on "Handling the Media in Chapter 11 Cases" was moderated by John D. Callaway, one of Chicago's most experienced and respected broadcast journalists. Joining him were Melanie Rovner Cohen of Altheimer & Gray in Chicago, Ned Reynolds from GE Capital Commercial Finance Group in Stamford, Connecticut, Debra Riley of Allen Matkins Leck Gamble & Mallory in San Diego, and Bettina Whyte from AlixPartners, LLC in New York.

The panel discussion was a lively one, with the journalist/moderator asking probing and insightful questions as he stood (and sometimes meandered) in front of the speakers' table. A great deal of the conversation went to the need to educate the media and the public so they are not "Bankruptcy Phobic." Suggestions included becoming a

trusted expert to whom the media can turn when bankruptcy and related issues arise - be it in your cases or totally unrelated matters.

Ms. Whyte obviously has built these types of media connections given that she had an unexpected 5:00 a.m. wake-up call the morning of the conference from the Wall Street Journal. Despite the timing of the call, she attested to the benefits of creating close media contacts. Ms. Whyte stated that she wants the media to properly interpret events, and that she often ends up actually learning things from the media; she ends up wanting to know their sources!

Also discussed was that the media wants "newsworthy" items. The focus is usually on those who are losing their jobs rather than those whose jobs are saved by the bankruptcy and/or reorganization. Ms. Cohen suggested taking a "positive" approach in instances where the media's initial reaction is to go toward the "negative." This is when those close media contacts can come in handy and may lead to a different type of press than what the media would otherwise lean toward under the circumstances.

The problems that come with soundbites, internet gripe sites, and overly-rushed media folks were briefly touched upon. Probably the most interesting practice pointer was that you can get locked in the courthouse if you try to hide from the media in the courthouse bathroom!

With the charge to "take a reporter to lunch," Ms. Cohen and Mr. Callaway went to lunch.

Since there were not enough reporters to go around, there was a "Round Robin Lunch" instead. Between each course, the diners moved to different tables (dutifully taking their utensils with them). It was a great way to meet new people and made for a spirited end to a successful and educational Annual Conference!

Many thanks to the hard-working Conference Committee: Brenda Bowers, Penny Friedman, Faye Feinstein, Kelley Hoeckele, Carmen Lonstein, Lisa Neimark, and Catherine Steege. You did a great job!

And, last but not least, a great big "Thank You" to our many sponsors for their generosity. We appreciate all the support you give to IWIRC and the Annual Conference.

IWIRC MEMBERS SPEAK AT NCBJ

Our congratulations to the many IWIRC members who were involved with the 2002 NCBJ:

Hon. Judith K. Fitzgerald President, NCBJ

Hon. Sheri Bluebond, Program Committee, NCBJ

Beverly Manne, Tucker Arensberg, PC (speaker on NCBJ panel "Doing What We Can After The LaSalle Remand")



Susan Barnes de Resendiz, Dykema Gossett PLLC (speaker on ABA panel “Everything You Wanted to Know About Chapter 11 Plans and Disclosure Statements”)

Judith Ross, Thompson & Knight PC (Chair of the ABA’s Subcommittee on Partnerships and Limited Liability Entities in Bankruptcy; moderator of the ABA program “So You Thought Your Firm’s LLP Structure Protected You: LLP Issues in Light of Enron’s Fallout”; speaker on the ABA panel “A General Update on the Law”)

Sheryl L. Toby, Honigman Miller Schwarz & Cohn (speaker on ABA panel “Chapter 11 Liquidation Vehicles and the Selection, Protection and Liability of Plan Agents and Liquidating Trustees”)

B. Gail Reese, Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP (Vice Chair, ABA’s Working Group on Alternative Dispute Resolution)

Sandra E. Mayerson, Holland & Knight (Co-Chair, ABA’s Planning Subcommittee)

Kay Standridge Kress, Pepper Hamilton LLP (speaker on ABA panels on “Security Interests in Intellectual Property: NextWave, Catapult and Beyond” and “A General Update on the Law”)

Pauline Ng Lee, Hale, Lane, Peek, Dennison, Howard and Anderson (speaker on ABA panel “Claims of Highly Compensated Executives: Are Deferred Compensation, Golden Parachutes, Severance, Insurance, and Other Creative Compensation Devices Viable in Bankruptcy?”)

Selinda Melnik, Buchanan Ingersoll (speaker on ABA panel “Recent Developments in Insolvency Administration in the Pacific Rim and Treatment of Cross-Border International Insolvencies”)

Victoria E. Powers, Schottenstein, Zox & Dunn Co., LPA (speaker on ABA panel “Trustee Action: What to Do When the Bondholders are Silent”)

Patricia Redmond, Stearns, Weaver, Miller Weissler Alhadeff Sitterson, PA (speaker on ABA panel “Anna Nicole Smith - Dueling Injunctions and Federal - State Court Relations in Bankruptcy Cases”)

Sharon Z. Weiss, Weinstein, Eisen, Weiss & Rothschild, LLP (Vice Chair, ABA’s Litigation Subcommittee)

International Column

PUTTING THE “I” IN IWIRC

Shahana Kar, International Editor

One of the best things about IWIRC is that its members span many jurisdictions all over the world. The international nature of this organization provides women insolvency professionals with a unique opportunity to meet their counterparts not only

in different parts of their own country but from various foreign countries as well. The successful conference in Chicago is but one example of how IWIRC members can meet other members from other jurisdictions.

Many IWIRC members have recently been participated in cases involving multiple jurisdictions. Given the economic globalization and interrelationship of international business ventures, the number of cross-border cases, or those having international multi-jurisdictional elements, is only going to increase. IWIRC is committed to bringing internationalism to the fore and to encouraging members from numerous countries to meet, exchange ideas and work together. In recognition of this international focus, the IWIRC Newsletter will now have a special column dedicated to bringing members up to speed on key substantive developments, cases, statutory amendments and other pertinent insolvency issues in various jurisdictions.

So, what’s the latest on the insolvency scene in your neck of the woods? IWIRC members want to know! If you know of a key case that has settled a long-standing debate in your jurisdiction, send in a short summary. If a statute has been amended or a new directive has been instituted that is going to have a significant impact, tell us. Any new and significant procedural rules in effect? All IWIRC members can benefit from reading about insolvency practice in other places. Who knows when that file will come barreling through the door that requires the international touch? And, perspective on different jurisdictions may even give you an edge in pitching business.

Given how busy IWIRC members are, we insist that contributions for this column be short (ie: maximum 500 words). By the next issue, we should have an entry for each country. Hopefully, by the following issue, we’ll have contributions from numerous networks. If you wish to contribute an article or tidbit for the International Column, please e-mail me at skar@casselsbrock.com. Further, feel free to contact me with any ideas, comments or news items for the International Column.

To get the ball rolling, here’s a piece dealing with the Canadian government’s super-enhanced garnishment powers for unremitted source deductions.

Finally! What You Own Is What You Keep. The Supreme Court Slaps The Government’s Wrists, Opting For Fairness And Predictability.

How far can the government’s tentacles reach to recover unremitted source deductions? Not as far as assets sold by a tax debtor to a third party. The Supreme Court of Canada recently put the question to rest, ruling that the government cannot grab assets sold by a tax debtor to a third party for value, even after the government issues one of its “super” garnishments.



In *First Vancouver Finance v. Canada (Minister of National Revenue)*, [2002] S.C.J. No. 25, a debtor entered into an agreement with a factoring company at a time when it owed money to the government for unremitted payroll deductions. Under the agreement, the financier bought portions of the debtor's accounts receivable. After the account was sold, the debtor notified customers that payment should be made directly to the factor.

The debtor sold several accounts after the government's tax authority sent the customer an Enhanced Requirement to Pay (i.e., a super garnishment) under the federal Income Tax Act.

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The customer then paid money to the government and the finance company sought to recover the money paid to the government.

Under the Income Tax Act, employee source deductions are considered trust funds. When an employer fails to remit deducted

funds to the government, the deemed trust is triggered, acting like a floating charge over all of the tax debtor's assets up to the amount of the unremitted amounts. The deemed trust arises whether or not the funds are held separate from other accounts and regardless of any security interest in the funds. In addition, the trust attaches to property acquired by the debtor after the trust is triggered. But the Court ruled that the trust does not continue to attach to property that has been sold by the tax debtor to a third party for value. The tax debtor can sell property to a third party in which case the trust property is replaced by the proceeds of sale.

Consequently, the trust attached to the customer's invoices since the debtor was in default of tax remittances. However, the trust did not attach to the customer invoices that had been purchased by the factoring company.

What are the implications? A purchaser of assets for value need not worry that the vendor's failure to remit source deductions will entitle the government to grab the asset down the road. Commercial certainty, predictability and fairness carry the day!

CONGRATS TO JUDGE CONTI

IWIRC congratulates Hon. Joy Flowers Conti, a former Chair of the Tri-State Network, on her nomination and confirmation to the District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania!

President Bush nominated Judge Conti on January 23, 2002, and she was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Senate on July 29, 2002. She was sworn in at a private ceremony on August 30, 2002, and her public installation ceremony was held on September 23, 2002.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Conti was a partner at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, and then a shareholder at Buchanan Ingersoll Professional corporation. In addition, she was a tenured professor of law at Duquesne University School of Law, where she taught courses in civil procedure, corporations, corporate finance, corporate reorganization, and bankruptcy.

Among her many professional activities, Judge Conti was formally the president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the Secretary and a Trustee of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Governor-at-Large of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Associations's Corporation, Banking and Business Law Section, and a member of the House of Delegates of The American Bar Association. She is currently the Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Task Force on Legal Services for the Poor and a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, the American Bar Foundation, the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, and the Allegheny County Bar Foundation.

Judge Conti has received numerous awards over the years for both her contributions to the profession, and for her work with non-profit organizations. We can think of no better person to sit on the District Court. IWIRC sends its congratulations to Judge Conti!

NETWORK SPOTLIGHT

NEW ENGLAND NETWORK REPORT

Colleen A. Murphy, Chair

The New England Network held its kick-off event at the Omni Parker House in Boston on October 23, 2002. Members and friends gathered for an evening of socializing and networking. At the event, Janet Bostwick was honored for her ongoing contributions to the New England Network and was congratulated for her recent election as Chair of the International organization. Lynne Riley, outgoing chair of the New England Network, was also honored for her dedication and years of service to the Network and her leadership role in supporting women in our local insolvency community.

The New England Network will hold its annual Holiday Luncheon at the Il Panino restaurant in Faneuil Hall on Friday, December 6, 2002 at 12:30. The Network is also busy planning events for 2003.

For more information on the New England Network, please contact Colleen A. Murphy, Goodwin Procter LLP, Exchange



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NEW YORK-AREA NETWORK REPORT

Sandra Riemer, Co-Chair
Elizabeth Ellison, Co-Chair

Everyone's Invited!

- IWIRC New York-Area Network Winter Bash
December 12, 2002 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Olympic Tower, New York City

New York, New York it's a wonderful town: And we'll be jamming at our 1st IWIRC New York-Area Network Winter Bash! Keep the date open and join us at Olympic Tower on New York's fashionable Fifth Avenue, courtesy of Jonathan M. Landers, Esq., of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP (who is donating his apartment for the event). Enjoy cocktails with great company, while gazing at the stars, the city lights and fabulous vies of Central Park!

For tickets and more information contact Sandra A. Riemer, Esq., Phillips Nizer LLP at sriemer@phillipsnizer.com or Elizabeth Ellison, Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. at eellison@donlinrecano.com.

NORTHEAST OHIO NETWORK

Jean R. Robertson, Chair

First, we all had a great time in Chicago this year. Historically, the Northeast Ohio contingency (Cleveland, Akron and Canton) turnout for this meeting is tiny, but this year, as a result of the booming Northeast Ohio Network membership and enthusiasm, we had a HUGE turnout in 2002 - including a couple of our local gentlemen. All tolled, there were at least 11 Northeast Ohio Network members in Chicago this year, and we are hoping to increase our Network representation in San Diego by another half. Also, our international membership has increased from 3 this time last year, to 10 as of last month. The benefits of IWIRC have clearly caught on here!

Second, the Northeast Ohio Network just adopted its bylaws, and we are planning our Steering Committee and Officers appointments next month. By the next newsletter, we should be able to announce who was appointed.

In the meantime, we are planning our next event for December 12th. The Northeast Ohio Network is sponsoring, for the third time, a networking cocktail reception held in conjunction with the Cleveland Bar Association, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, William J. O'Neill Bankruptcy Institute 2-day seminar. The O'Neill Bankruptcy Institute attracts about 120-150 bankruptcy professionals from all over the region to attend this CLE program. Julie Zurn, our acting Network Vice-Director, is heading the planning for this great

networking event, and Julie is working with Network member Becky Bishop, who has the distinguished honor of co-chairing the entire O'Neill Bankruptcy Institute program.

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CENTRAL OHIO NETWORK REPORT

Nannette Dean, Co-Chair
Natashia M. Bush, Co-Chair

On November 6, 2002 from 5:30-7:30 our Law Student Reception will be held at Bricker and Eckler. The panel consists of:

- **Honorable Barbara J. Sellers**, United States Bankruptcy Court, S. D. Ohio
- **Linda M. Battisti**, Trial Attorney, United States Trustee's Office
- **Victoria E. Powers**, Schottenstein, Zox & Dunn
- **Elizabeth H. Doucet**, Elizabeth H. Doucet & Associates, Ch. 7 Panel Trustee
- **Natashia M. Bush**, Law Clerk, United States Bankruptcy Court, S. D. Ohio
- **C. Kathryn Preston**, Huntington National Bank
- Moderator: **Judith Fisher**, Bank One, NA

Our next meeting is November 13, 2002, Brown Bag Lunch to be held at Carlile, Patchen & Murphy, hosted by Stephanie Champ.

If you would like more information on the Central Ohio Network, please contact Nannette Dean at Kemp, Schaeffer, Rowe & Lardiere Co., LPA, 88 West Mound Street, Columbus, OH 43215, Tel.: 1-614-224-2678, Fax: 1-614-224-1306. e-mail: nannette@ksrllaw.com or Natashia M. Bush, Law Clerk to the Hon. Charles M. Caldwell, United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Ohio, 170 High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Tel.: 1-614-469-6638, ext. 261, Fax: 1-614-469-5506, e-mail: natashia_bush@ohsb.uscourts.gov.

MICHIGAN NETWORK REPORT

Sheryl L. Toby, Chair

Update Submitted by Miriam Marton

The Michigan Network has been busy. In July, the Network held a well-attended event in which Fred Marx, of Marx Layne & Co., was the guest speaker. Mr. Marx is a co-founder of Marx Layne & Co., Michigan's largest independently owned public relations firm, and spoke about marketing and public relations with respect to professionals.



In October, the Michigan Network held a planning meeting where seven members, Sheryl Toby, Susan Gordon, Carrienne Basler, Miriam Marton, Alicia Schehr, Tricia Sherick and Julie Skidmore, met for dinner and discussed membership outreach and the Network's first event for 2003. Given the influx of new insolvency professionals in our community, the Michigan Network is expecting the upcoming year to be a year of growth and new networking opportunities.

In August, members Sheryl Toby and Miriam Marton published an article in the Michigan Lawyers Weekly. The article, entitled *Bankruptcy Can Resolve Difficult Business Issues*, provided information regarding the creative business solutions available to companies through the bankruptcy process, rejecting the concept that bankruptcy is for failing companies alone.

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MEMBER NEWS

IWIRC congratulates the following members on their achievements and successes:

Hon. Joy Flowers Conti on her appointment to the District Court in the Western District of Pennsylvania (more in the article in this edition).

Valinda Barrett Wolfert, Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C. Dallas on being recognized in the 2003 - 2004 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America" publication.

Susan J. Kilgore has joined Alan D. Lasko & Associates, PC as a manager in the firm. Her new phone number is (312) 332-1302 ext. 28, facsimile number (312) 332-1326, and her e-mail is skilgore@adlassoc.com.

Nancy Alquist of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, Baltimore on being recognized in the 2003 - 2004 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America" publication.

Lynne F. Riley of Riley & Esher, Cambridge, on being named by Boston Magazine, October 2002, as one of Boston's best lawyers. Also, Ms. Riley is serving as the Co-Chair of the Boston Bar Association's Bankruptcy Law Section's Membership Committee.

Anne J. White of Klieman Lyons Schindler & Gross, Boston, on being named by Boston Magazine, October 2002, as one of



Boston's best lawyers. Also, we congratulate her on being appointed to serve as the Co-Chair of the Boston Bar Association's Consumer Bankruptcy Law Committee.

Sue Cliffl, has relocated from Columbus to Cincinnati. She has retained her position with the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office, Revenue Recovery Section and will be working out of the Cincinnati office.

Susan Rhiel, is moving her office. As of December 1, 2002, her new firm is Rhiel & Associates, Co, LPA, 124 South Washington Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215. 614-221-4670, fax 614-232-9306, e-mail: susan@susanattorneys.com. As of December 1, 2002, they will handle all areas of bankruptcy, including Chapters 7, 11 and 13.

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