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IWIRC NEWSLETTER

Member News

Connecting Women Worldwide

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Beyond Work and IWIRC

"Beyond Work and IWIRC" focuses on learning more about IWIRC's members' hobbies, passions, and interests outside of work and IWIRC. We are highlighting the diverse interests and passions of our members outside of their professional roles to inspire and encourage connections.

Shayna Steinfeld from the Georgia Network is interested in genealogical research.

IWIRC asked Shayna to share more about her research experience and she told us she traced her family trees across Europe for almost a decade. Shayna's journey involved research and visits along the way. For one of the branches of Shayna's family, she learned that her grandparents from Belyrus and Transylvania, with families caught in the Holocaust, appear to be linked to the same Cordovan family from the time of the Inquisition (and before). Then they split in different directions following expulsion to Portugal and, thereafter, Italy.

Shayna told us "life is precious so treasure it. There aren't so many coincidences out there. My mother-in-law was dating a number of guys; met my father-in-law and that was that. I think maybe there's something to it. There are forces at work we can't control."

Mary Beth Naumann from the KIT Network is passionate about competing in triathlons!

IWIRC asked Mary Beth to tell us about her recent competition in the 2024 World Triathlon Age-Group Championships in Malaga, Spain and she said:

"In October 2024, I had the honor of representing Team USA at the 2024 World Triathlon Age-Group Championships in Malaga, Spain. I have been a triathlete for almost 20 years and this is my second time qualifying and competing at Worlds for Team USA. This was for the sprint distance (the shortest!). While I compete in longer distance, better known (Ironman) races, international competition is a unique & amazing experience. Triathletes are generous and friendly and it is great to collaborate in races with folks from other countries -- thanks to athlete Sweeny from Ireland for getting me through the bike leg, I loved all the super fast British ladies passing me on the run, the Mexican team spirit, and the extremely polite Australian youth athlete helping me at registration!"

We asked Mary Beth about lessons she has learned through competing as a triathlete, and she told us: "Sport, and international sport in particular, is possible at all stages of life, and supporting and being supported by folks from all over the world is a transformative way to connect. So, IWIRC is, in many ways, similar to this experience in allowing us to connect across borders."

IWIRC Connects and IWIRC Cares

"IWIRC Connects and IWIRC Cares" shines a light on IWIRC's spectacular networks and members worldwide who dedicate their time to connecting with and helping their communities. It's inspiring to see our network of professionals strengthening IWIRC's global community and using their valuable skills and time to help their communities, whether through volunteering, mentorship, or other forms of community involvement.

Sarah Levitt of IWIRC Georgia is the Founding President of a nonprofit in Atlanta called Impact100 Atlanta.

Impact100 is an organization in which at least 100 women come together, each donating $1,000, which is gifted in the form of grants of $100K that are annually awarded local charities. Nonprofits apply for grants in five focus areas: Arts & Culture, Education, Family, Health & Wellness, and Environment, Preservation, and Recreation.

Since 2022, Impact100 Atlanta has donated $733K in seven grants to local nonprofits. This year, Impact100's goal is to surpass $1M in total grants awarded since its founding.

Sarah said, "Through founding and leading the Atlanta chapter of Impact100, I've learned so much about nonprofits in Atlanta and the needs in our community, overcoming imposter syndrome, and the powerful impact women can make when we come together!"

Share Your Story!

IWIRC Connects and IWIRC Cares: IWIRC is highlighting its global network and members who dedicate their time to building connections and supporting their communities.

IWIRC Referral Success Stories: IWIRC is sharing success stories from members who have referred work to other IWIRC members or have received referrals from fellow members.

Beyond Work and IWIRC: IWIRC is gathering insights from its members to explore their interests outside of work and the IWIRC community.

Click here to contribute!

Member News

Natasha Atkinson moved to Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

Jordana Black was promoted to Manager at Teneo.

Erin Broderick was named Partner in Charge of the Eversheds Sutherland's Chicago Office.

Emma Buchanan, Associate at Clifford Chance, contributed to a chapter in INSOL International's "Valuation for Insolvency Practitioners" publication, focussing on the judicial approach to valuations in schemes of arrangement and restructuring plans. Read it here.

Celine Buttanshaw-Chan moved to a new credit fund called PVTL Point, a new long/short credit fund focused on public markets opportunities, as an Investment Professional.

David Chew, DHC Capital, published an article titled, "South East Asian Private Credit – Key Trends, Investment Opportunities and Challenges." View it here.

Megan Clontz joined Ferguson Braswell Fraser Kubasta PC as a Shareholder on March 17, 2025.

Frances Coulson,, a 2024 IWIRC Hall of Fame award recipient and Head of Insolvency and Restructuring at Wedlake Bell LLP in London, spoke on asset tracing in insolvency at INSOL International in Hong Kong.

Patricia B. Fugée spoke about Merchant Cash Advance Agreements and Claims in Bankruptcy for the Capital Region & Central New York Bar Association 28th Annual Bankruptcy Conference in November, 2024 in Cooperstown, New York, and for the William J. O'Neill and Pat E. Morgenstern-Clarren Bankruptcy Institute for the Cleveland Metro Bar Association in December, 2024 in Cleveland, Ohio. Patricia will also be speaking about Merchant Cash Advance Agreements again for the IWIRC spring meeting in Washington, DC in April 2025, and for the NCBJ in Chicago, Illinois in September, 2025. She is also presenting on Subchapter V trustee issues for the NABT conference in June, 2025 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Andrea Harris was invited to become a member of the International Insolvency Institute.

Sophia Harrison recently moved to take up the role of national partner for insolvency dispute resolution at Addleshaw Goddard, UK.

Joanne Hewitt-Schembri moved to FTI Consulting LLP

Sophia Hibbert was promoted at FTI Consulting LLP to Managing Director.

Nerina Jahja, B Riley Farber, was recently interviewed Insolvency Insider. Read the interview here.

Erika Leggat, Teneo in the Cayman Islands, has been promoted to Manager.

Sarah Letson, DLA Piper, published an article spotlighting signs of distress and the use of restructuring plans in the UK. Read it here.

Debby Lim started a position as Senior Partner and Co-Head of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy at Dentons Rodyk.

Gemma Long was promoted to partner at Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

Waleska de Figueiredo Maciel contributed an article to the March 2025 issue of INSOL International's I-Read Students newsletter. Read it here.

Claire Martin, Grant Thornton, published an article looking at the challenges faced by Farmers in the UK Farming in the UK: identifying and addressing the challenges | Grant Thornton. Read it here.

Chynna Martinez, Teneo in the Cayman Islands, has completed the CGIC Directors' Education and Accreditation Program, earning the Accredited Director (Acc. Dir.) designation.

Brittany Mitchell Michael has been elevated to partner at Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP.

Krystal Mikkilineni was recently selected for the Des Moines Business Record Forty under 40 list. Krystal is continuing to work with Dentons but has moved to Phoenix, AZ from Iowa.

Emily Nicholl started a 6 month secondment to the Pinsent Masons Sydney office.

Kelly Rothwell was made partner at Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP on 1 April.

Chrissy Sanfelippo was promoted to Member at Cozen O'Connor.

Shayna M. Steinfeld, Steinfeld & Steinfeld, P.C., co-authored Her Story: The Resilient Woman Lawyer's Guide to Conquering Obstacles, Book 2.

Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong participated in a workshop organized by Tokyo University.

Adrienne Walker moved to Foley & Lardner.

Nellwyn Voorhies joined Omni Agent Solutions as Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing.

Sarah Wilson was promoted to Senior Solicitor at Brodies LLP.

IWIRC's delegation, **Barbara Rumora Scheltema, Patricia Cervantes, Susana Hidvegi, Tatiana Flores Serafim, and Tinamarie Feil**, attended UNCITRAL´s Working Group II: Dispute Settlement, held in New York on February 3-7, 2025. Electronical contracts/signatures and recognizing electronic were subject to profound debates. See more here.

IWIRC´s Delegation, **Rachel Muldoon, Stacy Lutkus and Olya Antle** attended UNCITRAL´s Colloquium entitled "Navigating the New Ear of Digital Finance" held in New York on February 20-21, 2025. Digital assets as collateral, verified carbon credits, and needs for the digital assets registries were subject to profound debates.

Congratulations on these fantastic achievements!

Have you recently changed jobs? Been published? Written an article? Received a promotion? We'd love to share and celebrate your professional news!

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