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Judy Elkin, Haynes & Boone

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I hope all of you are starting to see the glimmer of Spring. I know that every day, our Network leaders are faced with the challenge of explaining to members, and their firms and companies, the incredible benefits of IWIRC membership and the dollar for dollar value that members receive.

As those of you who were in Washington, D.C. on March 31 know, IWIRC, through the incredible hard work of Jen McLemore of Christian & Barton, and her incredible program committee, as well as the generosity of Michael St. Patrick Baxter and Covington & Burling, put on a spectacular Spring program, a *Conversation with Trailblazing Women in the Insolvency Field*. IWIRC also sponsored, in conjunction with the ABI, a Women's Roundtable discussion on succeeding and being happy in life and in work.

These programs addressed, head on, the incredible challenges faced by professional women who must balance a demanding professional life with the competing demands of homes and families, all the while facing the uphill struggle for parity in the workplace. From the historical perspective, our panel of pioneers shared their fascinating personal stories, proving that hard work, determination, a "never say never" attitude, as well as good organizational skills and a great sense of humor are essential to success.

At the ABI Roundtable, our speakers shared their experiences, as well as their common sense trial and error solutions to balancing a successful career and a happy life.

A common theme throughout these programs, stressed by each panelist, was the importance of not just joining organizations, like IWIRC and the ABI, but also volunteering, performing tasks and taking leadership roles within the organizations you join.

Just on the heels of these programs, on April 4-6, The Wall Street Journal held its first meeting of its Task Force on Women in the Economy. This program "brought together more than 150 influential men and women from the public and private sectors, as well as key subject matter experts, with a unique focus on women in the workforce. Participants assessed and debated economic, demographic, and workplace factors that contribute to the fact the advancement of women in the workplace severely lags that of men. The mission of the task force is to create an action plan addressing urgent issues that affect not only women and their professional potential, but also companies and their ability to harness the economic opportunities offered by this vital segment of the workforce." <http://www.womeninecon.wsj.com/index.php/program#day1>

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One of the **top four** recommendations from the Law and Professional Services Focus Group at the Wall Street Journal's conference, as summarized in the Journal Report, April 11, 2011, was:

"Companies should support women in collaborative relationships across professional boundaries in order to share strategies, cultivate contacts, generate business relationships and promote one another."

This statement is the heart and soul of IWIRC. Need I say more.

All the best. See you all in Tampa in October.

Judy

IWIRC's 8th Annual Spring Program – Through the Eyes of a First Time Attendee

By Natasha Labovitz, Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

A great time was had by all at IWIRC's 8th Annual Spring Program, held on March 30 and 31 in Washington DC. The Opening Reception & Dinner hosted by Kurtzman Carlson Consultants provided an excellent opportunity to catch up on old relationships and form new ones - although the room was so filled with amazing women that it was hard to manage to talk to everyone! It is a great feeling to realize that next year we are likely to need a larger venue to accommodate all of the busy IWIRC networkers. The welcoming feel of the reception was enhanced by the intrepid chairs of IWIRC's mentoring committee, who made it their business to ensure that first-time attendees felt comfortable and met plenty of new people.

Thursday's forum, "A Conversation with Trailblazing Women in the Insolvency Field" - featuring advice and memoirs from such legends in the restructuring community as **Norma Corio, Marcia Goldstein, Hon. Mary Walrath, Hon. Barbara Houser, and Bettina Whyte** - the forum could not help but be as inspiring as it was candid and humorous. The perfect follow-up for the presentation was a family-style lunch at Carmine's, where IWIRC women filled long tables, each one noisy with a combination of chit-chat, discussion of pending cases and plans to meet up at future events (national or local, formal or informal). The Italian food was excellent if copious - the lesson learned for any future trip to Carmine's is not to fill up on appetizers, no matter how tempting they may be, because more food is sure to be on the way.

All in all, the IWIRC event seemed like it would be the perfect prelude to the ABI programming that followed it, but it was also thoroughly enjoyable and worthwhile as a stand-alone event (I fit the program in before a scheduled meeting in Boston on Thursday evening and was very glad I did). Kudos to all of the organizers - I can't wait for next year!



Natasha Labovitz

IWIRC Members are Open for Business

Complete a new profile by May 2 and get entered to win a free registration to the Fall Conference¹

The member profile function on the new IWIRC website is designed to be an effective tool in a member's practice development arsenal. Members are now able to identify the specific practice areas and industries in which they practice, as well as to compose a biography that highlights and presents their specific areas of expertise, accomplishments, market niches and any other details a member deems relevant. Prospective clients are now able to search the member profiles to find the help they need. The search function is powerful, allowing for multiple criteria to be identified. So, someone from Germany can find local counsel in Atlanta, see a little bit about the person's background and a link to that member's firm right from her or his profile.

Updating your profile is incredibly simple so you can regularly add new important cases or accomplishments to it. You can also add the link to your emails and other marketing communications so the best and most up-to-date information about you is always available. We want the new member database to be as robust as possible ASAP! To encourage you to take advantage of this great marketing tool, every member who completes their profile by 5:00 pm Eastern time on May 2 will be entered into a drawing for a complimentary registration

to IWIRC's Fall Conference in Tampa on October 11 and 12. The registration is transferable to another IWIRC member with a completed profile.

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1 Must be an IWIRC member to participate; completed profile must include a photo and biography of 50 words or more and be uploaded onto IWIRC.com by 5:00 pm Eastern on May 2, 2011.

A conference presented by the IBA Section on Insolvency, Restructuring and Creditor's Rights (SIRC) and supported by the European Regional Forum.

Do you want to go to Paris and also learn the lessons of the global financial crisis? Then you will want to attend the 17th Annual Global Insolvency and Restructuring Conference entitled "Only the Strong Will Survive: Financing and Valuing Distressed Entities". The conference will be held in **Paris, France on 22-24 May 2011.**

This conference will explore how debtors and other insolvent entities raise capital, both in and out of restructuring proceedings, how businesses are valued and how those valuation models are used by Courts, litigants and financial advisors, and an analysis of the lessons learned over the past 10 years since the passage of the EU Insolvency Regulations as well as a review of the new legislation around the globe for dealing with the insolvency of financial institutions.

To register go to <http://www.int-bar.org/conferences/conf357/>

NCBJ "Next Generation" Program Opportunity!

Don't miss this unique opportunity to nominate your firm's up-and-coming bankruptcy attorney as a participant in the first NCBJ "Next Generation" program, to be held during the NCBJ annual conference in Tampa, October 12-15, 2011. The first 30 qualified applicants will participate in a round table discussion with judges from across the country and in a special social event with guest Ginger Reichl, an expert on networking and legal marketing. The formal announcement of May 12, 2011, as the date that nominations will be accepted, a description of the criteria and instructions for submitting your candidate are now posted on the NCBJ website.

Go to www.ncbj.org, click on the Annual Conference tab, then on the photo labeled "NCBJ Next Generation" for the nomination instructions and for additional information about the program. Be sure to scroll down past the announcement to the instruction page.

Communications Committee Opportunity

Are you looking for a way to get more involved with IWIRC? Consider joining the communications committee. We are having our next meeting Tuesday May 3rd, at 4:00 pm EDT. We have many ways to get you involved based on your interests or time commitment constraints. If you would like more information, please email cbasler@alixpartners.com.

Network Happenings

TWO New Networks Launched!

We are pleased to announce TWO brand new networks! With many thanks to Alicia Bendana, Lowe Stein Hoffmann Allweiss & Hauver, L.L.P., New Orleans, and Karen "Kitt" Turner, Eckert Seamons Cherin and Mellott, LLC, Philadelphia, the Louisiana and Greater Philadelphia Networks are up and running. If you know of any colleagues in these areas of the U.S., please encourage them to join and become involved through their local networks. If you need help on a case or other matters in Louisiana or Philadelphia, please remember to look at the IWIRC website to find the perfect referral through the online directory that includes industries, specializations and searchable bios.

Georgia

The spring storms have not slowed the Georgia Network's productivity or excitement!

While the weather was more than a little blustery in National Harbor this March, many of Georgia Network's members braved the "Northern" chill to attend the IWIRC and ABI Spring Meetings at the Gaylord Conference Center. In addition to excellent networking and educational opportunities during the week, IWIRC members received the special treat of an excellent and relevant panel. Entitled "A Conversation with Trailblazing Women in the Insolvency Field," the panel was moderated by the **Hon. Marjorie Rendell** of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and included the following impressive interviewees: **Normo Corio**, Treasurer, JP Morgan; **Marcia Goldstein**, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP; **Hon. Barbara Houser**, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Northern District of Texas; **Hon. Mary Walrath**, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Delaware; and **Bettina Whyte**, Alvarez and Marsal. Attendees were further spoiled by a delightfully gluttonous lunch at Carmine's in D.C. following the panel. The Georgia Network plans to host a special viewing party of the recorded panel for those members who were unable to attend the Spring Meeting... stay tuned for further details. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the organization of these events and a special thank you to the panelists for their brilliant inspiration!

Tornadoes might have threatened the South on Friday, April 15... but on Thursday, April 14, it was all sunshine and smiles for the evening reception at the Thirty-Seventh Annual Southeast Bankruptcy Law Institute Seminar, which was co-sponsored by IWIRC's Georgia and Florida Networks, BMC Group and GlassRatner. We had an outstanding turnout with attendees from all over the southeast and even the northern states as well. The addition of a tent this year added to the classiness of the event and further facilitated networking. Thank you to our Georgia Network members who worked to organize the event, which drew positive attention to our great organization and talented members.

Always bustling with activity, the Georgia Network has planned another networking and professional development opportunity for its members. On April 27, 2011, the Georgia Network will present a commercial real estate and insolvency panel moderated by **Debra Jackson**, a Senior Managing Director with GlassRatner Advisory and Capital Group in Atlanta, Georgia. Panelists include: **Erin Stark Brown**, a Commercial Litigation & Transactions partner with McCalla Raymer in Montgomery, AL; **Paige Collier**, Senior Vice President, Commercial Real Estate Division, Bank of North Georgia; **J. Dixon Fleming, Jr.**, Partner with Core Point Partners in Salisbury, North Carolina; and **A. Michelle Willis**, a Real Estate Finance Partner with Troutman Sanders in Atlanta, Georgia. Join us for part or all of the evening: we will begin with cocktails from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. and continue with the program and questions from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Thank you in advance to Alston & Bird for hosting this event.

Finally, we continue to encourage our Georgia Network and other network members to "like" us on Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com, search for the IWIRC Georgia Network page and click the "Like" button. And, while you're at it, upload your photo to the IWIRC Georgia Network page by going to: <http://www.iwirc.org/networks/georgia>.

We look forward to seeing members of our sister networks throughout the coming months – please let us know when you'll be in Georgia!

Member News

Daily Journal published an article written by Los Angeles member **Katherine Piper**, of Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, titled "How Women Can Benefit from Law Firm Succession Planning" on April 13. As baby boomers continue to retire over the next 10 years, there may be an opportunity to change the trajectory of women in large law firms through succession planning that makes a conscious effort to leave legacy clients and practice groups in the hands of women. Ms. Piper's article offers tips for what women can do to be in the best position for this transition.

Jennifer Meyerowitz, Esq. Vice Chair of IWIRC and a member of the Georgia network has been named vice president and director of business development with Epiq Systems. Jennifer's primary responsibility is to spearhead the development and execution of the Company's business development and client relations initiatives. Previously, Jennifer was a Vice President & Senior Consultant at Epiq where she assisted clients in case preparation and filings, schedule and SOFA preparation, creation of communication collateral, claims reconciliation and other matters.



Katherine Piper



Jennifer Meyerowitz



Carla Andres

American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) has named Godfrey & Kahn attorney **Carla Andres** to its Central States Advisory Board effective June 10, 2011.

"I am proud to be a part of such an important organization," said Carla Andres, co-leader of Godfrey & Kahn's Business, Finance and Restructuring Practice Group. "I look forward to supporting the ABI in achieving its goals and supporting its mission."

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Submitted by Shari Bedker, IWIRC Administrative Director

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Have you checked out our Facebook page lately? Are you following us on Twitter? Are you a member of our LinkedIn group? If not, you are missing out! Did you recently read an interesting article? Post it! Our membership is sharing a lot of great content and updates and we'd love to hear from you.



Shari Bedker

IWIRC Administrative Director

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If you would like to:

- send an article for inclusion in one of our forthcoming issues;
- introduce a new member to IWIRC;
- join IWIRC; or
- volunteer to take on a leadership role within one of our committees

Please contact our administrative assistant, Marcy Gravatt, at info@iwirc.com.

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