

IWIRC NEWSLETTER

Network News



Connecting Women Worldwide



Be Connected



Be Informed



Be Inspired

Inside this issue

Network News

1

International

- 1 Literary Society

Asia

- 2 Hong Kong Network
- 3 India Network

Europe/Middle East/Africa

- 4 Ireland Network
- 5 London Network
- 6 Scotland Network

Latin America

- 8 Brazil Network

U.S./Canada/Caribbean

- 9 British Virgin Islands Network
- 10 Canadian Networks
- 11 Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, Gulf Coast and KIT Networks
- 12 Chicago, Michigan & Wisconsin Networks
- 12 Connecticut and New England Networks
- 13 Dallas/Fort Worth Network
- 13 Houston Network
- 14 Greater Philadelphia Network
- 15 Minnesota Network
- 16 New Jersey Network
- 17 Western Canada Network

Be Connected

18



UPCOMING EVENTS

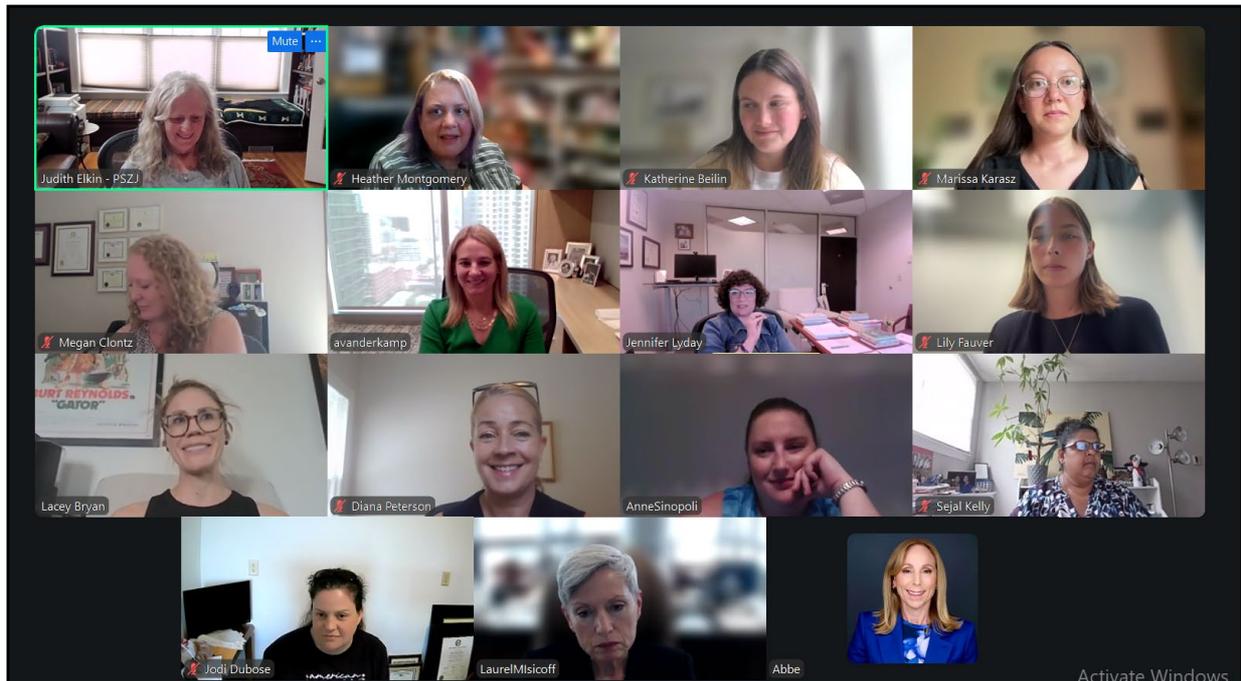


[Click here to view upcoming Network events!](#)

Network News

IWIRC Literary Society - Beach Reads

In July, the IWIRC Literary Society gathered to share and discuss their favorite beach reads of the summer—see some of their recommended books below!



**Katherine Beilin (New Jersey Network),
Anne Vanderkamp (Chicago Network),
and Taruna Garg (Connecticut Network)**
The Wedding People by Alison Espach

Lacey Bryan (Mountain/Desert Network)
Holly by Stephen King

Megan Clontz (DFW Network)
Onyx Storm by Rebecca Yarros

Jodi Dubose (Gulf Coast Network)
The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner

Judith Elkin (New York Network)
Vatican Daughter by Joni Marie Traci

Lily Fauver (New York Network)
The House on Buzzards Bay by Dwyer Murphy

Judge Laurel Isicoff (Florida Network)
How to Age Disgracefully by Clare Pooley

Marissa Karasz (New York Network)
Verity by Colleen Hoover

Jennifer Lyday (Carolinas Network)
The Staircase in the Woods by Chuck Wendig

Diana Peterson (Chicago Network)
Nine Perfect Strangers by Lianne Moriarty

Anne Sinopoli (New York Network)
Something in the Water by Catherine Steadman

Hong Kong Network

IWIRC@INSOL on March 20th

The Hong Kong Network extends a heartfelt thank you to all who attended IWIRC@INSOL 2025 on March 20th! We were delighted to welcome INSOL attendees from various regions and countries to this special one-day event. The day featured three informative technical sessions, a traditional dim sum lunch, smaller group Intermezzos for deeper connections, and a lively closing reception. Thank you to our attendees and the organizing committee for making it such a memorable and successful gathering!



IWIRC HK black tie on June 18th

We were honored to welcome over 320 distinguished guests to the IWIRC Hong Kong Black Tie Dinner on 18 June 2025. This year's event was particularly meaningful as we celebrated the 20th anniversary of IWIRC Hong Kong. We are also delighted to share that, together, we raised a total of HK\$46,800 in support of the [Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women | RainLily](#). By aligning with Rainlily this year, we hope to have contributed to their invaluable work and to further their mission within our community.



RIF*IWIRC HK on July 18th

IWIRC HK collaborated once again with the HKICPA's Restructuring and Insolvency Faculty (RIF) for an engaging evening on 18 July, where the Hong Kong Companies Judge, the Hon. Madam Justice Linda Chan, shared thoughtful insights on bondholder rights in insolvency, with a focus on the formation of a committee of inspection — a key issue in the recent winding-up case. With over 240 attendees, the evening concluded with a vibrant networking session.

India Network

A Peaceful and Powerful Start to International Yoga Day 2025!

We are delighted to share the success of IWIRC India's Online Yoga and Meditation Session held on the morning of June 21, 2025, in celebration of International Yoga Day.

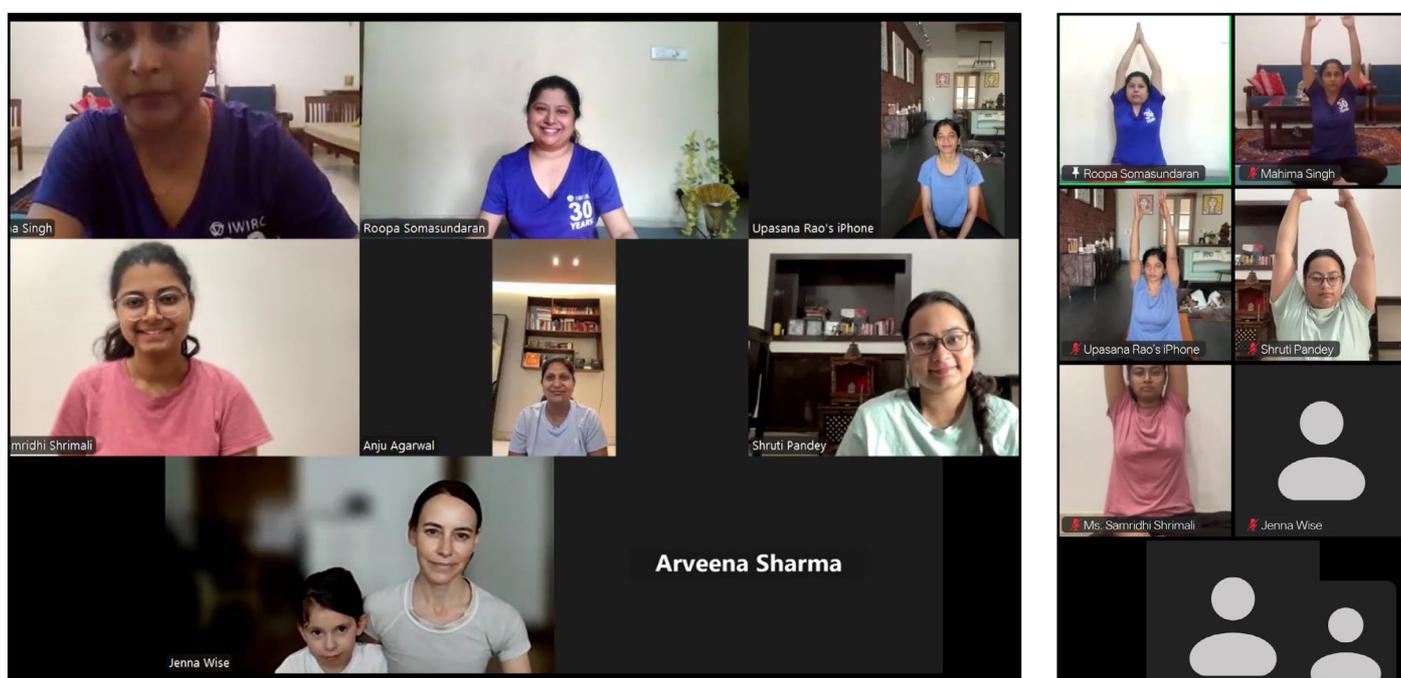
With participants joining from across the globe, the session focused on Women's Wellness and brought together the essence of yoga, pranayam, and guided meditation—rooted in ancient Indian wisdom and tailored for modern-day well-being.

It was heartwarming to see our network come together in stillness, strength, and solidarity.

Special thanks to our session leader, Roopa Somasundaran, Certified Yoga Trainer (Ministry of AYUSH) and Happiness Course Teacher (Art of Living Foundation), for guiding us through a beautiful and energizing hour.

To everyone who joined, thank you for making space for yourself and your well-being. Your presence turned this virtual gathering into a truly soulful celebration of balance and breath.

Here's to more moments of mindfulness, wellness, and connection across IWIRC networks worldwide!



Ireland Network

On 5 June 2025, IWIRC Ireland held a "Be Inspired" panel event with the theme "Pioneering Change" at Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP's office in Dublin.

The event was introduced by Sarah-Jane O'Keeffe of Azets Ireland (current chair of IWIRC Ireland) who gave an insight into her own career including how she became the first female Examiner in Ireland. This was followed by a discussion moderated by Niamh Cacciato of Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP with Ms Justice Finlay Geoghegan (retired Supreme Court Judge), Sharon Barrett (Managing Director of Kroll) and Evie Larkin (Career Coach of Empowering Potential) regarding their careers and in particular how they dealt with changes, challenges and any lack of gender balance along the way. Each of the speakers spoke openly of various experiences that they have had during their careers and Evie Larkin as career coach had some interesting perspectives and advice regarding how challenges can be dealt with.

The "call to action" from the discussion was for more female practitioners to take insolvency appointments. At the moment there are only 2 female insolvency appointment-takers who are active in the Irish market (Sarah -Jane O'Keeffe and Sharon Barrett).

The event was very well attended by IWIRC Ireland members and allies who commented on how interesting, engaging and inspiring the discussion was!



London Network

Be Informed 'Trading Administrations: Lessons learned from the frontlines' – 14 May 2025

The IWIRC London network was delighted to host this Be Informed event, the engagement with the Q&A discussion made this event truly memorable, and it was great to host another joint event, this time with the IWIRC Midlands & North of England Network.



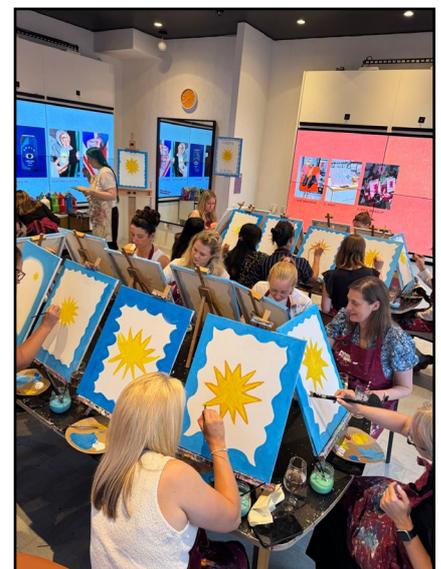
Anniversary & Awards Party 2025 – 8 July 2025

The IWIRC London network was delighted to host a fantastic evening kindly hosted by Squire Patton Boggs, complete with old-fashioned fairground games, bags of sweets (lollies), good company, canapés, and vino. A wonderful gathering to celebrate our colleagues in the profession.



Paint & Sip – 17 July 2025

The IWIRC London network was thrilled to host this Paint and Sip event. It was a wonderful evening of creativity, connection and conversation.



Scotland Network

Mental Health Week – mindfulness event

In May, we hosted a virtual mindfulness session, as part of Mental Health Week. We considered the impact of stress and how to relieve it, and how to support ourselves with small daily habits. It was a wonderful session - insightful, interactive and very calming. We had excellent feedback from attendees who recognised how important it is to find time in our busy lives to stop and breathe every now and then!

Collaborative panel event with ICAS: R&I as a career path for Chartered Accountants

In June, we were delighted hold a collaborative event with ICAS (The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland), for a panel session exploring what it's like journeying your way through a career in Restructuring and Insolvency: from trainee/newly qualified CA, through career stages to sitting the JIEB exam and obtaining a permit to act as an Insolvency Practitioner, to words of wisdom from an established IP. Both ICAS and IWIRC are keen to promote careers in R&I and to debunk myths and preconceptions about what IPs and their teams do!



The panel was comprised of (and chaired by) IWIRC Scotland members who are also CAs. It was a fabulous way to showcase female talent working in Scotland, to show the breadth of types of work that a career in R&I encompasses, and that it is an exciting, dynamic and rewarding career path for those seeking a career in accountancy. We are thankful to ICAS for supporting and promoting the event to its members, and to IWIRC Scotland members: Gillian Johnston for chairing the discussion; Shona Campbell and Joyce Thomson for sharing their insights as IPs; and to Jordana Black and Lucy McWalters as our junior in career representatives. Everyone was very open and honest with their answers, we had super questions from the audience, and the feedback about the event (from accountants and lawyers alike) was that it was a really insightful and interesting evening, as well as a great chance to network.

Summer Solstice Swim & Sauna

Following the success of our inaugural Summer Swim in 2024, we held another wellbeing swim this year – on the beautiful Portobello Beach near Edinburgh. We were able to secure a spot in the beachside sauna, meaning people were able to warm up, enjoy a salt scrub... and then plunge back into the North Sea! Rewarded with a BBQ on the beach, it was a lovely way to enjoy the Summer Solstice evening!

New Crew: Paint and Sip

In July, our New Crew committee organised a Wine Glass Painting evening, to kick off the summer with an evening of creative fun – painting personalised wine glasses. While the decorated glasses were drying, there was a chance to catch up and connect with new people over drinks and nibbles.



Brazil Network

The Brazil network hosted a series of live Youtube broadcasts in March. On March 10, Luciana Ulrich led a live session on personal image and color analysis. This was followed by two sessions as part of the “Beyond Judgment: Women Rising & Thriving” project.

In parallel, IWIRC Brazil hosted a special lunch titled "Women's Empowerment in Action!", where members celebrated Women’s Month with a clothing drive for women in vulnerable situations. Held in partnership with CMR and supported by the Mário Cardi Filho Institute, donations benefited the Casa do Amparo à Mulher organization in Cuiabá.

On May 18, members and their families gathered at Villa Lobos Park in São Paulo to celebrate Mother’s Day.

In June, the IWIRC Brazil board attended the IWIRC@Ill conference hosted by Pinheiro Neto Advogados, participating in a cocktail and dinner alongside members of both IWIRC and IWIRC Brazil.



Finally, on June 25, the group hosted an online event titled "Women’s Leadership: Strength and Purpose" featuring Simony Jin, streamed live on YouTube. The discussion centered on the importance of purpose-driven leadership and the ongoing journey of empowering women in the legal and business sectors.



British Virgin Islands Network

A great evening was had by all at our IWIRC Caribbean Regional Sunset Sail event in the British Virgin Islands. It was great to welcome IWIRC members from across the globe. With special thanks to our sponsors IWIRC International and EY.



IWIRC BVI was also delighted to welcome Hilary Scarlett to share her insights on neuroscience, collaboration and the brain at work. A big thankyou to Hilary to such a thought provoking and energising session and to Ogier BVI for hosting and sponsoring the event.



Canadian Networks

On June 11, 2025, the Western Canada, Ontario and Montreal Chapters hosted a cross-country insolvency law update!

We had over 90 attendees from across the country! We thank Stikeman Elliott LLP for their generous sponsorship of this event, along with our wonderful panelists, Karen Fellowes (Stikeman Elliott LLP), Natasha MacParland (Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP), Jill Strueby (MNP), Jacqueline Shellon (KPMG Canada), and Éliane Dupéré-Tremblay (Fasken).



Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, Gulf Coast and KIT Networks

On Saturday, July 26, 2025, the IWIRC Georgia Network along with the IWIRC Florida, Gulf Coast, Carolinas & KIT networks hosted the Annual Regional Luncheon event at the ABI Southeast Conference in Amelia Island, FL. Immediately following the panels on Saturday, 50+ judges and bankruptcy professionals gathered for a lovely lunch and conversation at Salt, The Ritz-Carlton's newly renovated restaurant. It was a wonderful opportunity for attendees to meet members from sister networks, share ideas, and strengthen our IWIRC community. The Georgia Network has co-hosted the ABI Southeast luncheon with networks across the Southeast since 2012.



Chicago, Michigan & Wisconsin Networks

On June 18th, the IWIRC Chicago, Michigan, and Wisconsin Networks co-hosted an event from 4-6pm before the ABI conference opening reception started at 6pm. We had a wonderful turnout of 30 attendees, beating our projections of 25 attendees, including lawyers, financial advisors, students, judges, and other conference attendees. We mingled and enjoyed appetizers and drinks, and created a wonderful space for people across multiple networks to meet.

Connecticut and New England Networks

IWIRC CT and IWIRC New England jointly hosted an evening honoring New England women bankruptcy judges on May 29, 2025 at Gather55 in Hartford, Connecticut. The event, now in its second year, brought together insolvency professionals from throughout New England and women bankruptcy judges from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont. Among the themes of the evening was the strength, support, and successes forged among women professionals through IWIRC. Attendees of the event enjoyed spectacular cuisine prepared by renowned local chefs at Gather55, a restaurant which operates in collaboration with Hands on Hartford to bring in chefs from throughout the country to provide high-quality, gourmet dining experiences to patrons regardless of their ability to pay. Hands on Hartford serves Hartford's most economically challenged residents in areas of food security, affordable housing and health. The evening was proudly sponsored by Green & Sklarz LLC and Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC.



Dallas/Fort Worth Network

On May 14, 2025, IWIRC DFW Members Hilary Case of Rosen Systems, Hanna Wyrsh of Alvarez & Marsal North America, Alexandria Rahn of Gutnicki LLP, and Ari Erfani of Vinson & Elkins presented “Jeopardy! Bankruptcy Edition: Navigating Liquidation” at the Dallas Bar Association’s monthly meeting at the Arts Mansion in Dallas.



On June 18, 2025, IWIRC DFW co-sponsored a happy hour networking event with TMA NOW at the Perch Bistro & Bar in Dallas.



Houston Network

In June, IWIRC Houston hosted a members-only wine tasting event that brought together women from across Houston’s insolvency and restructuring community. It was a great evening to unwind, make new connections, and enjoy a curated selection of wines in a relaxed setting. We had a fantastic turnout, and as you can see in the attached photo, the event was filled with good conversation and even better company!



Greater Philadelphia Network

The women of the IWIRC Greater Philadelphia Network recently bonded over glasses of wine and broken glass during a hands-on Mosaic Workshop, led by Philly-based mural artist, Jessica Gorlin Liddell of Bella Mosaic Art. Hosted at the beautiful workspace in EisnerAmper's Center City offices, the mosaic-making event showcased hidden artistic talents and highlighted each professional's unique approach to a project. The finished pieces were not only works of art, but physical manifestations of the different personalities, preferences, and styles of each member. Like all IWIRC Philly's events, the Mosaic Workshop was a purposeful event designed to showcase our network's commitment to supporting local women-owned businesses and to celebrating women in the professional sphere. As a bonus, it proved to be exceptionally fun—sparking deep conversation and allowing members to get to know each other on a more personal level.



Minnesota Network

On July 15, the IWIRC Minnesota Network presented a well-attended continuing legal education panel titled "Settle Up! Navigating Confidentiality and 'Hot Button' Issues in Mediation and Settlement Conferences." The event was presented as part of the Minnesota State Bar Association Bankruptcy Section's Raeder Larson Public Service Award Presentation Program, with participants joining both in person and online.

The distinguished panel featured IWIRC members Kara Casteel, Brittany Michael, and Adine Momoh, with IWIRC member Ella Vincent as moderator. The session generated engaging discussion on critical issues that practitioners encounter in bankruptcy mediation and settlement conferences, including confidentiality protections, attendance and participation requirements, and other ethical considerations. The program provided valuable insights for bankruptcy practitioners navigating these complex procedural and ethical considerations in alternative dispute resolution settings.



We extend our appreciation to the following IWIRC-MN 2025 sponsors: ASK LLP, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., Lathrop GPM LLP, and Maslon LLP.



New Jersey Network

In mid-June, the IWIRC-NJ network met to both celebrate a year of remarkable accomplishments and to set bold intentions for the future. In addition to the delicious Greek fare at Lithos restaurant in Livingston, NJ, the luncheon was filled with inspiring conversations, personal reflections, and shared successes—from career milestones to community impact. The network also looked forward and set meaningful goals for the coming year—brainstorming best practices for future events, attendance, and membership retention and growth.



Western Canada Network

In early June, IWIRC Western Canada hosted a retirement luncheon to honour the careers and ongoing legacies of the Honourable Justices Romaine and Horner. This special event was well-attended by Western Canada insolvency practitioners to celebrate two esteemed members of the Bench. In July, IWIRC Western Canada also hosted its annual Calgary Stampede Hoedown, complete with line dancing, and a spa social day for Vancouver members!



Be Connected

Follow IWIRC networks on social media! Click the icons below to be directed to their pages.

IWIRC Brazil 

IWIRC London  

IWIRC Carolinas 

IWIRC Malaysia 

IWIRC Cayman Islands  

IWIRC Mexico  

IWIRC Chicago  

IWIRC Michigan  

IWIRC Dallas/Fort Worth 

IWIRC Midlands & North of England 

IWIRC DC  

IWIRC Midwest   

IWIRC Delaware 

IWIRC New England  

IWIRC Europe 

IWIRC New Jersey 

IWIRC Greater Maryland 

IWIRC New York  

IWIRC Greater Philadelphia 

IWIRC Northern California 

IWIRC Georgia 

IWIRC Ontario  

IWIRC Florida   

IWIRC Puerto Rico 

IWIRC Houston  

IWIRC Scotland 

IWIRC Hong Kong    

IWIRC Singapore  

IWIRC India 

IWIRC So Cal   

IWIRC Ireland  

IWIRC Western Canada  

IWIRC Latin America  

IWIRC Western Pennsylvania 

Thanks for sharing your Network News!

Has your network hosted a great event? Have some exciting events coming up? We want to hear!

Send your submissions to news@iwirc.com by **October 20** to be featured in future IWIRC Network News communications.

Submit News



IWIRC

1111B Governors Ave Ste 20335 | Dover, DE 19904, USA

✉ news@iwirc.com

🌐 www.iwirc.com