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Dahni Barav-Johnson, co-chair of the IWIRC Georgia Network, recently joined Eversheds Sutherland LLP's US Finance Practice Group in the Restructuring and Insolvency team.

Lauren P. Berret, Director in EisnerAmper's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Services Group, and co-chair of the IWIRC Greater Philadelphia Network, was recognized as part of the American Bankruptcy Institute's 2024 "40 Under 40" class.

Rachael Bicknell, Squaring Circles, spoke at the CI Arb webinar.

Kathlene Burke, Maples Group, recently published an article in GRR on Irish procedures with other partners from my group.

Frances Coulson's, Wedlake Bell LLP, second term as a non-executive director of the government Insolvency Service UK was confirmed by the new government.

Kellie Fisher, Drummond Woodsum, was honored as one of the American Bankruptcy Institute's 40 Under 40.

Andrea Harris, co-Chair of the Channel Islands Network, was made Partner of Grant Thornton's Channel Islands member firm, and was appointed to the Board of INSOL International as Vice President.

Laura Jones, EY Parthenon, was promoted to Assistant Director.

Roy Kobert has launched Roy Kobert Mediation, offering expert bankruptcy and commercial dispute resolution with real-time scheduling. For more information, please visit roykobertmediation.com.

Joanna M. Kornafel was elected to partner at Green & Sklarz LLC in New Haven, Connecticut.

Laura McKeon, Breadalbane, was promoted to Client Services Manager.

Ken Miller, Guardian Advisors, recently published an article titled, "Overleveraged Real Estate Is at a Tipping Point." Read it [here](#).

Holly Palmer joined MNP Limited.

Dayanna Parra-Woodall will be an intern at Judge Elizabeth Gunn's chambers during the second semester of her LL.M. at Georgetown University. This incredible opportunity came from the fantastic DC network and previous contacts at the Latin America (Colombia) network who suggested she join the DC Network.

Colleen Restel was elevated to partnership at Lowenstein Sandler LLP.

Rosa M. Rojas-Vertiz, ITAM/RMRV Consulting Mexico and Co-Chair of IWIRC LATAM, was hired by UNCITRAL to update the UNCITRAL Practice Guide on Cross-Border Insolvency Cooperation.

Christina Sanfelippo, Cozen O'Connor, was honored as one of the American Bankruptcy Institute's 40 Under 40.

Katy Seago moved to Aaron & Partners Solicitors.

Lara R. Sheikh started a new job with the Executive Office for United States Trustees as a Policy & Communications Specialist.

Roopa Somasundaran, MRP Advisory, published two articles in Lexology, entitled "Mitigating Risks in Commercial Contracts: UAE Law Insights" and "AI: A Game Changer in the Construction and Infrastructure Domain," which can be found [here](#).

Amy Swedberg, Maslon LLP, has been named to Finance & Commerce's Circle of Excellence for Top Women in Finance. This award recognizes women who are making an impact in their professions and communities.

Amy Vulpio joined Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP.

Beyond Work and IWIRC

The IWIRC Communications Committee is launching the "Beyond Work and IWIRC" initiative to learn more about IWIRC members. Click below and tell us about your interests outside of work and IWIRC. We'd also love to see your photos! For example, if you love traveling, share a photo from a recent trip.

We are looking forward to your responses. This will be a great conversation starter for IWIRC events!

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Featured Article

Why IWIRC for Me(n)?

Hon. Jacob A. Brown
United States Bankruptcy Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida



As a grandson of a holocaust surviving grandmother, son of a career educator, spouse of a psychologist, father of a teenage daughter, and having worked with a number of really talented female lawyers and professionals over the years, I have found IWIRC to have great focus for creating a community of professionals that strives to bridge gaps that unfortunately still exist today and creating a place to learn and grow. Locally in Jacksonville, I have been honored to join tables for eight with our local IWIRC chapter and even had our local chapter join me in a round of disc golf earlier this year. Statewide in Florida, I have had the pleasure of attending IWIRC lunches, dinners, and award ceremonies. Nationally, I have seen the great programming that IWIRC holds in conjunction with NCBJ and other events.

For my male colleagues who have never participated in an IWIRC event, I encourage you to consider doing so in 2025. Hopefully, your region has a chapter. See <https://www.iwirc.com/networks>. If not, IWIRC has many events at nationwide functions. Please consider seeking out one of the many opportunities to join IWIRC and learn more about them.

I am proud to be an IWIRC member and look forward to staying involved. Thanks to all of those who contribute their time and talent to this great organization!!!

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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