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### **IWIRC Annual Meeting and Conference To Be Held in Conjunction with the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges**

The National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges is scheduled for October 2 - 5, 2002 in Chicago, Illinois. The IWIRC Annual Meeting and Conference events will be held on October 1 and 2, 2002.

The Planning Committee members for the IWIRC Conference events are very busy putting the final things in place for October. For right now, here is just a taste of what is in the works:

On October 1, 2002, there will be reception from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art. The Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art has been dedicated to exhibiting the most thought-provoking art created since 1945. The museum is located in the heart of downtown Chicago. The event will be catered by Wolfgang Puck's catering service in the café area of the Museum. The café area is adjacent to a garden area filled with sculpture and the natural art of a great view of Lake Michigan. Guests will be allowed to wander between the reception and museum areas on their own or participate in guided tours of the museum. At 6 p.m., Judge Susan Sonderby will give a short presentation on *The Mega Bankruptcy Case- things to do and not to do*. Judge Sonderby is the chief

judge in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The K-MART case (the largest retail case) is assigned to Judge Sonderby in Chicago.

On October 2, 2002, there will be a half-day seminar presentation at the Chicago Hyatt Regency. The presentation will include a participation panel presentation on how to handle media interviews and questions in insolvency proceedings. Be ready to see the media's spin on how professionals answer interview questions.

Place these dates on your calendar — October 1 and 2, 2002. Plan to stay and participate in the NCBJ activities. Look for further details and brochures in the mail in the near future. If you would like further information on this event or are interested in being an IWIRC sponsor to help support this event, please contact Brenda Bowers at (614) 469-6638, ext. 241 or at [brenda\\_bowers@ohsb.uscourts.gov](mailto:brenda_bowers@ohsb.uscourts.gov).

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## IWIRC HOME OFFICE NEWS

### **NEW ADDRESS**

**IWIRC has a new address.** Here it is:

IWIRC  
PMB 130  
10332 Main Street  
Fairfax, VA 22030-2410

Please make the change in your address books and databases. Mail will be returned if you do not use the new address.

### **COMING SOON: A new website**

In the next few months, IWIRC will be moving its website to [www.iwirc.com](http://www.iwirc.com). While initially the site will look similar to our existing site, our new site will provide more flexibility, and allow us to include more information, not only on international events, but on local events as well. Notices will be going out when the change occurs, so be sure to watch so you can bookmark our new location!

### **IWIRC ELECTIONS THIS SUMMER**

This summer, IWIRC will be soliciting nominations and holding elections for the Board of Directors. While information on elections will be sent to members in the upcoming weeks, please contact a member of the Executive Committee if you have an interest in running for a Directors position or to enable us to answer any questions you may have. The members of the Executive Committee are: Sheryl E. Seigel, Chair, (tel.1-416-868-3475, email: [sseigel@tor.fasken.com](mailto:sseigel@tor.fasken.com)), Janet E. Bostwick, Vice Chair, (tel. 1-617-956-2670, email: [jeb@bostwicklaw.com](mailto:jeb@bostwicklaw.com)), and Leslie A. Berkoff, Secretary-Treasurer (tel.

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### MEMBER NEWS

**Patricia A. Redmond**, a shareholder at the law firm of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A., was selected as the recipient of the 2002 Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. The Service Award was presented at a ceremony held at The Supreme Court of Florida on March 14, 2002.

The awards, established in 1981, recognize individual lawyer's service in each of Florida's twenty judicial circuits, and acknowledge the services of attorneys who provide pro bono services to indigent people.

**Rachael Rubio's** firm, Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, P.A. in Miami, received the Law Firm Commendation award at the March 14, 2002 ceremony. This award was given in recognition of the firm's significant contribution to the delivery of pro bono legal services. In 2001 alone, the firm's partners and associates devoted more than 2,200 hours to pro bono work.

**Selinda A. Melnik** has joined Buchanan Ingersoll, PC as a shareholder resident in the firm's Wilmington, DE office. Her new contact details are:

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**Dina Glass** is now with the Middletons firm in Sydney. Her new information is:

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The following members spoke at the ABA's Section of Business Law's Spring Meeting in Boston, April 4 - 7:

- **Bettina Whyte** of Jay Alix & Associates spoke on a panel on incumbent management issues.
- **Kay Kress** of Pepper, Hamilton moderated the secured creditor luncheon panel.
- **B. Gail Reese** of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs served on a panel on the use of ADR in bankruptcy cases.
- **Regina Stago Kelbon** of Blank Rome Comisk & McCauley moderated a panel on creditors committees as plaintiffs.
- **Judith Elkin** of Haynes and Boone spoke on a panel on Pacific Rim insolvencies.
- **Judith Ross** of Thompson & Knight spoke on a panel on Enron issues.
- **Amy Doherty** of Goodwin Proctor spoke about recent appellate cases at the Creditors' Rights subcommittee meeting (chaired by **Catherine Bauer**).

**Leslie Ann Berkoff** of Moritt, Hock, Hamroff & Horowitz in Garden City, NY, has been nominated Chair of the Nassau County Bar Association's Bankruptcy

Committee and a member of the Executive Board of the Long Island Women's Agenda.

**Robin Mayer**, a manager in the Forensic Accounting Services Group of Friedman Alpren & Green LLP, will become Chair of the Bankruptcy and Financial Reorganization Committee for the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants on June 1, 2002. This committee will sponsor its annual conference on July 31, 2002 and Robin is co-chairing the annual Litigation and Fraud Conference for the NYSSCPAs to be held on July 23, 2002. If you would like more information on either of these conferences, please e-mail Robin at [rmayer@nyccpas.com](mailto:rmayer@nyccpas.com).

### Membership Drive News Contributed by Debra Kuptz

The 2002 IWIRC Membership Drive has added the following nine new members to our ranks:

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Location</u>
McGlynn, Kathryn	KPMG LLP	Boston, MA
Shaer, Karen	The Garden City Group, Inc.	Melville, NY
Polan, Sharon C.	Stikeman Elliott	Toronto, Ontario
Whitacre, Amy	The Parkland Group	Cleveland, OH
Bankowski, Carolyn	Deutsch Williams Brooks et al	Boston, MA
Meyerowitz, Jennifer	Alston & Bird LLP	Atlanta, GA
Bogdanov, Olga	Murtha Cullina Roche et al	Boston, MA
Falk, Lisa	KPMG LLP	Boston, MA
Frank, Gloria J.	Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C.	New York, NY

This is great start but I suspect with a little effort we can do so much more. In particular, we would like every IWIRC member to recruit one additional member from their own firms. Hopefully those of

you at large firms can get multiple new members. Don't forget there are two cash prizes plus raffle chances for recruiters. Contest rules, the membership brochure and a new member application form is available at [iwirc@ix.netcom.com](mailto:iwirc@ix.netcom.com).

In addition to just increasing our membership, we also have the goal of increasing our diversity. We'd like to see more accountants, more turnaround professionals, more lenders and others in our membership. Having a diverse membership increases networking utility. The working group of any mid- to large-sized restructuring is fertile ground for recruiting new members among the variety of professionals we are seeking.

Thanks to all the members of the Recruiting Committee for helping launch the membership drive!

### **Upcoming TMA Great Lakes Regional Conference**

**The TMA Great Lakes Regional Conference**, hosted by the Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Upstate New York and Toronto Chapters is being held on May 16 - May 17. The conference is being held at Peek'n Peak Resort, which is located 40 minutes west of Buffalo, NY. On May 16th there will be a golf outing followed by a networking dinner. May 17th will include several seminars and a luncheon. The expected attendance is 100 to 150 people.

There will be an IWIRC gathering the prior evening on Wednesday, May 15th. A block of rooms have been reserved at the "Inn at the Peak" at a rate of \$95.00. Cocktails will be at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30. More details and IWIRC registration information will be e-mailed

shortly to all IWIRC members. The cost of the TMA retreat is \$70.00/TMA members and \$100.00/non-members for the seminars and \$85.00 for golf. You can register for the TMA conference online at [www.unyturnaround.org](http://www.unyturnaround.org). Room reservations can be made online at [www.pknpk.com](http://www.pknpk.com).

If you have any questions, please call Margaret Good at (412) 232-0113.

### **Sponsors Sought**

Interested in becoming an IWIRC sponsor? Do you know an organization or firm that would be interested? Contact Janet Bostwick at (617) 956-2670 or [jeb@bostwicklaw.com](mailto:jeb@bostwicklaw.com).

### **Editor's Notes**

Please Note: Network News, substantive articles, IWIRC Works (tell us about your successful referrals through IWIRC) and much more, will appear in the next edition of the newsletter. Deadline for the next edition is July 15, 2002. This edition is an abbreviated newsletter designed for quick reading and to keep us in touch between full newsletters.

Also, special thanks to our Layout Editor, Sara Wahl, for all her hard work on this newsletter and the last one!