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From the Chair

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What does it mean to be a leader? The dictionary defines a “leader” as someone who “goes before or shows the way.” It also says that to lead is to “influence or induce.” But, to me, being a leader is much more. A leader is someone who shows integrity, sets an example, lets others shine and shares credit for her hard work, promotes and encourages, is creative, tries new ideas, and speaks up.

When I think of what IWIRC means to me, I constantly come back to the many ways in which IWIRC promotes this concept of leadership. On the most basic level, it is easy to see that each of our IWIRC Networks has a Board, which is the leadership of the local IWIRC chapter. Through their leadership and guidance, they have helped IWIRC achieve worldwide recognition, prestige, and exposure. The organization has grown immensely in the last few years. Our membership has sky rocketed and the number of Networks we have added has been incredible.

IWIRC encourages its leaders and promotes leadership. This summer, we will host our 8th Annual Leadership Summit conference in San Francisco, where the **Northern California IWIRC Network** will host more than 80 IWIRC leaders from across the globe. This powerful group of women will discuss innovative approaches to leadership, including how to further build and improve IWIRC on a global and local Network level.

This past April, at our Spring Conference in Washington, DC, we recognized our own exceptional leaders. We presented our annual Founders Awards to members that have truly made a positive impact on the IWIRC organization and helped make it what it is today. **Carren Shulman**, Co-Chair of the New York Network, could not be more deserving of the Melnick Award. **Caroline Moran** from the Cayman Islands Network was awarded the Fetner Award for exceptional contributions by an international IWIRC member. And, finally, we were thrilled to present the Ryan Award for the most Outstanding Network to the **New Jersey Network**. Congratulations to all of our Founders Awards recipients for showing us amazing leadership.

As you begin your summer, think about those leaders that have gone before you to show you the way. Think also of those that you are currently leading and influencing. As successful leader and football coach Vince Lombardi said, “Leaders aren’t born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that’s the price we’ll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal.” Think about what you can do to be a leader in IWIRC. Who could you nominate to run for the Board of Directors? Who could you nominate to be recognized for the Rising Star Awards? How can you get involved in your Network or on Committees or in planning IWIRC events?

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IWIRC's fantastic, diverse, motivated, and intelligent members are what make it such an amazing organization. Our members are leaders in so many ways – you lead firms, practice groups, Networks, communities, families, organizations, and companies. You set examples of integrity, ethics, and patience every day. You share ideas with one another, promote each other, and create new ideas with each other. You are all leaders, in every sense of the word. It is an honor to be associated with such an incredible group of people.

Regards,

Jennifer Meyerowitz, Chair

From the Communications Chair

Jennifer E. Mercer, *Epiq Systems*

Spring, a time of renewal and growth, when we move beyond the gray of winter to the welcomed change of sunshine, flowers, and meadows of varying shades of green. It is a time of expansion, the longer days keeping us outside “until the street lights come on.” IWIRC, like spring, is showing its own signs of renewal and expansion with our Spring Meeting garnering the largest attendance to date, ushering in our 2014 Founders Awards winners, and adding a new opportunity to participate. To that end, I am pleased to introduce **Lauren Friend McKelvey** of Wiley Rein LLP, as our new Newsletter Director. Lauren has graciously volunteered to oversee the production of IWIRC Connection. I am sure that with Lauren's tenacity and talent, the newsletter will only get better.

In keeping with improvements, I am pleased to report that we are getting more and more articles and other content from the Networks. Please send us updates such as what your network is up to, highlights of a successful event, best practices that can be shared across networks, and very importantly member updates such as a promotion or being published. As a reminder, IWIRC Connection is a quarterly publication being published in January, May, August and November. Deadlines for submissions are the fifth day of each publication month, which means that submissions for the next newsletter are due August 5, 2014. Submissions and questions should be sent to Lauren at lmckelvey@wileyrein.com, or me at jmercerc@epiqsystems.com. Keep it coming!

Happy Spring,

Jennifer E. Mercer, Communications Chair

IWIRC Board of Directors and Rising Star Nominations Needed!

Super Women Wanted: Become a Member of IWIRC's Board of Directors

June 16, 2014 is the deadline to nominate someone (including yourself) for the six At-Large Director positions on the IWIRC international Board. These positions are for a two-year term (October 2014–October 2016). Candidates must be members of IWIRC and be willing to undertake projects to further the mission and goals of IWIRC.

If you would like to nominate someone (including yourself), please send the name, contact information and a brief statement in support of the candidate (a few hundred words max) to Shari Bedker, Administrative Director, at sbedker@iwirc.com by June 16, 2014. [Click here](#) for more information on nomination requirements. Nominate today!

Nominate a Rising Star!

August 15, 2014 is the deadline to nominate insolvency and restructuring professionals with eight or less years of experience for the IWIRC Rising Star award. Nominees may be attorneys, bankers, turnaround advisors, claims and noticing agents, academics or other restructuring industry professionals who are actively engaged in the restructuring industry, are located anywhere in the world, and have shown dedication and commitment to IWIRC on the local, national and/or international level. All nominees for the IWIRC Rising Star Award must be members of IWIRC. However, IWIRC membership is NOT a requirement to make a nomination.

Nominations open June 10, 2014. For more information, [click here](#).

IWIRC's Spring Program Returns to the Nation's Capital

Lauren Friend McKelvey, *Wiley Rein LLP*

After a long cold winter, the **Washington, DC Network** welcomed the arrival of spring and IWIRC's 11th Annual Spring Program back to the Nation's Capital. The two-day program drew over 140 insolvency and restructuring professionals from 20 US states, Puerto Rico, the Cayman Islands, Canada and Germany.

The festivities began overlooking the Washington Monument on the rooftop of Arnold & Porter LLP, who graciously hosted and sponsored the Opening Reception along with Epiq Systems. A contingent of the Washington, DC Network, also a supporter of the event, welcomed guests to the reception, one of whom echoed the thoughts of many – "I love IWIRC. Although there are many women's networking groups, none compare to IWIRC, where the women are personable, welcoming and a true networking community."

Attendees were happy to see old friends and make new connections, while sipping the specialty drink – the Cherry-Blossom Signature Cocktail – or enjoying a Cherry Blossom beer. Following the reception, guests headed to a Washington landmark, the Old Ebbitt Grill, for dinner.

The next day began early for those participating in the fitness intermezzos program, which included pilates, power walking or running along the National Mall. More proof that IWIRC women are multitaskers, the fitness activities provided opportunities to network, exercise and get in some sightseeing. The runners took a route past the Capitol Building, Washington Monument, Reflecting Pool and Lincoln Memorial (where several took "selfies" in front of President Lincoln's iconic statue).

The formal program included two informative and entertaining panels. The *Pitch Perfect* panel featured a mock company in financial distress – Oy Oy Orange, a maker of women's fitness apparel – seeking to retain bankruptcy attorneys, financial advisors and claims agents. Three prominent women, **Leslie Berkoff** of Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP, **Patricia Missal** of The Numbers Group, LLC, and **Katherine McEachern** of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, served as mock executives of the distressed company and posed tough questions to the pitching teams:

- *Attorneys:* **Rebecca Petereit** and **James J. Lee** of Vinson & Elkins LLP;
- *Financial Advisors:* **Maggie D. Conner** and **Danielle Iafrate** of Conway MacKenzie, Inc.; and
- *Claims Agents:* **Tinamarie Feil** and **Oliver Zurbel** of the BMC Group.

Michelle Pickett of PwC moderated the *Pitch Perfect* panel and the conference attendees participated as well with questions, comments, feedback, and compliments to the pitching teams. The different pitching techniques and styles of the various panelists provided valuable insights that attendees can apply to improve their next pitch or other public speaking opportunity.

The second panel on social media featured "Ted Talk" style presentations by four women with impressive social media presence: **Pia Thompson** of Navigant Consulting discussed LinkedIn; **Natasha Labovitz** of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP addressed Facebook; **Carrienne Basler** of AlixPartners discussed Twitter; and **Salene Kramer** of MAZURKRAEMER provided insights into blogging. The moderator, **Sarah Frankel** of The 525 Group, asked the audience to submit questions to the panelists via Twitter handle #iwircspring. The panelists addressed the numerous benefits of social networking along with pitfalls to avoid. They provided useful tips relevant to those just starting to use social media and to those ready to take their social media networking to the next level.

The conference concluded with the Founders Awards presentation and a networking lunch.

Photos from IWIRC's Spring Conference



Meet the 2014 IWIRC Founders Award Recipients

The IWIRC Founders Awards recognize members and networks who have made exceptional contributions to the organization, their clients and the profession overall. The 2014 Founders Awards' honorees once again represent the best of IWIRC and the international insolvency and restructuring community.

Carren Shulman, a partner at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP in New York, was awarded the **Melnik Award** for exceptional contributions by an IWIRC member. Carren is currently the Co-Chair of IWIRC's New York Network and serves as an At-Large Director on IWIRC's board and a member of the Programs Committee. Through her service on IWIRC's Programs Committee for many years, Carren has enticed some of the finest speakers in the world to present at IWIRC conferences. Additionally, Carren's contributions as an IWIRC delegate to the UN Committee on International Trade (UNCITRAL) has been outstanding. Not only has it benefitted and elevated the profile of IWIRC in the international community, but it has also greatly benefited the UNCITRAL organization. Further, Carren's leadership, dedication and effort towards the rejuvenation of the New York Network has helped make the New York Network one of the strongest and most active networks in the IWIRC organization.

For more than two decades, Carren has focused her practice on recovering value and achieving an efficient and effective outcome for her clients, whether in the form of a financial recovery or a successful business transaction in and out of court, domestically and internationally.

Her clients include financial institutions, private equity funds, OEMs, Fortune 300 and middle market businesses. With many years of experience in dealmaking through the bankruptcy and receivership process, Carren also strategizes with her clients on contract drafting to protect their legal interests in the event of a potential bankruptcy or liquidation. Throughout her long career she has also tried many cases in federal and state court. She is also President of the Alumni Board at NYU School of Law and resides with her husband and two children in Manhattan.

Caroline Moran, an associate with Maples and Calder in the Cayman Islands, received the **Fetner Award** for exceptional contributions by an international IWIRC member. Caroline currently chairs IWIRC's Cayman Islands Network, and has repeatedly demonstrated the spirit, attitude and approach to networking and participation that IWIRC strives to foster in its members. She was a speaker at IWIRC's 2013 Fall conference in Atlanta where she made an eloquent and impactful presentation on comity between nations and groups. Caroline has strongly advocated for the need to make connections between networks, particularly abroad. In addition, she has also been an instrumental part of IWIRC's UNCITRAL team and has represented IWIRC as a delegate in Vienna at the UNCITRAL meeting.

Caroline specializes her practice in insolvency and corporate recovery. In this regard, Caroline advises on all aspects of domestic and cross border insolvency and restructuring issues, in particular, consensual and non-consensual restructurings, liquidations and receiverships. Caroline advises all key stakeholders in financially distressed circumstances including banks, funds, bondholders, directors, investors and insolvency practitioners. She also has extensive commercial litigation experience in distressed funds, shareholder and financial services disputes. Caroline is an experienced advocate, who regularly appears in the Cayman Islands' courts.

The **New Jersey Network** was awarded the **Ryan Award** for Outstanding IWIRC Network. In 2013, IWIRC-New Jersey reinvented and reinvigorated its network by organizing events that exemplify IWIRC's core mission: commitment to the connection, promotion and success of women in the insolvency and restructuring professions. IWIRC-NJ boasts approximately fifty active members consisting of attorneys, accountants, turnaround managers, investment bankers, law clerks, students, judges and other insolvency and restructuring professionals.

In 2013, IWIRC-NJ hosted thirteen events ranging from a panel discussion by female in-house counsel to cocktail parties celebrating Judge Gloria M. Burns' promotion to the position of Chief Judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for District of New Jersey, and the appointment to that Court of fellow IWIRC-NJ member, Judge Christine Gravelle. IWIRC New Jersey is also proud of the continued success of its "Dinner for Eight" series, where each member is invited to an intimate meal with six other members and one New Jersey bankruptcy judge, its IWIRC at the Shore Conference in Atlantic City, NJ, which it co-hosts with the New York, Delaware, Greater Pennsylvania-Philadelphia and Maryland IWIRC Networks, its collaboration on educational offerings with like-minded organizations including Essex County Bar Association – Debtor/Creditor Section, NJ-TMA and NYC Women's Division, and its annual "Shop With A Purpose" event, whose proceeds last year benefited Partners for Women & Justice, a non-profit organization that provides free legal assistance to low-income New Jersey women who are victims of domestic violence. Consistent with IWIRC-NJ's mentoring initiative, IWIRC-NJ also has an annual event targeted to newer members of the insolvency community to introduce them to the more established members and tailors specific activities to foster mentorship.

This year, IWIRC-NJ actively expanded its board to involve more members in leadership and successfully recruited twenty-one corporate sponsors whose contributions not only make IWIRC-NJ's robust programming possible, but also serve as a testament to the value that the New Jersey restructuring and insolvency community places on IWIRC-NJ and the role it serves in our profession. The New Jersey Network has served as a role model for other Networks to follow.



Above: Beth Hansen left awarding the Melnik Award to Carren Shulman; (above right) Jennifer Meyerowitz presents the Fetner Award to Caroline Moran; (lower right) Jennifer Meyerowitz presents the Ryan Award to the New Jersey Network.

Thank you IWIRC!

Shari Bedker, *Administrative Director*

I started working with IWIRC in May 1996. At the time, there were 286 members and 7 networks in 3 countries and we were so excited to think we might break the 300 mark for members! The budget was so tiny as to be non-existent, and (gasp!) technology was very limited, so there was not a lot of flashy presentations or marketing, the benefits of IWIRC were primarily promoted by word-of-mouth. Several of our earliest members subsequently were appointed to the bench, which really helped support the fact that IWIRC women were the best of the best, and not just “that women’s group.”

It has been my privilege to work with some amazing women as they grew in their professional and personal lives in tandem with IWIRC as an organization. When I talk about IWIRC I say “we”, not “they”, as I truly feel a part of IWIRC and experience members’ bumps, bruises and triumphs. At the Fall conference in Atlanta for our 20th Anniversary Luncheon, I was truly honored and humbled by the gift of the Founders Award pin that **Jennifer Meyerowitz** and **Judy Elkin** presented me with. I wanted to thank them, all the past chairs, board members and all of you for your support and trust in me for the last 17 years. And now, with 1,150 members and 40 networks in 10 countries, I am looking forward to seeing what the next 20 years will bring! (To be continued in 2034...)



In Memory of the Hon. Burton R. Lifland

IWIRC mourns the passing of the Honorable Burton R. Lifland, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York. Judge Lifland passed away suddenly from pneumonia on January 12, 2014. As he did for so many people and organizations, Judge Lifland touched the lives of IWIRC and its members in profound and important ways.

Judge Lifland was an early supporter of IWIRC and its mission of creating an international networking organization for women in the insolvency professions. One of his early law clerks, **Nancy Lazar**, was a founding member of IWIRC. Judge Lifland was one of the early participants in UNCITRAL Working Group V on international insolvency as part of the official US delegation. In this capacity, he interacted with many of the influential non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that consulted with the official country delegations, such as INSOL, the IBA and the World Bank. Judge Lifland saw IWIRC, notwithstanding its fledgling status, as a unique organization well suited to play in the international insolvency arena of UNCITRAL. At his recommendation and with his support, IWIRC was able to obtain NGO status in the mid 1990's. This enabled IWIRC to send a delegation to UNCITRAL meetings that was able to significantly contribute to the development and adoption of the Model Law on cross-border insolvency, the Guide to Enactment and published analysis – all of which have gained wide acceptance in international jurisprudence.

IWIRC has continued to live up to Judge Lifland's expectations as an UNCITRAL participant. At the December 2013 UNCITRAL Working Group V Colloquium, IWIRC's delegation was asked to make a specific presentation on the important issue of creditor participation in global insolvency proceedings.

IWIRC extends its sincerest condolences to Judge Lifland's wife, Elaine and to their entire family.

Network Corner: New York Shares Its Best Practices

Sarah Frankel, *The 525 Group*



Sarah Frankel

IWIRC NY elected a new board in late 2012, and it was full steam ahead from day one! We have enjoyed a packed year-and-a-half of innovative programming, including social, substantive, charitable and athletic events as well as increased communications initiatives. Our events have been multi-faceted with thoughtful, engaging programming, professional development follow-ups and even the occasional interactive social media element. We are thrilled to see our chapter hitting its stride and are excited to see what our team will create next!

As many of you know, innovation in the NY network comes in many shapes and sizes. We strive to provide guests at our events with experiences or skills one typically does not associate with women. Our networking events are primarily social, but with lessons we hope will better our guests both personally and professionally. We kicked off 2013 with *Ladies Night: Bringing Poker Skills to the Negotiating Table*. We gathered in a trendy night club in NY's Meatpacking District and brought in a few female poker professionals to help the ladies understand not only the game of poker, but the art and importance of reading your opponent. Our professional development follow-up taught ladies how their newly honed skills could translate to the negotiating table.

Next, we applied these same objectives to events on the golf course and improv stage. *Golf Camp* taught golf basics including game-day and course etiquette. After our tutorial, we put our new skills and understanding of the game to use out on the links. No one is hitting the LPGA anytime soon, but we expect our ladies to be more comfortable saying "yes" to that next golf invite. Pushing our ladies even further out of their comfort zone was *Improv Night* at the famous *The Duplex* in Greenwich Village. If you can be funny on cue, on stage and without help, you can do anything! We were thrilled as our ladies found their funny and hope they will have more poise and confidence the next time they take the stage for any public speaking performance.

Rounding out our programming was a virtual *Book Club* and fitness initiative. Our virtual *Book Club* paired the NY and Dallas chapters to examine the ideas laid out in *Women Work & The Art of Savoir Fair*. While the book was entertaining and informative, its value was taken to a new level when paired with the different perspectives and experiences of the women in IWIRC, both in NY and down in Dallas. Not ones to limit ourselves to mind workouts only,

we launched our fitness initiative, *IWORKout*. *IWORKout* hit the ground running, literally, with a running club that met in Central Park for a monthly 5k fun-run. Next we paired our fitness goals with some charitable objectives and fielded a team to support inMotion in the Story by Story stair climb.

We kicked off 2014 with another season of exciting programming. We hosted a Town Hall meeting at center court of Madison Square Garden and a breakfast panel featuring speakers from UNCITRAL. These exciting events have already brought together nearly 100 women of the NY restructuring and insolvency community and we expect that number to grow with always inventive events.

Finally, to help our members and friends stay informed on all that is brewing with IWIRC NY, in 2013 we launched our own interactive newsletter and splashed onto the social media scene. Our newsletter is distributed quarterly and features up-to-date information on membership, events and other opportunities. To keep things interesting, we enhanced our newsletter with promotions, trivia and other engaging links. Past newsletters can always be found on our network page at iwirc.com. In the spirit of keeping folks informed and staying up with the times, we also launched Facebook and Twitter accounts for our NY Chapter in 2013. Weekly posts, membership recognition, event promotions and contests have turned these platforms into "musts" for all members looking for real-time news and fun, interactive membership perks. *Like* or *Follow* us today!

With new skills at poker, golf and public speaking, along with a stronger mind and body, we continue to expect great things out of our chapter and are thrilled to see what the future will hold. For more information on any of our happenings, email Melissa Hager, mhager@mofo.com to join our Friends of IWIRC NY mailing list today!

Midwest Network Raises Money for Local Community Outreach Program

Elaine M. Lane, *KC Advisory Services*



Elaine M. Lane

In April, several members of the **IWIRC Midwest Network** gathered for a good cause. Our small group made a BIG impact and helped feed an estimated 2000 hungry people in our community by raising \$400 for a local food pantry. The members helped support Cross-Lines, a community outreach program, at their "Eat, Drink & Do Good Happy Hour" on April 2, 2014. Our member's generous donations helped Cross-Lines provide emergency food assistance to those in need, as well as serving breakfast, lunch and preparing meals for the home-bound and elderly.

And the added bonus? The donations qualify for matching contributions from the Feinstein Foundation – making it possible for [the IWIRC donations to grow to \\$800!](#)

A heartfelt THANKS to all participating members and especially **Susan Berson** who got the ball rolling! The Midwest Network is fortunate to have members who feel strongly about involvement in our community and help those around us. Our members actively participate in a multitude of charitable organizations and we are proud and excited to include these outreach programs in our IWIRC events.

For more information visit [Cross-Lines](#) or the [Feinstein Foundation](#).

Washington, DC Network Elects Board from Broad Cross-Section of Private and Public Sector Professionals

Washington, DC's unique bankruptcy and restructuring community consists of a vibrant private sector of attorneys, turnaround managers, financial consultants, accountants, trustees and receivers, along with a veritable alphabet soup of federal and local government agencies – PBGC, SEC, IRS, FDIC, OTR and CFPB, to name a few.

Once again in 2014, the **Washington, DC Network** elected a Board of Directors representing a broad cross-section of professionals. The fourteen member Board is the Network's largest since its establishment in 2011.

Congratulations to the 2014 Board of Directors: **Lauren Friend McKelvey**, Wiley Rein LLP,

Network Co-Chair; **Kathleen (Katie) Kraft**, Thompson Coburn LLP, Network Co-Chair; **Susan G. Budd**, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Network Treasurer; **Jennifer Lynne Wine**, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Network Secretary; **Rebecca Saitta**, Wiley Rein LLP, Co-Chair, Communications Committee; **Julie R. Johnson**, Renascent Advisory, LLC, Co-Chair, Communications Committee; **Nancy Alper**, DC Office of Attorney General, Co-Chair, Programming Committee; **Suzanne Annette Kelly**, Kelly Garfinkle Strategic Restructuring LLC, Co-Chair, Programming Committee; **Andrea Campbell Davison**, Bean Kinney & Korman PC, Co-Chair, Membership Committee; **Kristin Going**, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Co-Chair, Membership Committee; **Rosa J. Evergreen**, Arnold & Porter LLP, Co-Chair, Sponsorship Committee; **Alexandra Steinberg Barrage**, At-Large Director; **Marion Hecht**, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, At-Large Director; **Lisa Marie Poulin**, Deloitte CRG, At-Large Director (Honorary).

It Takes a Virtual Village: Spotlight on LinkedIn

Pia Thompson, *Navigant Consulting, Inc.*

Here are some tips for using LinkedIn – Twitter we'll discuss later – LinkedIn is also more useful:

- (1) There is NO downside.
- (2) Keeps you at top of mind with those that you don't see always. I have gotten referrals because a person saw a recent post.
- (3) To get the most out of it: have a professional head shot. A picture (professionally taken in business clothes) is essential.
- (4) Make sure that your work email is your PRIMARY email associated with your account.
- (5) Complete all of your contact information.
- (6) Do not have restrictions on visibility for your page. If you are posting items that are delicate on LinkedIn, you should stop that immediately. We will provide training for this in the near future.



Pia Thompson

Fun Fact:

Did you know IWIRC has its own YouTube Channel? We just posted the 2 panels and the Founders Awards from the Spring Conference held in Washington, DC. If you couldn't make it in person, check it out! OR if you were there but forgot to take good notes, check it out! [Click here](#) to access the all IWIRC, all the time channel!

Did you Know . . .

The Delaware Network has the most contributing members! Contributing members pay an additional \$50 when they pay their dues, not for recognition, but for additional support of IWIRC and all it stands for!

Network Happenings

Greater Maryland Network



On March 11, 2014, the **Greater Maryland Network** held its Annual Meeting at Miles &

Stockbridge, P.C. The event was well attended by the membership and concluded with a delicious cocktail reception. A key item of business was the election of the board of officers and directors for the coming year. Congratulations to the following: Co-Chairs **Joyce A. Kuhns** and **Susan J. Klein**, Vice Chair **Laura S. Bouyea**, Secretary **Maria Chavez-Ruark**, Treasurer **Lisa M. Poulin**, Directors: **Jovi B. Bohan**, **Deborah H. Devan**, **Angela L. Shortall**, and **Kristen M. Siracusa**, and Directors-at-Large: **Susan Jaffe Roberts** and **Lisa Yonka Stevens**.

On April 10, 2014, the Greater Maryland Network kicked up its heels for a night of rest and relaxation at its Annual Spa Event held at About Faces in Canton. Each member that attended selected a 30-minute salon service. After a little pampering, we indulged in delicious sandwiches, desserts and wine. The most relaxing part of the evening was spent enjoying each other's company.

Georgia Network

The **Georgia Network** was proud to co-sponsor the 40th Annual 2014 Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute held March 20-22nd at the well-appointed Hotel Intercontinental Buckhead. The nationally recognized seminar is attended by the nation's finest bankruptcy experts, including judges, professors and practicing attorneys. The seminars and breakout sessions of the conference provided great networking and excellent education for all networks. In conjunction with 40th Annual Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, the Georgia Network organized a networking dine-around event that was attended by members new and old. Seated at tables for eight at two trendy Atlanta restaurants, the intimate event allowed attendees to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

The Georgia Network is also proud to report that its annual Pack-the-Purse drive yielded an array of stylish work accessories, including purses, handbags, make-up and jewelry that will be donated to the deserving disadvantaged women of the Atlanta chapter of Dress for Success.

The Georgia Network's Mentoring Program Kickoff Event was held May 13, 2014 at All Fired Up in Decatur. The Mentoring program is a wonderful way for mentors to stay in touch with new trends in the legal community and for mentees to glean tried and true advice from those of us who have been around a while.

After a successful and rewarding experience in 2013, the Georgia Network will continue its dedication to the Professional Women's Group of Atlanta Dress for Success by hosting the second annual panel on the fair debt collection act, credit reports and budgeting. IWIRC Georgia Network volunteers will be on hand before and after the panel to address individual questions with attendees.



Southern California Network

On February 12th, **IWIRC So-Cal** members gathered at Fred Segal on Melrose for a night of fun and fashion during a private sale event. Attendees started the evening by dining on exquisite appetizers and wines at Café Mauro. Once fortified, it was time to shop! The Fred Segal staff pampered attendees with complimentary makeovers and hand massages and designers provided details about their unique creations. Great way to kick off 2014!



Hon. Nancy V. Alquist



Hon. Mary F. Walrath



Maria Chavez-Ruark



Gabrielle Duvall

Member News

The **Honorable Nancy V. Alquist** was honored by the Maryland Chapter of the Federal Bar Association on her appointment as Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Court at a luncheon held on March 21, 2014 at the Grand Historic Venue in Baltimore. Judge Alquist has served as Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland since 2012, and is one of the founding members of the Greater Maryland Network of IWIRC.

Judge Alquist along with the **Honorable Mary F. Walrath, Maria Chavez-Ruark, Gabrielle Duvall, Catherine Hopkin, Susan Roberts, and Lori Simpson**, all of the Greater Maryland Network, participated in various panel discussions at the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland's Annual Spring Break CLE Weekend at the Loews Annapolis Hotel on May 2-3, 2014.

Maria Chavez-Ruark, a partner at Saul Ewing LLP, served as faculty and presented on a panel entitled "Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Litigation," speaking on the enforceability of intercreditor agreements, at the 2014 Advanced Bankruptcy Institute, which was sponsored by the Maryland State Bar Association and held in Columbia, Maryland.

Linda Donhauser, a principal of Miles & Stockbridge PC, also served as faculty at the 2014 Advanced Bankruptcy Institute and presented on a panel entitled "Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Litigation," speaking on avoidance actions-secured lender beware. Linda additionally served as faculty and presented on a panel entitled "Key Considerations for Business Clients Experiencing Financial Distress" at the 2014 Maryland State Bar Association Business Law Institute, which was held in Columbia, Maryland.

Rosa Evergreen was elected partner at Arnold & Porter LLP. Rosa is a member of the firm's Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring group in Washington, DC and on the Board of Directors



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Taylor Mansell of the Georgia Network has joined the firm of Shapiro, Swertfeger & Hasty, LLP.

Jennifer McConnell was promoted from Vice President to Senior Vice President at Mesirow Financial Consulting where she provides financial advisory consulting services in the areas of corporate recovery and bankruptcy related litigation. Jen is currently the Programming Co-Chair for the IWIRC Chicago Network.

Bernadette Norrington of the Greater Maryland Network transferred from Protiviti's Restructuring group in Baltimore, Maryland to its Risk & Compliance group in McLean, Virginia. This exciting opportunity will allow Bernadette to promote products and services to the financial service industry in the DC Metro area.

Rebecca Saitta, Co-Chair of the Communications Committee for the Washington, DC Network, spoke on a panel regarding "Modern Preference Litigation" at the Spring Seminar for the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees ("NABT") held in Coral Gables-Miami, Florida on April 4, 2014. Rebecca is Of Counsel in Wiley Rein LLP's bankruptcy and financial restructuring group. Rebecca also serves as the Associate Editor for NABTalk, the quarterly journal of the NABT.

Rebecca Saitta and **Katie Kraft**, Co-Chair of the Washington, DC Network and an attorney at Thompson Coburn LLP, were named DC "Rising Stars" in Creditor Debtor Rights by *Super Lawyers* magazine and Washington, DC Network Co-Chair **Lauren Friend McKelvey** of Wiley Rein LLP, was named a "Rising Star" in Bankruptcy: Business. Washington, DC Network members named "Super Lawyers" in Bankruptcy: Business by the magazine were **Mary Joanne Dowd** of Arent Fox PLLC, **Kristin Going** of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP and Co-Chair of IWIRC-DC's Membership Committee and **Valerie P. Morrison** of Wiley Rein LLP.

Pia Thompson, Executive Director/Deputy General Counsel at Navigant Consulting, Inc. and member of the Chicago Network, is a recipient of the 2014 Womenetics POW! Award in recognition of her professional achievements and community impact. Award winners exemplify purposeful women who have used their position to advance substantive change in business and society.

Nancy Valentine, IWIRC Secretary and member of the Northeast Ohio Network (NEON), was named Managing Partner of the Cleveland office of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP. She will also continue to serve as co-chair of the firm's Creditors' Rights, Reorganization & Bankruptcy Area.

Celia R. Washington of the Georgia Network was appointed a Partner in the Atlanta law firm of Clark & Washington, P.C. Celia's selection as a Partner is indicative of her dedication and outstanding contribution to the firm's insolvency practice.



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[IWIRC Western Canada Lean In Discussion - June 5, 2014](#)

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[IWIRC Spring Educational Event on Healthcare - June 5, 2014](#)

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

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[IWIRC Coffee & Networking | 2014 TMA Mid-Atlantic Regional Symposium](#)

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

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Thursday, June 19, 2014

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Friday, June 20, 2014

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