



DECEMBER SURVEY:

December Survey:

Q: Do you believe 2010 will have a higher or lower volume of Chapter 11 or Chapter 7 bankruptcies than 2009?

Chapter 11:

Higher Lower

Chapter 7:

Higher Lower

November Survey Results:

Q: Do you use Facebook or LinkedIn for business networking?

Results: 60% of IWIRC members utilize business social networking tools such as Facebook and LinkedIn. IWIRC has 114 members in the IWIRC LinkedIn Group and 29 members in the IWIRC Facebook group. To participate in the group, go to www.iwirc.com.

OFFICER NEWSLETTERS

From the Chair

Debra Kuptz, AlixPartners and IWIRC Chair

Dear Colleagues,

I am so excited about the momentum we are building in IWIRC for 2010 that I feel confident we are all in for a happy new year. I'd like to dedicate this final letter of 2009 to share with you the work and progress that is being made to ensure that IWIRC is the organization of choice for women in restructuring and insolvency... [More>](#)

Corrections and Clarifications:

A "Virtual Coffee" with Sheryl Seigel: An article in the November issue of the IWIRC Newsletter, A "Virtual Coffee" with Sheryl Seigel, incorrectly quoted Sheryl as saying that lawyers are commodities. ... [More>](#)

Q&A: MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

A Virtual Coffee with Deborah Kovsky-Apap ("Deb"), out-going chair of the Michigan network (MIWIRC)

By Kari Coniglio, Benesch Friedland Coplan Aranoff

Deborah Kovsky-Apap, Pepper Hamilton, LLP and MIWIRC out-going chair

This month, as IWIRC local networks begin a new leadership year, Deborah Kovsky-Apap ("Deb"), out-going chair of the Michigan network (MIWIRC), offers some tips on how she and her remarkable team were able to recruit more IWIRC members than any other local network this year... [More>](#)

GUEST ARTICLE

Don't Forget the Dirt

By Iryna Lomaga Carey, New Jersey IWIRC member and Partner in the Real Estate Department of Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A.

Do you think you are getting a bargain buying a loan or other asset in the distressed real estate market? Purchasing a loan or other real estate asset at a discount from an owner/operator or an existing lender can often produce a high return on your investment. However, in addition to market risk, you should also consider... [More>](#)

NETWORK NEWS

Many IWIRC networks enjoyed celebrating the end of the year with holiday networking events and meetings including the **Central Ohio Network**, **New England Network**, **NEON**, **Delaware Network**, **Chicago Network**, **Virginia Network**, **European Network**, **Florida Network** and **Southern California Network**.

MEMBER NEWS

IWIRC is pleased to congratulate the following two members on their invitation to join the American College of Bankruptcy:

Mona L. Burton, Holland & Hart LLP, Salt Lake City, UT

Melissa Knoll, Mesirow Financial Consulting, Chicago, IL

They will be inducted as Fellows of the College on March 12, 2010 in Washington, D.C. The ceremony will take place at the U.S. Supreme Court, and will be presided over by David G. Heiman, Chair of the College... [More>](#)

IWIRC New Members between Dec. 1, 2009 and Dec. 30, 2009

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DID YOU KNOW....

Submitted by Shari Bedker, IWIRC Administrative Director

Did you know that IWIRC's website has a fully searchable directory available on the homepage? Take full advantage of this valuable marketing and network tool and include your bio and photo so that IWIRC members, other professionals and the general public will have the most up to date information on you... [More>](#)



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