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**Beth E. Hansen**, *UTC Aerospace Systems, IWIRC Chair*



**Beth Hansen**  
*IWIRC Chair*  
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It has been quite a summer! I hope everyone was able to enjoy the season. Our Networks have continued to blaze throughout the summer. Plentiful IWIRC events have kept our Members active and engaged. The Leadership Retreat was a huge success. The New York Network and its planning committee put on a truly memorable program that was attended by 86 Members with representatives from 31 Networks, including 22 States and 5 Countries! It was a fantastic event with great networking and programming. I cannot wait to see what/where the next retreat takes us (we have already seen several amazing submissions!). With its fine new Board of Directors duly elected, IWIRC is in great hands for a promising future. Several potential new Networks are on the horizon (London, BVI, South Africa, Arizona, and Kuala Lumpur) and we welcome the Puerto Rico Network just in time for the fall conference in Miami. The close proximity should provide a great opportunity to meet and greet our latest Network. At 1,239 members, we are still a bit shy of our "1500 in 2015" goal, so I encourage each and every one of you to reach out and introduce yourself, and IWIRC, to someone new!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Conference in Miami September 26th-27th. The Programming Committee has put together a wonderful program with "energizing" panels and exciting activities. We will welcome our latest class of five Rising Star Finalists from one of the most competitive selections we have seen yet. How fortunate we are to be in the midst of such unbelievably talented and accomplished young women. Remember, as fall is ushered in, and we tend to get back into our fast-paced routine, to please consider the words of Elizabeth Lawrence, "Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn." Take some time!



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Thank you to all of our 2015 sponsors for their support of IWIRC! For a complete list of sponsors, please click [here](#).

## Join Us in Miami!

Please join IWIRC for our **22nd Annual Fall International Conference** on September 26-27, 2015 at the Eden Roc Hotel in Miami, Florida. The conference begins on Saturday, September 26th, at 5:30 p.m. with an opening reception.

Sunday, September 27th, features a full day of programming, including the panels *Keeping the Lights On: Challenges Facing the Energy Industry* and *From Detroit to Puerto Rico: Chapter 9's Role in Changing Government*. Next, attendees will enjoy lunch, along with the presentation of IWIRC's Rising Star Award. In the afternoon, experience Miami by choosing from exciting intermezzo events.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for the event!



## Call for Nominations - 2015 Woman of the Year In Restructuring Award

Nominations due October 30, 2015

[Click here for 2015 Nomination Form!](#)

Each year, IWIRC honors a woman for her recent contributions to or lifetime achievements as part of the insolvency and restructuring industry with the Woman of the Year in Restructuring (WOYR) award. She may be an attorney, judge, banker, turnaround manager, academic or other restructuring industry professional. She is actively engaged or recently retired from the restructuring industry – and from anywhere in the world. IWIRC membership is not a requirement to make a nomination, nor to be honored.

Importantly, achievements do not have to be in nationally renowned cases or result in landmark decisions, only exceptional. IWIRC welcomes all entries. Nominate today!

## IWIRC Leadership Summit

**Jennifer Meyerowitz, Olofson Technology Partners**

July 15 - 17, 2015

New York, NY

The IWIRC Leadership Summit is always my favorite conference of the year. It is a time when the Board of IWIRC and all the network chairs from around the world come together to learn more about each other, IWIRC, and ways to improve, strengthen and grow IWIRC, our firms, our connections and networks, our businesses and our personal brands. This year's IWIRC Leadership Summit, held in New York City and hosted by the New York Network, was no exception. To sum it up – it was awesome! There were over 80 attendees at the Summit representing IWIRC Networks from Hong Kong, the Cayman Islands, Canada, the United States and Europe. The opportunity to meet each other, learn each other's practices, share business development ideas and tips and improve our IWIRC networks and personal brands was unique and invaluable.

Credit goes out to the New York Network for putting together an incredible two days of programming. The Summit included a dinner in Times Square at Tony's DiNapoli sponsored by KCC, IWIRC and IWIRC NY Network; a dinner at Ed's Chowder House across from Lincoln Center; exquisite accommodations on Central Park at the Essex House; excellent lunches and breakfasts and beautiful conference space at the offices of Morrison & Foerster; and a speaker, sponsored by Epiq Systems, who engaged the group and challenged us to create and grow our own personal brands. At our business meeting, we watched a TED talk by the author of the book *Break Your Own Rules*, and we engaged in a thoughtful discussion of the book's subject, developing leadership skills in the real world. It was enlightening and thought provoking to hear from women with different levels of experience, diverse backgrounds and business segments. Our discussion on personal brands prompted all of us to think of additional and different ways to get in front of clients and make our personal brands known.

After the business session, attendees traveled by subway as a group to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at Ground Zero for a guided tour and a separate walking tour. Experiencing the Memorial & Museum together, as a group, was an emotional, educational and enlightening experience for all of us to share.

The New York Network outdid themselves in the planning, coordinating and sponsoring of the 2015 IWIRC Leadership Summit. As we always say at the end of each Summit: the next network to host the Leadership Summit has big shoes to fill. That being said, I challenge all of the IWIRC networks to submit a proposal to host the Leadership Summit in your region and work to uphold the tradition of bringing women together for such an amazing experience of professional and personal growth and development. As **Carren Shulman**, Co-Chair of the NY Network, said "Bringing us together is the key to our development as leaders and lawyers."

I look forward to seeing all of you at the IWIRC Annual Meeting in Miami in September, and I can't wait to find out which IWIRC network will host next year's Leadership Summit.



Jennifer Meyerowitz



Left: Guest speaker, Carol Frohlinger, at the *Negotiating Women* morning working session

Right: Morning working session participants



Left: World Trade Center tour

Below: IWIRC leadership takes the Subway





## 1500 in 2015!

If you are not a member or need to renew, now is the time!

Our 1,500th member will receive a complimentary second year of membership as well as a prize package filled with valuable IWIRC branded items!

Current members are encouraged to promote IWIRC membership in their networking circles. The Network with the 1,500th member receives a \$500 bonus to be used towards upcoming Network events.

Please [click here](#) to join IWIRC!

## Network Corner: Programming Ideas from the Ontario Network

**Andrea Yandreski**, *Alvarez & Marsal Canada ULC*

IWIRC Ontario, previously IWIRC Canada, is Canada's oldest network, having been established as IWIRC's first international network. IWIRC Ontario, currently chaired by **Melaney Wagner** of Goodmans LLP, has been successful in attracting a diverse group of members, including corporate restructuring practitioners, consumer bankruptcy practitioners, insolvency legal counsel, work-out asset based funders and other turnaround advisors.

Through the hard work of our very active Board of Directors, including the Directors of Programming and committee members, and our engaged membership base, the IWIRC Ontario Network has held a number of successful events. We have focused on providing a diverse range of programming to attract a broad range of participants spanning from corporate practitioners to consumer practitioners and beyond, including educational programming and social networking events.

Our recent events have included an annual golf day, wine tasting (the latest with the fabulous "wine sisters"), table tennis tournaments, a gourmet cooking class and "lunch and learn" education seminars on recent insolvency cases and topics. The lunch and learn education seminars feature IWIRC members who were active in the cases highlighted, providing a summary of the important legal and financial aspects of the cases. We also organize events for insolvency practitioners who practice outside of Toronto's main financial core in order to



*Andrea Yandreski*

provide our broader membership base with a greater opportunity to network and participate in our events.

As part of IWIRC Ontario's initiative to give back to the community, in May 2015 we organized a team of female insolvency practitioners to participate in a charity walk, which raised funds for local women's mental health programs. The format of the event facilitated an excellent networking opportunity, and supporting this great cause was well received by all of the participants. We plan to participate in another charity walk next year.

On September 16, 2015, we have a fabulous evening of networking and artistic discovery planned at Toronto's art museum, the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO). After gathering for an opening reception, there will be a guided tour of the AGO's galleries focused on the "Muse, Mistress, Mother, Model and Maker" – the evolution of the role of women in art from muse and model to creator – followed by an elegant dinner. If you are in Toronto on September 16th, please join us for this unique and exciting event.

### **Regional Programs**

Canada has four IWIRC networks – Western Canada, Atlantic Canada, Montreal and Ontario. The geographic distance between the networks makes it difficult for the members of the networks to meet in person for regional events. In order to provide cross-Canada networking opportunities, for the last two years the Canadian networks have partnered with a successful and well-attended Canadian conference – the Annual Review of Insolvency Law (ARIL) – which is held annually. In February 2015, in conjunction with the ARIL conference, IWIRC Ontario hosted a kick-off reception prior to the main conference reception. IWIRC members from the four networks and non-members from across Canada attended our reception. We are also currently brainstorming with the other Canadian networks on further regional programs, including programs that may be accommodated through videoconferencing.

### **Other Restructuring Groups**

In the past year, we supported or held events in conjunction with other restructuring groups in Ontario, including:

**Turnaround Management Association Toronto** – IWIRC Ontario members participated in The Spring Gala: An Evening Honouring Women in Restructuring, a black-tie event that profiles women in the turnaround and restructuring practice in Toronto and raises funds for a Toronto-based charity that focuses on making a difference in the lives of women. IWIRC Ontario and TMA Toronto member **Maria Konyukhova**, a partner at the Toronto law firm Stikeman Elliott LLP, received an "Emerging Talent" award at the Spring Gala, recognizing her exceptional contribution to the turnaround and restructuring community within the first ten years of her practice. In addition, IWIRC Ontario made a donation to the Spring Gala's chosen charity.

**Turnaround Management Association International** – IWIRC Ontario hosted a successful dinner in conjunction with last year's TMA Annual Conference, which was held in Toronto in September 2014.

**Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals** – IWIRC Ontario organized a well-received breakfast and membership drive at CAIRP’s annual conference in August 2014.

IWIRC Ontario has been successful in programming innovative and fun events for its members locally and regionally as well as partnering with other Canadian restructuring groups to showcase the benefits of IWIRC.

## **IWIRC Mid-Atlantic Networks Enjoy Cupcakes & Cocktails at the Hotel Hershey**

Seven IWIRC networks in the Mid-Atlantic region discovered just how sweet regional networking can be at the Cupcakes & Cocktails event at the Hotel Hershey during the ABI Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop. IWIRC members enjoyed 5 delicious mini-cupcakes paired with sweet cocktails based on famous Hershey’s treats. The presenter explained how to pair drinks with sweets, provided attendees with recipes for sweet cocktails, and then set us to work—all of the attendees mixed signature cocktails for the group to enjoy. The IWIRC group was the first to ever taste the Hotel Hershey’s latest signature cocktail creation, the Twizzler, and all agreed it was a success!

This third annual IWIRC regional event at the ABI Mid-Atlantic was co-sponsored by the Delaware, Greater Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Philadelphia Networks.



### **Did You Know...**

On October 17th, Shari is hosting the 2nd Annual Day in the Blue Ridge with a hike on Skyline Drive followed by lunch at IWIRC World Headquarters. There is no cost, just bring yourself and your hiking shoes!

[Click here](#) to RSVP. As a preview, the view at the top of the hike will be this, but picture it in the middle of October- yes, it should be pretty spectacular! Overnight accommodations can be set up, just let Shari know at [sbedker@iwirc.com](mailto:sbedker@iwirc.com).



## Fun Fact

IWIRC's first newsletter was issued in September 1996! [Click here](#) to see how much has changed and how much has not in the last 19 years!

## Ask the Expert: Five Things to Know About Single-Employer Defined Benefit Pensions in Bankruptcy



Suzanne Kelly

**Suzanne Kelly**, *Kelly Garfinkle Strategic Restructuring LLC*

Restructuring professionals often see issues and liabilities related to defined benefit pension plans pop up at inconvenient times, and in inconvenient amounts, during a bankruptcy. Given the complex set of laws regulating both the sponsorship and termination of pension plans, and the fact that the funded status of the plan, industry of the sponsor, and preferred outcome of the case (liquidation, sale or reorganization) make the issues that come up more complex than you might expect. There are a number of things to think about when you see a pension plan in a restructuring, but the five below should help set your expectations about what you might encounter.

1. The liability asserted by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) when a single-employer plan terminates is usually much greater than any underfunding that has been previously reported for the plan.
2. The basic standard for terminating a single-employer plan in a bankruptcy reorganization is affordability. If you can afford the annual funding, PBGC will work hard to make sure the plan doesn't terminate.
3. Terminating a plan and reorganizing doesn't eliminate all of your pension liabilities. PBGC asserts a termination premium for three years of \$1,250 per participant in a terminated plan. Case law to date supports PBGC's position that this liability cannot be discharged in bankruptcy.
4. Controlled group members – inside and outside of a bankruptcy – have liability for plans sponsored by related entities, and they have to meet the same standards as the sponsor to terminate a plan.
5. Expect PBGC to fight to avoid pension termination even if you sell all assets in a § 363 sale.

**Suzanne Kelly** is the co-founder of Kelly Garfinkle Strategic Restructuring LLC, which specializes in advising plan sponsors, investors, creditors and unions on pension issues both inside bankruptcy and out. Prior to founding KGSR in 2013, Suzanne spent nearly 20 years at the PBGC, including the last 10 years working on pension issues in distress situations. She represented the PBGC on major bankruptcy creditors committees including: American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Nortel Networks, Kaiser Aluminum, Lyondell Basell, Chemtura, St. Vincent Catholic Medical Centers in New York, and a variety of other cases. Suzanne can be reached at [skelly@kgrestructuring.com](mailto:skelly@kgrestructuring.com).

## Network Happenings

### Atlantic Canada Network

The IWIRC Atlantic Canada Network enjoyed its Summer Event, an evening spent exploring which wines pair perfectly with meat and veggies on the grill. When you have a combination of great wine, delicious snacks and fabulous company it can't be anything but a wonderful evening.



### Georgia Network

The IWIRC Georgia Network has stayed busy this summer. In June, we began the summer with a women's panel on business etiquette and networking. Guest speaker Peggy M. Parks of the Parks Image Group, Inc. met with the network at the Capital City Club and presented a high-impact corporate-image training. The evening provided an ideal environment for a membership drive as the IWIRC Georgia Network invited female summer associates and interns to attend. This specially crafted workshop provided an opportunity for professional women to learn communication skills and for the IWIRC Georgia Network to reach out to potential new members.



*Peggy M. Parks of the Parks Image Group, Inc. presented to the IWIRC-GA Network regarding business etiquette, networking and communication skills.*

In July, the IWIRC Georgia Network enjoyed a different type of networking. A group of members and their guests gathered at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta for a fun evening filled with cocktails at Table 1280, live music, and a specialized art tour. The docent focused on women in art, including Georgia folk artist Mattie Lou O'Kelley. The evening served as a nice reminder of the accomplishments of female artists.



*IWIRC Georgia Network members and guests enjoy a tour of "women in the art" pieces at a unique networking event at the High Museum of Art Atlanta.*

Also in July, the IWIRC Georgia, Alabama, and Carolina Networks hosted a luncheon during the ABI's 20th Annual Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop at Amelia Island. The luncheon was at Salt Restaurant inside the Ritz Carlton, and over 40 insolvency professionals and judges enjoyed delicious food and networking.

On August 22, the IWIRC Georgia Network teamed up with Habitat for Humanity for the Atlanta Women's Build. It was a unique opportunity to engage with the community and IWIRC members by constructing a home for a working mother and her family. The Women's Build allows the members of the IWIRC Georgia Network to empower women while serving a great cause.

## **Greater Maryland Network**

### **Financial Advisors Panel – View from the Trenches**

On June 9, 2015, the Greater Maryland Network held a panel discussing ways to optimize financial advisors during commercial bankruptcy proceedings. The panel, which included Lorie Beers (StormHarbour), **Jovi Bohan** (Stout Risius Ross, Inc.), **Lyn Brown** (L.E.W. Brown & Associates), **Lisa Poulin** (Deloitte CRG), and **Angela Shortall** (Protiviti), focused on cash collateral needs, DIP financing, substantive consolidation, plan feasibility, valuation issues, and recent case developments. Members and non-members enjoyed wine, food, and networking before and after the presentation and walked away with valuable knowledge and some wonderful networking connections. Thank you to the Baltimore office of Venable LLP for hosting the event.



*The Panelists*

### **Baltimore Women's Classic 5k Race**

On June 28, 2015, IWIRC members joined over 2800 other runners gathered for the 40th Annual Baltimore Women's Classic, the Mid-Atlantic's largest all women's 5k. This year, the race beneficiary was Cancerve, Inc., which provides direct support services for female cancer patients and their families in the state of Maryland. Greater Maryland members enjoyed supporting this great cause!

### **July Article Club**

On July 23, 2015, members of the Greater Maryland and Greater Philadelphia IWIRC Networks came together for lunch and a live video-conference discussion of *Today's Woman Rainmaker: Born that Way or Learned Behavior*. Between the two chapters, over 20 guests participated in a lively discussion of a recent study identifying several common factors of key rainmakers. Guests also exchanged viewpoints on whether the current insolvency/restructuring environment is conducive to female rainmaking, and shared tips on how members of IWIRC can develop their networking and rainmaking skills. Thank you Tydings & Rosenberg LLP for hosting the Greater Maryland members for lunch.

### **Parties of 7**

The Summer 2015 Parties of 7 have begun meeting. On July 30, **Lori Simpson** (Law Office of Lori S. Simpson), **Joyce Kuhns** (Saul Ewing LLP), **Jovi Bohan** (Stout Risius Ross, Inc.), **Marissa Lilja** (Tydings & Rosenberg LLP), **Angela Shortall** (Protiviti) and **Laura Bouyea** (Venable LLP) met at M&S Grill at the Inner Harbor.



## Hong Kong Network

The Hong Kong Network celebrated its 10 Year Anniversary with a Black Tie Dinner on Friday, June 12.



For more pictures check out the [IWIRC Photo Album](#) and the [IWIRC HK Facebook Page](#).

## Washington, DC Network

In addition to politics, monuments, tourists, and gridlock (both political and vehicular), Washington, DC is well known for its world-class museums, many of them free of charge. Accordingly, it is fitting that the Washington, DC Network's Annual Museum Tour is the network's signature event. For the Fifth Annual Museum Tour on July 29, 2015, the network visited the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. The Programming Co-Chairs, **Nancy Alper** and **Lauren Friend McKelvey**, created a specially designed tour to feature exhibits of interest to women in bankruptcy and finance, including the new "The Value of Money" Exhibition that opened on July 1. After the Tour, IWIRC DC members enjoyed networking and dinner at one of Washington's best restaurants – Central Michel Richard.



The Washington, DC Network joined with ABI, TMA, and the IWIRC Greater Maryland Network for the Annual Top of the Town Networking Event on May 27. IWIRC attendees enjoyed mingling and networking with fellow restructuring and turnaround professionals on the rooftop of Arnold & Porter's Washington, DC office.



Leyza Blanco



Jovi Bohan



Maria Ellena Chavez-Rurak



Marguerite Lee DeVoll



Hon. Mary Grace Diehl



Linda Donhauser



Corinne Donohue



Gabrielle Duvall

## Member News

**Leyza F. Blanco**, a shareholder at Gray Robinson in Miami, Florida, published *The Power of Women Working Together* in *The Woman Advocate*, American Bar Association, on June 12, 2015, available [here](#).

**Maria Ellena Chavez-Rurak** (Saul Ewing LLP) has assumed the position of President Elect of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland. On June 3-5, 2015, Maria, along with **Jovi Bohan** (Stout Risius Ross, Inc.), **Linda Donhauser** (Miles & Stockbridge P.C.), **Susan Klein** (Gordon Feinblatt LLC), and **Susan J. Roberts** (Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP) served on panels at the 31st Annual Conference of the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors in Philadelphia.

**Marguerite Lee DeVoll** (Linowes and Blocher LLP) was admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland on August 5, 2015.

IWIRC Georgia Network member, the **Hon. Mary Grace Diehl** (Bankr. N.D. Ga.), will take the helm as President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges at the annual meeting in Miami, Sept. 27-30, 2015. She will remain in this office for one year until the next annual meeting in San Francisco.

**Corinne Donohue** (Yumkas, Vidmar & Sweeney, LLC) was admitted to the United States District Court and the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia on May 4, 2015.

**Gabrielle Duvall** (Linowes and Blocher LLP) has assumed the position of Treasurer of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland.

**Rosa Evergreen**, Co-Chair of the Washington, DC Network and a partner at Arnold & Porter LLP, spoke on a panel about *Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law* with Chief Judge Stephen C. St. John, Eastern District of Virginia Bankruptcy Court, for the Twenty-Third Annual Tidewater Bankruptcy Conference in Virginia Beach, VA on June 12, 2015.



Rosa Evergreen

**Lauren Ford** (McGuire Woods LLP), **Marissa K. Lilja** (Tydings & Rosenberg LLP), and **Kristen Siracusa** (Miles & Stockbridge P.C.), along with fellow Maryland Bankruptcy Reporter Bradley J. Swallow (Funk & Bolton, P.A.), recently authored articles discussing the decisions of *In re Rich* (decided November 26, 2014), and *In re Ronald Cohen Management Company* (decided February 5, 2015).



Lauren Ford

**Elizabeth L. Gunn**, Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia, has been selected as a Coordinating Editor for the ABI Journal's *On the Edge* column for 2016. Elizabeth recently published an article in the August ABI Journal entitled *Bullard v. Blue Hills Bank: Not Merely Form Over Function* and has a forthcoming article in the Virginia State Bar Bankruptcy Newsletter entitled *Despite A Busy Spring for the Supreme Court with Bankruptcy Decisions, Many Questions Remain Unanswered*. At the 2015 ABI Spring Meeting, Elizabeth was a panelist on the *Consumer Case Law Update*. In August 2015, she will present at a Virginia CLE on advising the distressed small business owner. She has also been selected to moderate a panel at the ABI Winter Leadership Conference in December 2015 on the topic of *Estate Planning, Divorce and Bankruptcy: When Worlds Collide*. Elizabeth was nominated to the Executive Committee of the Bankruptcy Section of the Federal Bar Association and is currently serving her third year on the Executive Committee of the Richmond Bar Association Bankruptcy Section.



Elizabeth Gunn

**Carolyn Hochstadter**, of E. Carolyn Hochstadter Dicker, LLC and adjunct professor at The Wharton School will be giving a CLE in October 2015 on the topic of the *Legal Aspects of Entrepreneurship: A survey of basic start-up issues* at the Jenkins Law Library. Carolyn's multi-lingual practice has evolved into helping foreign nationals establish businesses in the U.S. in addition to providing them with basic transactional and litigation services.



Carolyn Hochstadter

**Catherine K. Hopkin** (Tydings & Rosenberg LLP) has assumed the position of At-Large Director of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland.



Catherine Hopkin

**Patricia B. Jefferson** (Miles & Stockbridge P.C.) has assumed the position of Assistant Treasurer of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland.



Patricia Jefferson

Bernstein Shur is pleased to announce the return of **Jessica A. Lewis** to the firm's Business Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Group. Jessica is an experienced bankruptcy attorney with significant first chair experience. Her practice will focus on business restructuring and insolvency proceedings, including chapter 11 reorganizations, asset sales and acquisitions, and bankruptcy-related litigation. Jessica was formerly an associate at Bernstein Shur from 2006 to 2013, and she will return as an of counsel attorney in the firm's Portland, Maine office.



Susan Klein

The IWIRC New Jersey Network is thrilled to announce that IWIRC New Jersey Network member, **Stacey L. Meisel**, has been selected by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals to serve as the next bankruptcy judge for the District of New Jersey. Congratulations Stacey!

**Jennifer M. Meyerowitz** joins Olofson Technology Partners as Vice President of Business Development. An accomplished bankruptcy attorney and 2015 recipient of the IWIRC Melnik award, Meyerowitz previously served as Vice President at Epiq Systems and practiced in the bankruptcy department at Alston & Bird.

The Greater Maryland Network says farewell to **Susan J. Roberts** as she departs the Charm City for South Bend, Indiana to serve as the Assistant United States Trustee for South Bend, Indiana. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. She will be greatly missed.

**Lisa Yonka Stevens** (Yumkas, Vidmar & Sweeney, LLC) served on the planning committee for the Anne Arundel Bar Association's 2015 Bar Weekend. She has also been elected to serve as a Trustee for the Anne Arundel Bar Association for the 2015-2016 term.

## Upcoming Network Activities

Did You Know . . . All IWIRC members are welcome at all IWIRC events around the world? Don't forget to check the event schedule before you travel!

### **Tuesday, September 01, 2015**

Northern California Network

[IWIRC - Screening of Girl Rising, Sept 1 at Gordon & Rees](#)

### **Thursday, September 10, 2015**

New York Network

[Breakfast With Our Personal Branding Panelists](#)

### **Thursday, September 10, 2015**

Chicago Network

[2015 IWIRC Chicago Fall Educational Event-Rountable with the Bench](#)

### **Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

Ontario Network

[IWIRC Presents an Evening at the Art Gallery of Ontario](#)

### **Saturday, September 26, 2015**

Florida Network

[IWIRC's Opening Reception at the NCBJ Annual Conference](#)

### **Thursday, October 08, 2015**

New York Network

[Breakfast With Our Personal Branding Panelists](#)



Jessica Lewis



Marissa Lilja



Stacey Meisel



Jennifer Meyerowitz



Susan J. Roberts



Kristen Siracusa



Lisa Yonka Stevens

## Newsletter Submissions

The Newsletter relies on contributions from IWIRC's networks and members. We are always looking for the following content:

- Network events.
- Member news, such as job transitions, promotions, awards, speeches and publications.
- Articles regarding bankruptcy and insolvency topics and/or business and professional development topics.

The Newsletter is published quarterly. Please note the following submission deadlines:

Fall Newsletter – November 5, 2015 submission deadline  
Winter Newsletter – February 5, 2016 submission deadline  
Spring Newsletter – May 5, 2016 submission deadline  
Summer Newsletter – August 5, 2016 submission deadline

To submit news and articles or to make an inquiry regarding the Newsletter, please contact IWIRC's Newsletter Director Lauren Friend McKelvey, Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, PC at [Lauren.McKelvey@ofplaw.com](mailto:Lauren.McKelvey@ofplaw.com) and 703-218-2135.

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If you would like to:

- introduce a new member to IWIRC;
- join IWIRC; or
- volunteer to take on a leadership role within one of our committees

Please contact Shari Bedker at 434-939-6002 or [info@iwirc.com](mailto:info@iwirc.com).

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## Welcome IWIRC New Members!

*May 27, 2015 - August 25, 2015*

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