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FROM THE CHAIR

Judy Elkin, Haynes & Boone

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Successful business development is common sense. You know how it goes. You get invited to a cocktail reception from someone you have never heard of at a company or firm you know little about. You think: "it might be a good place to make some business contacts", so you RSVP that you will be happy to attend.

The day arrives, and you start second-guessing yourself. "Where did this invitation come from?" "Will I know anyone there?" You get up your nerve and you attend. Surely you will know someone there. But you don't.

You walk the room, and get the courage (a glass of wine helps) to start talking to people. Now what?

Rule No. 1: Listen more than you talk. Ask questions of the people you meet; learn about what they do, what they like, how they know the host. People like to talk about themselves, their work, their lives, their families. Find a connection. Then tell them what you do. Exchange cards and move to the next person. Distribute as many cards as possible. Your printer will love you.

Rule No. 2: Research and Recall. I have a horrible memory. As soon as I leave an event, I gather all the business cards I have collected and write little notes on them to help me remember that person in some way. It could be what type of work they actually do; it could be that they like dogs. Anything that will help me remember that person and distinguish him or her from the 1,000 other business cards I have floating around my office.

Then do some research. The internet is a wonderful tool, use it. Look up the person you met; look up their company. Is this someone you want to have a business relationship with or is it not worth it for a variety of reasons. Ask around your firm. Others may know of this person or this company. I recently attended an event where I met the general counsel of a company that I thought would be a good match for my practice and the practice areas of some of my partners. A little internal research revealed the company had, at one time, been client years ago (but not a good one) and that the company's reputation in its own industry was not good. I passed on that contact, but other people I met passed the research test.

Rule No. 3: Follow-Up. No matter how well you connect with someone at a cocktail party, it is nothing more than a fleeting event. Remember, he or she probably got as many business cards as you did and spoke to just as many people. Now you have to differentiate yourself. Send him or her an e-mail: "It was wonderful to meet you at the SierraDallas cocktail reception.

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I really enjoyed talking with you and learning about your business. Here is some information about my business and here is how I think I can help you in yours.”

Rule No. 4: Don't just offer to help – show them how you can help. Be specific. If the person you met has a lot of landlord/tenant work, indicate your specific expertise in this area and why you think you can help them. Encourage them to just call you if questions arise, even if they don't need to hire you. Everyone likes to have someone they can run ideas by when they have a problem. Chances are the person will respond to your e-mail and you can follow up further. Set up a lunch to go into more specifics about what you do and how you can help them.

Remember, the hardest part, was just walking into that party in the first place. The follow-up is just common sense. Happy hunting.

One last note, please send your thoughts and prayers to our colleagues in Japan, where they will be undergoing the most dramatic of restructurings. IWIRC is an international community, and I encourage you to assist in any way you feel comfortable. Those who want to help can go to www.redcross.org and donate to Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami.

All the best. I look forward to seeing everyone in Washington, D.C. on March 31.

Judy

FOUNDERS AWARDS WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the winners. The awards will be awarded at the Spring Conference

The Melnik Award for Exceptional IWIRC Member

Tinamarie Feil has been a member of IWIRC since 2001. She is currently spearheading and enhancing IWIRC's international outreach and profile through her work with UNCITRAL on behalf of IWIRC. She was the newsletter editor for several years and is currently an IWIRC Director. Tinamarie is co-founder and the President of Client Services at **BMC Group**, an international information management and professional services firm. Tinamarie has 20+ years experience directing various aspects of corporate compliance, communications, insolvency case administration, as well as the due diligence process in major merger and acquisition transactions. Tinamarie is a frequent author and speaker. She currently acts as Co-Chair of the American Bankruptcy Institute's Business Reorganizations Committee and is the Task Force Leader for the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation delegation to the United Nations Committee on International Trade Law (Working Group V, Insolvency). She also serves on the Technical Research Committee of INSOL International. Tinamarie is an active member of Turnaround Management Association, the American Bankruptcy Institute, INSOL International, the Association for Corporate Growth and BTG Global Network.

The Ryan Award for Outstanding IWIRC Network

IWIRC Canadian Network was the 4th IWIRC Network and was established in May 1996 by Sheryl Seigel. The Canadian Network is proud to be one of the fastest growing IWIRC networks. Since May 2010, network membership has nearly tripled. The network now includes over 80 women from across Canada. The network hosts several different types of events for networking, professional growth and just relaxing. There is something for everyone: cocktail receptions, casual lunches and events featuring educational components. Over the past year, the network has held events including a cocktail event featuring diamond giveaways, a wine and chocolate tasting and a dinner featuring an esteemed panel comprised of three leading female jurists of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

The Fetner Award for Outstanding International IWIRC Contribution

Deborah S. Grieve has been a member of IWIRC since 1997. She currently serves as Director responsible for Canada on the International Board of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) and is Chair of the Canadian Network of IWIRC. She was the leader of the initiative to relaunch the network which had become dormant and she has continued to lead a remarkable resurgence in membership. She is a partner in **Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP** Restructuring and Insolvency Group. She has practiced exclusively in corporate restructuring and insolvency matters since 1986 and is one of the few practitioners certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a Specialist in Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law.



Tinamarie Feil



Deborah S. Grieve

Deborah has extensive experience in corporate restructurings, including significant cross-border proceedings. Deborah has represented a variety of stakeholders in proceedings involving, for example, Nortel Networks, AbitibiBowater, Air Canada, Stelco, Allied Holdings, Livent, Tele-globe, Philip Services Corp., Laidlaw, Outboard Marine, Canada 3000, Ivaco, Ottawa Senators, Hurricane Hydrocarbons, Saan stores, Progressive Moulded Products, and many others. She also has experience acting in insurance company liquidations including Reliance Insurance Company and others.

Deborah has been involved for many years in international, federal and provincial law associations. She was the Chair and remains engaged on the executive committees of both the Canadian Bar Association - Bankruptcy and Insolvency Section and the Ontario Bar Association - Insolvency Law Section. Deborah is also a member of the Ontario Bar Association Personal Property Security Legislation committee, which studies and proposes submissions for legal reform.

At the request of the office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy of Canada, Deborah has participated as an examiner on the panel that conducts the final oral examinations of prospective trustees in bankruptcy. She was also responsible for the Insolvency Law section of the Business Law component of Ontario's Bar Admission Course, including all lectures.

Deborah speaks regularly on a broad range of corporate restructuring, insolvency and personal property security issues. She recently participated in Insolvency Working Group V, 39th Session, at the United Nations Commission of the International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) on cross-border insolvency issues.

A VIRTUAL COFFEE WITH DEBORAH GRIEVE, CASSELS BROCK & BLACKWELL LLP

By: Georgiana Nertea, EisnerAmper LLP

Deborah Grieve of Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP is this year's recipient of the Fetner Award. Congratulations to Deborah for such an accomplishment! It is well-deserved and a true honor!

The Fetner award is given to an International (non - US) IWIRC member or network in good standing who has provided an exceptional contribution, either through efforts over the past year, or for the culmination of her (or his) efforts over a period of years. Special recognition is afforded, since international members often have more significant obstacles in dealing with distance from other Networks and members. The award is named in honor of our founding Vice Chair, Martha Fetner.

I had the pleasure to interview Deborah about her attachment to IWIRC and her professional accomplishments which are deeply intertwined with her involvement in IWIRC.

First and foremost, what does IWIRC mean to you?

For me, IWIRC means opportunity. Opportunity of all sorts. The opportunity to meet people, to become involved, to learn, to teach, to network, to lead, to participate and to create other opportunities. The opportunity, as a senior insolvency legal counsel in a field where there are only a handful of senior female insolvency counsel in Canada, to assist those earlier in their careers. Opportunities to be inspired, and - who knows? - perhaps to inspire others to create opportunities for all of us. The opportunity to try new things: who might have predicted that IWIRC would allow me to participate in an insolvency law working group at the United Nations...and to try riding a mechanical bull in Texas among other things, all within a few months??

You are the Chair of the Canadian Network and a Director on the International Board of Directors. What led to your active participation in IWIRC?

Although I have been a IWIRC member for many years, I became more active recently after I joined Cassels Brock in mid-2009 to refocus my practice on international and cross-border insolvency work. IWIRC has such huge potential that I was looking for a way to add value. Recent past IWIRC Chair Deb Kuptz wanted to explore growing IWIRC in Canada and asked me to jumpstart the Canadian Network. Tackling that project has been a fulfilling challenge, with the enthusiastic participation of a great team that includes both a few experienced IWIRC members, and some brand new faces.



Deborah S. Grieve

What were some of the factors considered when deciding to become active in IWIRC versus other professional organizations?

I am involved in many professional organizations, and have been for years. I served for many years as chair and on the executive committees of both what are now the Ontario Bar Association – Insolvency Law Section, and the Canadian Bar Association – National Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Restructuring Section, among other professional insolvency organizations. IWIRC is unique as its purpose, its *raison d'être*, is to support and promote not only education and networking in the insolvency and restructuring field, but also specifically to create opportunities for women insolvency professionals, both in their local networks where it is most important to most practitioners, and internationally. And all that in a collegial and inclusive atmosphere, with a healthy dose of fun!

You are a great ambassador of this organization. It is a pleasure to see you at IWIRC conferences. What attracts you to the IWIRC Programs?

Thank you! IWIRC has a broad range of members including lawyers, trustees and financial advisors of all levels and judges. (It is great to see judges not only at IWIRC's fabulous receptions but also as members.) The programs and *intermezzos* are so varied that there is something for everyone. I tip my hat to those in charge of programming – their creativity and hard work are reflected in the diverse, interesting and entertaining programs.

Women in the early stages of their careers look up to you. What is your advice to them? How can they benefit from all the resources that IWIRC has to offer?

One thing that I have learned by experience, at different times and different ways: the more you invest yourself in something, the more you benefit, one way or another. I would advise those who are starting out to become actively involved in local networks, not to be afraid to inject some personality, and to collaborate with others to build your collective vision in a way that works for you!

GOODBYE TO OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE TERI RASMUSSEN

Teri Gwendolyn Rasmussen died at home on March 1, 2011. She was 51 years old, and she leaves her parents, Jorgen and Martha Rasmussen of Ames, Iowa and her sister, Collene Gaolach of Seattle, along with a host of friends and colleagues.

Teri had been an active member of IWIRC since 1994 and was one of the founding members of the Central Ohio Network.

Teri graduated from the University of Iowa in 1981 with a B.A. in Political Science and Phi Beta Kappa honors, and she earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan School of Law in 1984 with honors. She was a tireless and effective legal advocate for her clients from the start of her career at Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP, where she began as an associate in 1984 and later became a partner. She also practiced at Blaugrund Herbert & Martin, Inc., Adams Babner & Rasmussen LLC, Lane Alton & Horst LLC, and Plunkett Cooney, P.C. Most recently, she practiced at her own firm, the Rasmussen Law Office, and served as an adjunct professor in the Capital University School of Management.

Outside of her work, she devoted her time and talents to numerous state and local groups. She co-founded Women for Economic and Leadership Development, which works to support women in business, the professions and public service. Over the years, she served as president of the Executive Women's Golf Association, a committee chair of the Ohio State Bar Association, a board member of CATCO, and a member of many other organizations. She was passionate about golf, sailing, baseball and all things maize and blue. But she will be remembered most as a smart, funny, quirky and fiercely independent woman who would do anything for her friends. She died long before her time, and she will be sorely missed.

IWIRC CORPORATE RATE STRUCTURE AVAILABLE JANUARY 1, 2011!

In an effort to address budgeting needs of firms with a large number of IWIRC members, the IWIRC Board has approved the following corporate rate structure change:

- *Firms with 10-19 IWIRC members, \$200 per member, which is \$25 off the regular rate.*
- *Firms with 20-34 IWIRC members, \$175 per member, which is \$50 off of the regular rate.*
- *Firms with 35+ or more IWIRC members, \$150 per member, which is \$75 off of the regular rate.*

On January 1, the website will include an online form for corporate renewals. For administrative purposes, we would ask that to the extent possible, you renew all members from your firm at the same time. If you have members who join during the year, please use the corporate rate form instead of the regular "join" form to ensure that the proper rate is applied to the member.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact either Shari Bedker or Marcy Gravatt on 703-449-1316, info@iwirc.com.



Norma Corio



Marcia Goldstein



Hon. Barbara Houser



Hon. Marjorie Rendell



Hon. Mary Walrath



Bettina Whyte

IWIRC'S 8TH ANNUAL SPRING PROGRAM AND PRESENTATION OF FOUNDERS' AWARDS

Thursday, March 31, 2011
Covington & Burling, LLP
Washington, DC

Our Spring program will feature a very special presentation, "A Conversation with Trailblazing Women in the Insolvency Field."

We are pleased to announce that the **Hon. Marjorie Rendell**, Third Circuit Court of Appeals, will be the moderator for this historic program. The interviewees include:

Norma Corio, *Treasurer, JPMorgan, New York*

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*

Bettina Whyte, *Alvarez and Marsal, New York*

The program is being taped and will be included in the permanent, digital collection of the National Bankruptcy Archives housed at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. IWIRC appreciates the cooperation and support of the American College of Bankruptcy's Archives Committee and its Chair, the Hon. Diane Sigmund.

With many thanks to Michael St. Patrick Baxter, the event is being held at the law offices of Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, D.C. Due to limited capacity at the venue, please note there are ONLY 150 spaces available for this event, so please register at your earliest convenience. After the interviews, the 2011 Founders' Awards will be presented. Registration includes a networking lunch at Carmine's Italian Restaurant, which is walking distance from Covington & Burling LLP at 425 7th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004.

For those staying at the Gaylord National Hotel for the ABI Spring Conference, we will provide bus transportation at 9:00 a.m. to Covington & Burling LLP for the program. After lunch, we will provide bus transportation back to the Gaylord.

If you cannot attend this historic event, or if you would like a copy of the DVD for your personal or firm files, you may purchase one for \$20 through the registration process and it will be mailed to you.

If you are attending the ABI Spring Conference, we hope you will attend the women's reception on Friday, April 1 from 6-7 p.m. that IWIRC is co-sponsoring with ABI. The reception will include an informal roundtable discussion that focuses on progression in careers and within professional organizations (like ABI and IWIRC), balancing work and family, leadership roles, mentoring other women, and other topics of interest as well as time to network and relax. You may register for this through ABI.



Only the Strong Will Survive:

Financing and Valuing Distressed Entities

22-24 May 2011 Paris, France



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/>

INVITATION TO IWIRC MEMBERS FROM SHERYL SEIGEL AND THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

*Re: American Bar Association Business Law Section – Spring Meeting – Business Bankruptcy Committee,
April 14-16, 2011 Boston, MA*

This year the Spring Meeting of the ABA Business Law Section is being held at the Marriott and Westin hotels (Copley Place) in Boston.

The Business Bankruptcy Committee programs at the Spring Meeting cover a diverse array of cutting-edge business bankruptcy topics, including Musical Chairs and "Ponzi" Scheme Avoidance Actions, Structuring Asset Sales, Mergers and Acquisitions to Preserve Insurance, Protecting a Parent from an Insolvent Subsidiary, Ethical and Liability Concerns in Commercial Loan Workouts, Value Maximizing Strategies in Bankruptcy Asset Sales, Lehman – More than Two Years Later: Lessons for Secured Parties, Derivate Counterparties and Owners of Custodied Financial Assets, Current Developments in Bankruptcy Law and many more.

I am most pleased to report that many of our IWIRC members are participating in these programs.

The ABA very much welcomes the participation of young lawyers and law students. **The Business Law Section is offering a discount on Spring Meeting registration to members of the Boston and Massachusetts Bar Associations, ACG members, first-time attendees and young lawyers. Law students attending university must register, but can attend for free.** If you are not already a member, please also consider joining the ABA Business Law Section (non-lawyers may join at the associate rate).

The Spring Meeting affords a wonderful opportunity for business bankruptcy professionals, including non-lawyers, to meet other members of the ABA Business Law Section and attend a wide array of Business Law Section programs. More information about the Spring Meeting, including a schedule of the Committee's Programs and instructions for on-line registration, can be found at: <http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=CL160000>

This is an excellent education and networking forum. If you are attending, please let me know as I would be very pleased to say hello in person and introduce you to other members of the Business Bankruptcy Committee.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any more information about the Spring Meeting or the benefits of becoming a member of the ABA Business Law Section.

I hope to see you in Boston! Warmest regards,

Sheryl E. Seigel

Membership Subcommittee Chair, Business Bankruptcy Committee

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NETWORK HAPPENINGS

Alabama

On March 2, 2011 the Alabama Network hosted a brown-bag lunch and learn entitled "Reading (and Understanding!) Financial Statements." The presenter was none other than IWIRC's very own **Leanne Gould** from GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group LLC in Atlanta, GA. Leanne taught a group of approximately thirty women and men in Birmingham and Mobile (via live video feed) how to read financial statements by comparing the financial statements of Kmart (just prior to their bankruptcy filing) and Walmart, over the same time period. The program was approved by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission of Alabama and participants earned 1.0 hour of CLE credit. The program, free for members and \$20.00 for non-members, was well received as was evident from the exceptionally high marks on the survey that program participants completed. As one participant noted: "This was an exceptional value. It was a very well presented CLE, and had practical applications to daily practice." The Alabama Network would like to thank Leanne for so generously volunteering her time and expertise with us!

The IWIRC Chicago Network is Cooking!

By Christine L. Childers, Jenner & Block LLP and Chair of the Chicago Network

Bankruptcy professionals by day (and, let's be serious, by night, too) and cooking class attendees by night. Of course, the cooking class had a networking flair. On February 17, 2011, the Chicago Network kicked-off its 2011 networking year with its Third Annual Cooking Event at The Chopping Block in the Merchandise Mart.

Around 60 women and a few brave men came out for mingling and libations, and to try their hands at cooking such creations as spinach salad with dried cranberries, candied pecans and a blue cheese & fig vinaigrette, roasted pesto chicken, potato gratin with gruyere and truffle salt and individual baked Alaska with chocolate sauce. After chopping, tossing, whisking, butterflying, seasoning, layering, roasting and browning, a "comfort food feast" was created and enjoyed over discussions of financial restructurings and families.

The annual cooking event provides a great opportunity for the Chicago Network's members and invited guests to network, brush up on cooking skills and collect some great recipes. The Board and its Committees are planning some equally exciting events for this year, and hope that you will join us. And, we look forward to next year's cooking event.



Georgia Network

The lilacs have risen, the days are longer, the birds are hatching and spring is blossoming for IWIRC's Georgia Network. Thanks to **Sage Sigler's** excellent leadership and diligence, the Georgia Network has secured several thousand dollars in sponsorships for 2011. This year's sponsors include, at the Platinum Level: Alston & Bird LLP, Epiq Systems, FTI Consulting, McCalla Raymer, LLC, McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, and Protiviti; and, at the Gold Level: Bryan Cave, CPM&S, GCG, Glass Ratner, Jones & Walden, LLC, Kilpatrick Townsend, Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs, LLP, Schreeder, Wheeler & Flint, LLP, and Scroggins & Williamson, P.C. Moreover, other firms and companies have committed to sponsor individual events. Thank you to all our sponsors and special kudos to Ms. Sigler for gracefully and successfully spearheading this effort!

The turning of the seasons is accompanied by the IWIRC and ABI Spring Meetings in National Harbor, Maryland, later this month. Many of our Georgia Network members will be attending. We look forward to visiting with our "sisters" from the other networks as well as supporting member **Judge Mary Grace Diehl** in her participation in the "Great Debates" during the ABI meeting. Judge Diehl will be opposing Judge Gene Wedoff on the subject of individual chapter 11 cases and compensation of counsel. With attorney compensation as the topic and the dynamic Judge Diehl as a speaker, we can anticipate this will be a well-attended event!

While we are excited for the future, we take this opportunity to recognize some great events that took place this month. On March 3, 2011, Professor **Jessica Gabel** and **Judge Wendy Hagenau** participated as panelists at the Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal's Eighth Annual Symposium. Professor Gabel spoke on "Fraudulent Conveyances: More than Just a Theoretical Risk in Structuring Loans and Guarantees" and Judge Hagenau spoke on "If I Knew Then What I Know Now – Lessons in Ethics and Professional Responsibility for New Bankruptcy and Insolvency Practitioners." Excellent job, ladies! On March 16, 2011, the Georgia Network hosted a reception to honor the freshly robed Judge James R. Sacca. A big shout of gratitude to the offices of McKenna, Long & Aldridge LLP for hosting the celebratory reception. In addition to our annual sponsors, Judge Sacca's reception was sponsored by Clark & Washington, P.C. and Wargo & French, LLP. Thank you to all for an enjoyable evening.

Earlier this month, some of us tried to stay out of the gutter at the TMA Young Professionals' bowling event at Ten Pins Alley on March 10, 2011. Bowling scores aside, the evening was a clear ten for networking and forging new relationships. One can only hope our new connections weren't keeping score . . .

As we mentioned last month, the Georgia Network's work with the CreditSmart Program has been a success and continues to inspire. This year's class graduated this month. Thanks again to all our wonderful volunteers and to Anne Blicht and Leslie Pineyro for their impressive organization and hard work on this program. Stay tuned for photos from the graduation to be included in April's newsletter.

April will soon be upon us and, with it, a wonderful opportunity to hear from the experts on the interplay of commercial real estate and bankruptcy. On April 27, 2011, at the offices of Alston & Bird, LLP, the Georgia Network will host a commercial real estate and insolvency panel. **Debra Jackson** from Glass Ratner will moderate the panel, which promises to be current and informative. Before attending the IWIRC panel, though, we hope to see our members at the Thirty-Seventh Annual Southeast Bankruptcy Law Institute (SBLI) Seminar. SBLI registrants should join us for cocktails and refreshments on April 14, 2011, at 5 p.m., at a reception the Georgia and Florida IWIRC networks are co-hosting with Glass Ratner and BMC Group. Always a conference worth attending, SBLI has yet another great line-up this year: www.sbli-inc.org.

Finally, we take this opportunity to highlight to send well-deserved recognition to Judge Diehl for her election as Treasurer for NCBJ in for the 2011-2012 term.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the great events scheduled this month!

IWIRC CANADIAN NETWORK'S EVENING WITH THE COMMERCIAL LIST

On January 11th, the Canadian Network presented "An Evening with the Commercial List". Established in 1991, the Commercial List is comprised of a team of judges in Toronto, Ontario who have experience in managing complex commercial litigation, including insolvency and restructuring litigation.

Presented in conjunction with the Ontario Bar Association, the event featured a cocktail reception and a dinner. Most notably, however, the evening featured a panel that included Madam Justice Sarah Pepall, Madam Justice Ruth Mesbur and Madam Justice Alexandria Hoy, three past or current Commercial List judges. The panel discussed, among other things, recent trends and developments in insolvency litigation and best practices before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice Commercial List.

The evening was a tremendous success. The event, which quickly sold out, offered Network members an opportunity to network as well as an invaluable opportunity to learn about

developments in Commercial List practice from the candid comments and observations of those hearing Commercial List matters. Non-members in the capacity crowd also learned about IWIRC and the Canadian Network. It was an excellent and informative evening!

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to three IWIRC members who were inducted this month into the American College of Bankruptcy: **Caroline Fuller**, Fairfield and Woods, P.C., Denver; **Kim Martin Lewis**, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, Cincinnati; and **Suzanne Uhland**, O'Melveny & Myers LLP, San Francisco. Criteria for selection into the ACB include the highest standard of professionalism, ethics, character, integrity, professional expertise.

Bayard, P.A., announced that **Jamie L. Edmonson** has been elected a Director of the firm. Edmonson, Senior Counsel with the firm since 2008, concentrates her practice in the areas of commercial bankruptcy, restructurings, insolvencies and liquidations. During more than 14 years of practice, Edmonson has represented public and non-public debtor corporations, secured and unsecured creditors, official committees, trustees, and asset purchasers.

She is currently serving as bankruptcy counsel to the Debtors in Rock US Holdings; co-counsel to the Official Committees of Unsecured Creditors in AbitibiBowater, Inc. and Capmark Financial Inc.; and, co-counsel to the Debtors in Constar International Inc., Crdienta Holdings, ClearPoint Business Resources, and Broadway 401. Edmonson is admitted to practice law in the state and federal courts in Delaware and California.

Her chapter 11 restructuring experience has included debtors in a broad spectrum of business sectors, including information technology, retail, food, energy, construction, real estate, telecommunications, and manufacturing industries.

Edmonson earned her B.S.B.A. in Real Estate and Urban Development with a minor in Finance from American University in 1990, and her J.D. from Loyola Law School, Loyola Marymount University in 1996. She served as a Judicial Extern for the Honorable Alex Kozinski in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Kim Martin Lewis



Suzanne Uhland



Jamie L. Edmonson

DID YOU KNOW....

Submitted by Shari Bedker, IWIRC Administrative Director

Did you know that 25 IWIRC members are "Contributing Members" and pay an additional \$50 for their dues to IWIRC? With our thanks and appreciation to the following members for their generous support!

RECENTLY PROMOTED?

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