



## From the Chair

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



**Beth Hansen**  
*IWIRC Chair*  
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Hello all! I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful Fall and looking forward to the upcoming Holiday Season. As the new Chair of IWIRC, I follow Jennifer Meyerowitz, who has had quite a term as Chair. She did an amazing job and helped accomplish many things on behalf of IWIRC. I can only further extend my thanks for setting such a fabulous bar and hope to attain similar success.

We have many challenges ahead and I know I can rely upon each of you to help drive towards our goals—addressing the needs of each of our Networks and our members—making IWIRC as successful as we can. We are all in this together and IWIRC's success is a reflection of our own successes.

We have started off with a bang – Chicago was record-setting, the Tokyo reception was fantastic, great conversations were had in Istanbul, London was well-received, and many more great events lie ahead to close out this momentous 2014. Please check the calendar on the website and try to attend an event near you or wherever your travels may lead you.

In the words of Melody Beattie, "Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." Having recently celebrated the American holiday of Thanksgiving, I must extend great thanks to all of you that have already made my life and that of IWIRC so fulfilling; thank you for supporting the organization and me now; and working together with me to drive IWIRC to its optimum potential in our most promising future.

Best regards,  
Beth

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Holly Felder Etlin

## Holly Felder Etlin Named Woman of the Year in Restructuring

IWIRC has named Holly Felder Etlin as its 2014 Woman of the Year in Restructuring (WOYR). Holly is a Managing Director in the Turnaround and Restructuring practice at AlixPartners, LLP.

"An accomplished professional, passionate advocate, mentor and friend, Holly exemplifies the spirit of the Woman of the Year in Restructuring Award," said Beth Hansen, Chair of IWIRC. "Over the course of her 30-year career in the restructuring and insolvency field, she has led some of the most complex cases in the industry, including at Winn-Dixie Stores, New Century Financial, Freedom Communications, Tanner & Haley and her current assignment as CFO at RadioShack. Her leadership and approach are consistently emulated and have become the foundation of many industry standards. Through her commitment to various organizations, Holly has elevated the status of women in the industry and she continues to advise and guide young professionals."

IWIRC will present the WOYR award to Holly on December 5, 2014, during a special luncheon at the American Bankruptcy Institute's Winter Leadership Conference in La Quinta, California.

"I am honored that I will be receiving this award, and I plan to accept it not only for myself but on behalf of all the exceptional women in the restructuring field at AlixPartners," said Ms. Etlin. "I literally joined AlixPartners because of the women there – people like Lisa Donahue, our global head of restructuring, Becky Roof, recently CFO at Kodak, Carrienne Basler, who held a senior position on the General Motors case, and many others throughout our ranks. I think the women we have is one of the big reasons for AlixPartners' unique, truly collaborative culture. In addition, I also plan to dedicate the award to the young women throughout our industry. And my message to them is this: Don't just 'lean in' when it comes to your careers; jump in, with both feet; get your hands dirty; work as hard as anybody, male or female; be kind to others; and good things will indeed happen."

Now in its 8th year, the WOYR award was conceived to honor women in the restructuring and insolvency industry who have inspired and skillfully led a restructuring team, provided creative solutions and innovative legal applications, shows exceptional leadership, and has made an extraordinary contribution to her field.

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**Fun Fact...** The top 3 most common names in IWIRC are Jennifer (1st), Susan (2nd) and Elizabeth (3rd)!

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### Did You Know...

Did you know IWIRC International has created a new tool for Networks to use. It will allow you to run real-time member reports for your specific Network anytime. You can find this new and useful tool by clicking [here](#) or going to

Network Tools under Resources and clicking on Network Member Report. Any Network board member who is an active IWIRC member and is logged into their account can access the new function.

There are several sorts and options that you can run, including active or inactive (expired) members and members who have chosen your Network as an alternate Network.

This new tool will allow Networks to access their membership lists for events, encourage renewals, and facilitate communications with members in your local area.

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## Chicago Hosts IWIRC's 21st Annual Fall International Conference

**Elizabeth L. Gunn**, *Sands Anderson PC, IWIRC At Large Director*

The IWIRC Annual Fall International Conference was held on October 7-8 in Chicago, Illinois with over 150 attendees. The program began with the traditional opening night reception, attended by over 270 people including over 80 bankruptcy judges from around the country. The reception was at the Mid-America Club on the 80th floor of the building, providing fabulous views of the Chicago skyline and Lake Michigan and was topped off with a spectacular sunset.

The following morning, attendees were welcomed with a breakfast and opening remarks from outgoing Chair Jennifer Meyerowitz. The educational portion of the program featured fabulous panels on the healthcare industry and law firm bankruptcies. The healthcare panel consisted of Jane Jordan, Chief Counsel for Health Affairs, Emory University, Felicia Perlman, Partner, Corporate Restructuring, Skadden Arps, Suzanne Koenig, SAK Management and the Honorary Elizabeth Stong, Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of New York, each woman highlighting a different area of the healthcare industry and practice. The law firm panel consisted of many of the central players in the main law firm bankruptcy cases: John Fiero, Partner, Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl & Jones, Uri Gutfreund, Law Firm Insurance Guru, Singer Nelson Charlmers, Pamela Phillips, Partner, Arnold & Porter, LLP, Christopher D. Sullivan, Partner, Diamond McCarthy, LLP and Albert Togut, Partner, Togut, Segal and Segal, LLP. Each member of the panels was able to bring real life stories and experience to add to the presentation.

The Rising Star Award was presented at the luncheon following the educational sessions. With over 150 attendees at the luncheon, it was one of the largest in IWIRC history! Jennifer Meyerowitz "passed the baton" of IWIRC Chair to Beth E. Hansen. Following Beth's remarks, she presented and recognized the Rising Star Award semi-finalists Kathryn Harrison, Rebecca Petereit, Tara Schellhorn, and Jennifer Taylor. The Newsletter's own Lauren Friend McKelvey was then named as the IWIRC Rising Star of 2014. Congratulations Lauren!

Many attendees then took the opportunity to participate in one of three intermezzo events to experience Chicago by bike, boat or bite. Those on the



Elizabeth L. Gunn

bike tour enjoyed an up-close view of some of Chicago's residential areas. The members who participated on the Chicago River architectural cruise were treated to magnificent views of downtown and the surrounding areas by water. Finally, members were able to take a bite out of gourmet chocolate and other confections at Mindy's Hot Chocolate, just outside of downtown.

As always, the Programming Committee and Chair Jennifer B. Kimble outdid themselves again with the events and programming for the Fall Conference. Just a reminder that the Fall Conference for 2015 will be on Saturday and Sunday, September 26-27, at the Eden Roc Hotel in Miami due to a change in the NCBJ format. Congratulations again to Rising Star Lauren Friend McKelvey and we hope see everyone in Washington, DC on April 15 and 16 for the Spring Meeting!



Shari A. Bedker

## The Top 10 Reasons IWIRC Headquarters Is Now Located in Stanardsville, VA (or, where the heck is Stanardsville, VA?!)

**Shari A. Bedker, IWIRC Administrative Director**

First and foremost, thank you so much for everyone's patience and understanding while I moved not only my business, but my home of 21 years this summer. The good news is that my husband, dog and I are all settled and

my new staff is doing a great job. The even better news is that I am NEVER moving again!

If you are one of the few lawyers who didn't go to undergrad or law school at the University of Virginia, Stanardsville, population 476 (that is NOT a typo), is about 20 miles north of Charlottesville, VA and is 6 miles from Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah National Park which crosses on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Just in case you haven't updated your address books, the new contact information is:

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And now, the Top 10:

10) If the Virginia Piedmont area is good enough for Presidents Jefferson, Monroe and Madison, then we are in good company!



9) If you are not into history, but like to read, David Baldacci and John Grisham also call this area home.

8) And if you are more into movies, Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson lives here.

7) Ever watch the Waltons? Yep, the real family lived in Schyler, VA, another huge town which is 40 minutes away, also in the Blue Ridge Foothills.

6) The office is really cute!



5) There is plenty of space for onsite storage to ensure document retention policies are in full compliance.



4) The Administrative Director has a short commute, so no rain, sleet or snow will close down the office (unless the electricity goes out!)



3) We are contributing to a small local community as I am betting Stanardsville hasn't been on so many mailing lists since it was first settled in 1794!



2) The office doubles as a cottage with a bedroom, full kitchen on weekends. Although the rates are very reasonable at \$0 per night, reservations are required. Please note, there is a strict check out time of 8 a.m. on Monday-we do have to work here also!

1) And the number one reason, it is REALLY pretty down here! Although that might be a bad thing, because it is really hard for the Administrative Director to leave this view from her screened porch and cup of hot tea every morning to do the very long commute down the driveway-I'm thinking not too many people are feeling sorry for me right now, though...



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## ABI's 20th Annual Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference

ABI welcomes IWIRC members to the Four Seasons Hotel Denver for the [20th Annual Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference](#) on January 22-23, 2015! The ABI advisory board has assembled a stellar faculty of regional bankruptcy judges and practitioners, as well as experts from around the nation, who will interact with attendees in a roundtable format. In addition, IWIRC will be holding a special morning session on Thursday, January 22. Hope to see you in Denver in January!

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## Network Happenings

### Chicago Network

On Thursday, October 23, 2014, IWIRC members attended the Inaugural SuperConnect Reception, a new and collaborative event that seeks to foster connections and networking opportunities among professionals, membership associations, and organizations in key industries. IWIRC was joined by nine other premier networking organizations: Illinois CPA Society, Turnaround Management Association, Commercial Finance Association, Construction Financial Management Association, Financial Executives International, Chicago Finance Exchange, Chicago Bar Association, Forensic Expert Witness Association, and the International Women's Forum. Close to 200 guests mixed and mingled on the 45th Floor of Jenner & Block, enjoying panoramic views of the city, drinks and appetizers. Of particular excitement was an icebreaker game where attendees sought to collect signatures from the members of the different organizations present. The event provided a superb opportunity to network with individuals from a broad spectrum of the turnaround industry. IWIRC looks forward to participating in the SuperConnect event for years to come.





From left to right: Heather Montgomery, Marcie Outlaw, Tracy Lustyan, Barb Yong

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From left to right: Jennifer McConnell, Erin Broderick, Vincent Lazar, Angela Allen

On October 29, the Chicago Network hosted its annual fall educational event. Kristin Winford, the Chief Operating Officer of Mesirow Financial Consulting, LLC, led guests through a strengths-based assessment program where each guest was able to identify his or her five core strengths. Kristin explained the advantages of strengths-based assessment and evaluation in comparison to traditional models that focus on areas of weakness and offered guests ways they can utilize the assessment to enhance their career performance and job satisfaction. All guests walked away with a better sense of their own strengths and tools to better use their strengths in their careers.



### **Dallas Fort Worth Network**

On September 23, 2014, the DFW IWIRC Network hosted a joint networking event for professionals in our industry, in conjunction with the Turnaround Management Association's Network of Women (TMA NOW). The event was well attended and we had a fantastic evening centered around great networking, fine wines, and delicious chocolates! The event was also noteworthy because we launched the Michelle A. Mendez Service Award, which will be given annually to a wonderful woman in our field to honor Michelle, a DFW IWIRC

member who was extremely active in the Bankruptcy Bar and died unexpectedly in 2014 at the age of 52. The award is designed to serve as a lasting tribute to all she was and all for which she stood and to recognize the importance of bankruptcy education, scholarship, and leadership.



## Georgia Network

### *Preparing America's Youth for Independence*

In early October, the ladies of the Georgia Network teamed with the Atlanta Chapter of Girl Scouts of America to promote good credit awareness among several emerging leaders and business-women of Atlanta. Specifically, the Network hosted an afternoon seminar tailored to assist young women who are preparing for college or will otherwise be living independently for the first time in their lives. As a reward for participating in the seminar, the 12-15 attendees earned their coveted Good Credit Badges.

### *Healthy bodies, healthy minds*

Georgia Network members left their cares behind for an evening of relaxation and networking through an interactive hour-long yoga class with Infinity Yoga followed by a catered dinner.

### *Summer Happy Hour*

Members and prospective members alike spent an evening networking in the summer air atop Shout's midtown restaurant. Complimentary appetizers and drinks served as the backdrop for lively conversation, networking and member recruitment.

## Hong Kong

On September 18, 2014, over 100 restructuring professionals gathered for the fifth annual IWIRC Great Debate to hear two robust teams debate the topic: "Lawyers add more value to a restructuring than accountants."

Moderated by Jamie Stranger of Stephenson Harwood, a strong team comprised of Marie Rowbotham (PwC), Patrick Cowley (KPMG) and Sarah Knapton (King & Wood Mallesons), debating against the motion, claimed victory over their opponents for the affirmative, Fraser Hern (Walkers), Chris Page (HSBC) and Damien Coles (Kirkland & Ellis). Both teams argued passionately for their cause with war stories, creative use of images and analogies: lawyers being equated to F1 drivers and the accountants the mechanics; lawyers being princes and princesses sitting in ivory towers and the accountants being on the ground, on site, getting stuck-in and making things actually happen.

Each side acknowledged that both professions add value to a restructuring, however in debating which profession added more value, lighthearted jousting focused on a number of stereotypical (but true!) attributes of each profession: why do lawyers have an unnatural love of color-coded, paginated bundles of paper, legalese and Latin phrases and what is it with accountants and Microsoft Excel? Ultimately, however, after raucous voting by cheers and clapping, the (mostly) accountant team won the grudge match.

The fifth annual Great Debate was kindly hosted by Stephenson Harwood and co-sponsored by Stephenson Harwood and Walkers.



On Tuesday October 28, 2014, FTI Consulting kindly sponsored and hosted the second of the IWIRC Hong Kong Breakfast Bites. The event featured Alison Harbert of Nomura who shared her experiences of implementing effective diversity and inclusion networks in the workplace. Breakfast Bites was launched in 2014 as an exclusive offering for members of IWIRC International.

### **Louisiana and Alabama Networks**

IWIRC Louisiana and Alabama enjoyed a Spa Day in August.



## Greater Maryland Network

On October 14, 2014, twelve IWIRC Greater Maryland members and one prospective member gathered along with 3 members of Commercial Real Estate Women – Baltimore (CREW Baltimore) at Kona Grill in Baltimore. Everyone enjoyed meeting some new faces and agreed that it was a collaborative gathering that will be repeated. IWIRC Greater Maryland and CREW Baltimore provide unique and interesting synergies among their members that we are all anxious to explore.

On November 20, 2014, the Greater Maryland Network hosted the business development event "Find and Maximize Your Business Development Potential." The guest speaker, Nancy Mangan, of Mangan Consulting, specializes in training professionals in advanced business development and client service skills. Her work is focused on delivering short-term results and long-term behavioral change by helping professionals identify specific opportunities and develop strategies for connecting with potential clients in a manner that is meaningful and beneficial to those clients. The evening included video clips from actual client interviews, a presentation by Nancy and opportunities for breakout case study and discussion. The presentation was preceded by a light supper and the event concluded with coffee, dessert, and an opportunity to network.

## Midwest Network

In conjunction with the 34th Annual Midwestern Bankruptcy Institute & Professional Development Workshop on October 16, the IWIRC-Midwest Network hosted a dinner to celebrate several female judges at Lidia's Restaurant in Kansas City. Thirty-five women attended this festive inaugural event for the Midwest Network, including these honored judges:

- The Honorable Janice Miller Karlin- Kansas
- The Honorable Anita L. Shodeen- Southern District of Iowa
- The Honorable Hannah L. Blumenstiel- Northern District of California
- The Honorable Lee M. Jackwig- Southern District of Iowa
- The Honorable Cynthia A. Norton- Western District of Missouri
- The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States- Eastern District of Missouri

The event drew members from various cities throughout the Midwest Network – Kansas City, Missouri; Overland Park, Kansas; St. Louis, Missouri and Sioux Falls, Iowa. In addition, the Midwest Network was thrilled to have members from the Florida, Georgia and Southern California Networks join the party.

Such a good time was had by all that the Midwest Network is already planning how to capitalize on this successful event in 2015!





On November 4, 2014, IWIRC Midwest Network members Lisa Epps and Michelle Suter were part of a panel presentation put on jointly by IWIRC-Midwest Network, Turnaround Management Association (TMA) and Central Exchange in Kansas City, Missouri. Each panelist discussed their unique approach to being a business owner inside and outside the turnaround and restructuring world. There were about 30 men and women in attendance, including IWIRC-Midwest Network members Tracy Wrisinger, Sue Hook and Sharon Stolte.

### **New Jersey Network**

IWIRC-NJ and NJTMA hosted Casino Night on October 15, 2014 to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the founding of IWIRC-NJ. Sharon Levine of Lowenstein Sandler LLP received the 2014 Woman of the Year award. Sharon is the first to receive the IWIRC-NJ Woman of the Year award, which was developed to recognize an outstanding woman actively engaged in the New Jersey insolvency and restructuring industry and will be awarded annually by IWIRC-NJ. Proceeds from Casino Night helped support the New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers' Foundation.



### **Washington, DC Network**

On Monday, November 3, 2014 the Washington, DC Network hosted a panel presentation entitled "Moving Up In Your Organization – From Doing to Getting the Work" at the DC offices of Wiley Rein, LLP. The panel showcased both attorneys and financial advisors, who provided tips and strategies for women in

the restructuring industry to succeed in their fields and move up within their organizations. The featured panelists were Judith Starr, General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Sharon Levine, Partner, Lowenstein Sandler; Ashleigh Blaylock, Counsel, Akin Gump; and Suzanne Roski, Managing Director, Protiviti. The panel was moderated by IWIRC DC's Co-Chair of Programming, Suzanne Kelly, Co-Founder and Principal, Kelly Garfinkle Strategic Restructuring, LLC.

The Washington, DC Network was pleased that several members of the Greater Maryland Network and Virginia Network joined us for the event.

### Virginia Network

In September, the Virginia and Washington, DC Networks met at IWIRC's new headquarters in Stanardsville, Virginia to enjoy hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains and a sampling of Virginian wines. Thanks to Shari Bedker for organizing this fun outing!



### Member News

**Barbara George Barton** has been selected once again for inclusion in the 21st edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the practice areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation-Bankruptcy and as one of the 2014 Midlands Legal Elite by the Columbia Business Monthly in the field of bankruptcy law. She has been certified as a specialist in Bankruptcy and Debtor-Creditor Law since 1993 by the S.C. Supreme Court and by the American Bankruptcy Institute since 1996.



Barbara George Barton

The Chicago Network would like to congratulate **Lauren Beslow**, Quarles & Brady LLP, who was voted in as a new partner in her firm. A graduate of Emory University and University of Illinois Law School, Lauren practices in the firm's commercial bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors' rights group. She's been included in the *Illinois Super Lawyers*®—Rising Stars Editions 2009-2011, 2013-2014 (Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights). Lauren has worked tirelessly as the Network's Sponsorship Chair for several years now, previously serving as



Lauren Beslow



Jovi Bohan

Programming Chair for the group, organizing many of our Network's fabulous events.



Marguerite Lee DeVoll

**Marguerite Lee DeVoll** and **Corinne Donohue**, the new newsletter team for the IWIRC Greater Maryland Newsletter, bonded while drafting the newsletter when they realized they both passed the July 2014 Maryland Bar Exam. Marguerite Lee DeVoll is currently admitted in Georgia. She took the Maryland Bar after joining Linowes and Blocher LLP in May 2014. Corinne Donohue is currently admitted in New York and the District of Maryland. She took the Maryland Bar after joining Yumkas, Vidmar & Sweeney, LLC in September 2013.



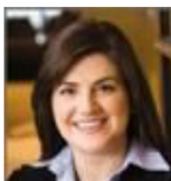
Corinne Donahue

**Corinne Donohue** and **Lisa Stevens**, associates at Yumkas, Vidmar & Sweeney, LLC, saw their firm open a new office in Columbia, Maryland. The firm hosted an Open House on October 28, 2014, which was attended by **Joyce Kuhns** (Saul Ewing, LLP), **Jovi Bohan** (Stout Risius Ross, Inc.), and **Susan Roberts** (Whiteford Taylor Preston, LLP). Attendees admired the new space and enjoyed the company. In addition to its Columbia office, the firm has kept its office in Annapolis, MD, which has moved to a new location in Annapolis.



Rosa Evergreen

**Rosa Evergreen**, a partner at Arnold & Porter LLP and a member of the Washington, DC Network, spoke at William & Mary Law School in September 2014 on a "Lawyers as Leaders" panel. As part of her panel discussion, she discussed IWIRC and the opportunities it provides to woman insolvency lawyers. Rosa was also featured in the Bankruptcy League Tables Q3 2014 released by The Deal, which ranked Arnold & Porter LLP.



Alison Elko Franklin

The Georgia Network would like to extend sincere congratulations to Board Member **Alison Elko Franklin**, on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Charlotte, and on receiving the prestigious Atlanta Business Chronicle 40 Under 40 Award! Alison was recognized for Legal and Pro Bono Work at McKenna Long & Aldridge. She stands out from the crowd as this year's honorees were selected by past award recipients from more than 600 nominations for their career achievements and social responsibility. Definitely an exciting way to round out the year!



Carolyn Hochstadter Dicker

**Carolyn Hochstadter Dicker** reports that she has expanded her law offices from suburbia to the City and welcomes anyone in the area to come visit and have coffee! She will be sharing resources with two women colleagues who specialize in litigation and City real estate taxation. Her new address is 1528 Walnut Street, Suite 511, Philadelphia. Carolyn helps start-ups and medium sized businesses with business, employment, collections and bankruptcy matters so they can form and grow.



Robbin Itkin

On November 18, 2014, **Robbin L. Itkin** joined Liner LLP as Chair of the Business Solutions and Financial Restructuring Group. Robbin looks forward to working with the broad depth of Liner talent in the corporate, entertainment, litigation, real estate and other practice groups to address client needs at every step of the business lifecycle as well as continuing to handle out of court workouts, bankruptcies and mediations.

At the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Law Conference on October 23, 2014, **Joyce A. Kuhns** (Saul Ewing, LLP) led the session "Bankruptcy Revisited: The 'New Normal'", exploring the impact of accelerated sales, prepackaged and prearranged plans and structured dismissals on chapter 11

cases and their constituents. Over 63,000 members strong in over 100 countries, ICSC is the largest trade organization serving the shopping center and related industries globally. Joyce is a member of the ICSC Legal Advisory Council and the ICSC Bankruptcy Task Force.

**Marylee P. Robinson**, a Director in the Dispute Advisory & Forensic Services Group of Stout Risius Ross, presented on "Hot Topics in IP Damages in Canada and the United States" at the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Forensic & Valuation Services Conference. The AICPA Forensic & Valuation Services Conference, held in New Orleans from November 9 - 11, 2014, is the educational forum that brings together influential forensic and business valuation experts for thoughtful and insightful perspectives from the two disciplines.

UpShot Services LLC (UpShot), a leading claims and noticing firm serving companies undergoing Chapter 11 bankruptcy, announced on October 1, 2014 that it has hired bankruptcy attorney **Brelle Rohwer** as Vice President of Client Services. In her new role, Brelle will oversee and manage the needs of UpShot's growing roster of clients and contribute to the firm's business development initiatives. Prior to joining UpShot, Brelle had more than 17 years of experience as a corporate bankruptcy attorney. During that time, she represented clients from every major constituency in corporate restructuring, including debtors, creditors' committees, ad hoc committees, indenture trustees, Chapter 11 trustees, Chapter 7 trustees, landlords and secured creditors.

The Georgia Network congratulates Board Member **Sage Sigler** for being elected to the Partnership at Alston & Bird LLP. Sage's elevation to Partner is indicative of her dedication and outstanding contribution to the firm.

On August 15, 2014, **Andrea Yandreski** of Alvarez & Marsal Canada was awarded the Keith G. Collins Memorial Award, which is granted to select members of the Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals (CAIRP) in recognition of her professional excellence in areas such as integrity, professionalism, commitment, willingness to share knowledge and service. Andrea is the first woman to win this Award since it was established in 2008.



Joyce Kuhns



Susan Roberts



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Brelle Rohwer



Sage Sigler



Lisa Stevens



Andrea Yandreski

## 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, December 09, 2014**

*Georgia Network*  
IWIRC-GA Holiday Party 2014

**Wednesday, December 10, 2014**

*Midwest Network*  
IWIRC-Midwest 2nd Annual Holiday Luncheon

**Thursday, December 11, 2014**

*Midwest Network*  
IWIRC-Midwest and KCBBA Holiday Party

**Friday, December 12, 2014**

*Chicago Network*  
IWIRC Chicago Network's Annual Champagne High Tea

**Saturday, December 13, 2014**

*Florida Network*  
Nordstrom Beauty Trend Event

**Thursday, December 18, 2014**

*New Jersey Network*  
IWIRC-New Jersey Annual Holiday Party

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015**

*Greater Maryland Network*  
3rd Annual Evening of Community Service at the Maryland Food Bank

**Thursday, January 29, 2015**

*Greater Maryland Network*  
Greater Maryland Network Membership Happy Hour

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## Newsletter Submissions

The IWIRC Connection Newsletter relies on contributions from IWIRC's Networks and members. Please submit articles, Network happenings and member news to Lauren Friend McKelvey, at [lmckelvey@wileyrein.com](mailto:lmckelvey@wileyrein.com).

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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

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## Welcome IWIRC New Members!

*August 19, 2014 – November 25, 2014*

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