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Carrienne Basler, *Managing Director, AlixPartners, LLC*

Dear Members,

The lazy days of summer...while the season normally brings up images of a beach vacation or a slower time at work, this summer seems to have been one of droughts. In many areas of the US the grass is brown and the landscape is just hoping for water. I am reminded that this is like networking and relationships. At the beginning they need a lot of water to take root, but once well developed the grass can get brown & dry from lack of attention, but with one nice rain shower it starts to green up again. With relationships, once they are well rooted, you may not be in contact with someone for a while, but all it takes is that one phone call, email, or lunch to bring that relationship back to green and growing.

I am looking forward to the IWIRC leadership conference in a few weeks to help revive some of my relationships. Do you have relationships that may need a little water? Just pick up the phone, or send off that email. I'm sure the person on the other end will be appreciative! Moreover, if networking is difficult for you, please reach out to our mentoring committee who would be more than happy to help you with some tips and introductions.

Wondering what the other networks are up to? Check out the great activities that members have been participating in from spa events to circus training – what fun! Also, do you know any great and promising younger members? Think about nominating them for the Rising Star award. The award recognizes a member who although early in her career, has shown tenacity and commitment in her chosen profession and is an engaged and participatory IWIRC member. If this describes you, then by all means nominate yourself!

May the rest of your summer be enjoyable.

Best regards,

Carrienne

Members Committed to Education

Jennifer Betti, *Senior Consultant, Van Meter Consultants, Northern California Network*

With a passion for public education and a commitment to their diverse Potrero Hill neighborhood in San Francisco, Northern California Network Founder, **Debra Grassgreen**, and IWIRC member, **Jennifer Betti**, were inspired to work with an active group of San Francisco neighbors to provide

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Jennifer Betti



Debra Grassgreen

access to a quality elementary school. Their goal is to bring educational excellence to the neighborhood of Potrero Hill. When their children were only toddlers and their neighborhood public school was threatened with closure, they led a successful lobbying effort to save the school. Through these efforts they implemented a two part plan to save the school that was dramatically suffering from declining enrollment. Step one was to open a preschool on campus to serve as a natural feeder and step two was to bring a language immersion magnet program to the elementary school. Successful at implementing both of these steps, their initial grassroots campaign formalized in 2006 as PREFund.org, a 501c3, has raised over \$1,000,000 and currently operates the Spanish bi-lingual preschool serving 38 families, 25% on scholarship. In the fall of 2012, PREFund will expand their preschool offering by opening a second location to serve an additional 71 families. Both Ms. Grassgreen and Ms. Betti's children attend the preschool and elementary school respectively. The successful program garnered the attention of the San Francisco Chronicle reporter Heather Knight. [Click here to read the article.](#)

At-Large Director Results

The At-Large Director elections are complete and the votes have been tallied. We had a huge slate of nominees this year for only six elected positions. We are truly fortunate to have so many talented members wanting to contribute to IWIRC's leadership and development. Congratulations to our newly appointed At-Large Directors! This great group of women will join the Board effective in October 2012 and serve two-year terms, ending in October 2014.

Tinamarie Feil of BMC Group, New York

Debra Grassgreen of Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, San Francisco

Sejal Kelly of Deloitte/CRG, Boston

Ilana Volkov of Cole Schotz, Newark

Elizabeth Vrato of Garden City Group, Chicago

Pia Thompson of Gould Ratner, Chicago

Also appointed to the Board as an At-Large Director is **Justine Lau of Mayer Brown in Hong Kong.**

IWIRC will also be making an announcement listing its full Board in the next few weeks so stay tuned! And remember, we welcome and encourage everyone to get involved and a Board seat isn't required. In fact, many of your Board of Directors started getting involved on committees, etc. before running.

Rising Star Awards

In furtherance of IWIRC's mission, which is devoted to enhancing the professional status of women in the insolvency and restructuring profession, IWIRC is seeking nominations for individuals who are the "Rising Stars" of IWIRC. IWIRC wants to recognize and honor the "Rising Stars" of the organization for their contributions to IWIRC and their careers. The Rising Star 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 anywhere in the world, and who have shown dedication and commitment to IWIRC on the local, national and/or international level.

All Rising Star nominees must be members of IWIRC. However, IWIRC membership is NOT a requirement to make a nomination. Nominations may be received from firms, companies, partners, associates, IWIRC Networks, IWIRC members, organizations or otherwise.

The IWIRC Rising Star Award will be presented to a woman who...

- Has eight years or less experience in the insolvency & restructuring industry
- Has been actively involved in promoting IWIRC – locally, nationally and/or internationally – in any manner, including but not limited to, serving as an officer or director of an IWIRC Network, actively participating on a Network or IWIRC International committee, securing sponsors, planning programs, and spearheading events.

- Has shown exceptional leadership ability
- Has made an extraordinary contribution to IWIRC and/or an IWIRC Network
- Has gone above and beyond the call of duty, and made a difference to the mission of IWIRC

We are looking for individuals that are relatively new to the restructuring industry who have made a marked difference with their involvement and achievements in IWIRC at the local, national and/or international level. Please feel free to think outside of the box on this. We welcome all entries. Please consider those women who have consistently demonstrated a commitment to enhancing IWIRC and your local Network.

This award has become an important part of IWIRC's heritage. Please take a few minutes to nominate a person from your firm, company or organization or from your local Network for this award.

Five Semi-Finalists will be announced in early September. All five Semi-Finalists will be invited to attend the 19th Annual IWIRC Fall Conference in San Diego, California on October 23 & 24, 2012 where the winner of the 2012 IWIRC Rising Star Award will be announced. The IWIRC Rising Star award recipient and all of the other Semi-Finalists will be entitled to complimentary registrations to the IWIRC Fall Conference where each will be recognized (along with their supporting firms, companies, partners and organizations) and presented with awards honoring their contributions and support of IWIRC.

Nominations may be submitted by E-mail to info@iwirc.com. All nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 24, 2012.

Nominations must include the following:

- The completed nomination form (below) signed and dated.
- Contact information including e-mail addresses for the nominator and the nominee.

A 300 word or less description telling us why the nominee is deserving of the IWIRC Rising Star Award. Provide examples of ways in which the nominee has shown her commitment and dedication to and promotion of IWIRC.

The IWIRC Executive Board of Directors ratifies all selections and its decisions are final.

[click here](#) for a link to the website nomination form.

Network Happenings

Alabama Network

Submitted by Jennifer Kimble, Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker, LLC

On Friday, July 13 members from the Alabama Network enjoyed a leisurely lunch at 26 Restaurant in Southside Birmingham and then headed to the spa for an afternoon of networking, manicures, pedicures, wine and baby bite cakes.



Amy Hazelton and Rhenda Barnes



Jamie Wilson and Janine Smith

On Wednesday, July 18 the Alabama Network hosted its fifth installment of the Party of Five monthly lunch series. The **Honorable Thomas B. Bennett**, Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Alabama lead the lunch and was joined by Alabama Network members **Christie Borton, Jamie Wilson, Jennifer Kimble** and **Rhenda Barnes** for lunch at the Birmingham Museum of Art.



Christie Borton, Honorable Thomas B. Bennett, Jamie Wilson, Jennifer Kimble and Rhenda Barnes

Georgia Network

Submitted by: Taylor Schlairet Mansell, Clark & Washington, P.C.

Summer is in full swing and IWIRC's Georgia Network is taking full advantage! We let loose on May 24th with an exciting session at the Circus Arts Institute. Members were able to participate in a number of circus themed events including juggling, tight rope walking, rope climbing and trapeze. After the event several members joined to eat dinner together at Urban Pie. The event was a fun filled evening and included great opportunities for networking.

We ask members to visit our Facebook page and click the «like» button. We will be sure to fill you in on the exciting details about an upcoming contest for all those who «like» the page.

We would also like to give a big shout out to **Alison Elko Franklin** who has been selected to participate in the second annual NCBJ Next Generation Program to be held during the 86th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in San Diego, CA. The Next Generation Program is limited to 40 up and coming bankruptcy practitioners with 5 - 10 years experience who have been identified as emerging leaders of the next generation of bankruptcy practitioners.

July began with a bang... and a few fireworks. On July 10th, the ladies of IWIRC's Georgia Network took time to cool off with a casual summer happy hour at Cucina Asellina. The event was

a perfect summer get together and a great networking opportunity. July's not over yet!

As promised, the Georgia network has initiated the "Like the Page" Contest on Facebook. Take time to stop by the page and click «Like.» While your there, check out recent posts from members and great event pictures from the last several months. We love our members posting exciting news, filing us in on upcoming events, and sharing pertinent articles! Who knows, you might even win a prize. Coming soon, members will be invited to nominate current members for the "Network-Her of the Year Award." Stay tuned for more details.

As always, the Georgia Network would like to give recognition to a number of our members. First, we would like to congratulate **Windy A. Hillman** who is now a partner with Wargo French, LLP. We would also like to recognize our members who were acknowledged in the 2012 Superlawyers publication. Congrats to Superlawyers: **Shayna Steinfeld** and **Karen White**. Likewise, a round of applause goes out for the Rising Stars recognized: **Anna Humnicky**, **Jennifer Meyerowitz**, **Sage Sigler**, **Ashley Ray**, **Tamara Ogier**, **Cameron McCord**, and **Wendy Reiss**. Our last acknowledgment goes out to **Felicia Turner Burda** who is now of counsel to Brice, Vander Linden & Wernick, P.C., and in addition, Mrs. Burda is now a partner with the DailyDAC, LLC. Super job everyone!

Japan Network

The Japan Network was successfully established last month and launched their first-ever event on 18 May! The Japan Network has many events in the pipeline for the remainder of 2012 – an educational seminar, a movie viewing and an industry mixer. The Japan Network is keen to recruit more friends and members so if you are interested or if you know anyone who is interested, please email iwirc.japan@gmail.com or contact its representative, Rachel Lao of Hogan Lovells, at rachel.lao@hoganlovells.com.

Louisiana Network

On Saturday, July 14, the Alabama and Louisiana Networks hosted a joint event at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Mississippi. Ladies from Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana enjoyed a morning of networking, spa treatments, shopping and lunch.



Greater Maryland Network

Submitted by: Bernadette Norrington, Protiviti Inc.

The **Hon. Nancy V. Alquist** of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, Linda V. Donhauser (Miles & Stockbridge P.C.), **Deborah Devan** (Neuberger, Quinn, Gielen, Rubin & Gibber, PA) and **Lisa Poulin** (CRG Partners) all are scheduled to present at the American Bankruptcy Institute's Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop to be held August 2 – 4 at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake in Cambridge, Maryland. Ms. Donhauser and fellow chairs of the workshop's program committee have planned a program which includes topics on Credit Bidding at 363 Sales, Chapter 11 Releases and Injunctions, Consumer Bankruptcy Issues

and Gender and Diversity Issues. Ms. Donhauser will be moderating the panel on Gender and Diversity Issues in Practice. Gender and Diversity Issues Panelists will include Judge Alquist and two members of IWIRC's Delaware Network, collectively providing the perspectives of a jurist, attorneys practicing in law firms, and in-house counsel. Ms. Devan will be participating on a panel that includes Linda Hamilton from the New Jersey Network discussing recent issues in commercial Chapter 7 cases. [Ms. Poulin](#) will be speaking on a panel discussing sports team franchises in bankruptcy. Please consider attending what is sure to be another successful conference and adding your support to the participating members from the various Mid-Atlantic networks. Additional information and registration materials are available at www.abiworld.org/MA12/.

On April 30, 2012, Deloitte announced that it has acquired substantially all of the assets of CRG Partners to grow its financial restructuring, turnaround management and bankruptcy reorganization capabilities. The new address for the Deloitte/CRG DC and Baltimore offices are:

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Member News

Jennifer B. Kimble has been named the Membership Relations Director for the Young and New Members Committee of the ABI.

GCG has recently announced the promotion of **Angela Ferrante** to Vice-President, Bankruptcy. With this new promotion, Ms. Ferrante will join GCG's senior management team to assist with new business efforts and continue to manage GCG's bankruptcy operations. During her five years with GCG, Ferrante has helped lead a significant expansion of the Company's bankruptcy department. Ferrante has also played a key role in the administration of various cases of note, most recently AMR Corporation, *et al.* (American Airlines) and Motors Liquidation Corp. f/k/a General Motors Corporation.

Arianna Gleckel of Bean, Kinney, & Korman has been named to Leadership Arlington's Class of 2013. Leadership Arlington brings together established leaders from Arlington, Virginia's business, public and non-profit sectors to meet over a ten-month period to enhance their leadership skills and broaden their knowledge of the issues and opportunities in Arlington County.

"Bean, Kinney & Korman is very proud of Arianna's acceptance into Leadership Arlington," said Bean, Kinney & Korman's Managing Shareholder Leo Fisher. "We're confident she will use this leadership opportunity to enhance her ability to assist individuals in Arlington and beyond."

Ms. Gleckel currently serves as Chair of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce Membership Development Committee and currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless.

On June 1, the **Hon. Nancy V. Alquist** (an IWIRC member since 1995 and a Greater Maryland chapter member) became the Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland. Judge Alquist, who was the first woman appointed as a judge in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, is also the first woman to become Chief Judge of the Court.

Maria Ellena Chavez-Ruark has joined the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice of Saul Ewing as a Partner in the Baltimore Office.



Angela Ferrante



Maria Ellena Chavez-Ruark

Upcoming Network Activities

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Northeast Ohio Network
[Save These Dates!](#)

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Georgia Network
[ABI SE Network Luncheon \(Hosted by The Alabama, Carolinas, Florida, Georgia & Virginia Networks\)](#)

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Chicago Network
[IWIRC Chicago and TMA New Bankruptcy Judge's Reception \(Members Only Event\)](#)

Friday, July 27, 2012

Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Network
[IWIRC Membership And Friends Happy Hour](#)

Wednesday, August 01, 2012

Georgia Network
[IWIRC's 6th Annual Leadership Summit for Board of Directors and Network Chairs](#)

Thursday, August 02, 2012

Georgia Network
[IWIRC - Leadership Summit Dinner Sponsored by the Georgia Network and BMC Group \(Members Only Event\)](#)

Tuesday, August 07, 2012

Japan Network
[Presentation on Restructuring and Insolvency Experience in Greater China](#)

Thursday, August 16, 2012

Michigan Network
[Prospective Member Reception](#)

Wednesday, August 22, 2012

Alabama Network
[Save The Date: IWIRC Alabama and TMA Bankruptcy Judges Q & A Panel August 23, 2012-- 11:30-1:00](#)

Monday, September 03, 2012

Alabama Network
[IWIRC-AL August 8, 2012 Party of Five Lunch](#)

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

Michigan Network
[Fall Quarterly Happy Hour](#)

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Southern California Network
[IWIRC's 19th Annual Fall Conference](#)

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Southern California Network
[IWIRC's Opening Reception at the NCBJ Annual Conference \(registration for Judges and their Guests Only\)](#)

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Southern California Network
[IWIRC's Opening Reception at the NCBJ Annual Conference \(registration for Judges and their Guests Only\)](#)

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Michigan Network
[Holiday High Tea and Toddies](#)

Friday, December 14, 2012

Chicago Network
[IWIRC Chicago Annual High Tea 2012](#)

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Michigan Network
[Winter Quarterly Happy Hour](#)

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Michigan Network
[Spring Quarterly Happy Hour](#)

Did You Know...

Did You Know registration is now open for IWIRC's 19th Annual Conference in San Diego?! We have two excellent CLE panels scheduled as well as our world famous opening reception (several judges have told me our reception is THE opening event for the NCBJ!), a networking lunch, rising star awards and 3 fantastic intermezzo events to choose from! If you haven't already registered, [click here](#) for additional details and to register.

Domestic Panel: Is Distress the New Normal? U.S. Municipal Distress and the U.S. Municipal Bond Market

Summer Chandler, Moderator, McKenna Long & Aldridge

Natalie Cohen, Municipal Bond Analyst, Wells Fargo

Dana Weintraub, Financial Restructuring Advisor, PwC

Mark Kaufman, Partner with McKenna, Long & Aldridge

International Panel: Future of Foreign Investing

Carren Shulman, Moderator, Sheppard Mullin

Melissa Kibler Knoll, Senior Managing Director, Mesirow Financial Consulting

Ignacio Tirado, Professor, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid; World Bank

Angela Mariana Freyre, Senior Vice President and General Counsel,
The Export-Import Bank of the United States



IWIRC's 19th Annual **Fall International Conference**

Registration and Details coming in early June!

San Diego, CA USA | October 23–24, 2012



Fun IWIRC Facts

IWIRC turns 20 in 2013! Got ideas on what we can do to celebrate as an organization at the International and Local levels? Send them to Shari Bedker at info@iwirc.com

Social Media

Have you checked out or posted on our Facebook or LinkedIn pages lately? Are you following us on Twitter? If not, you are missing out! Did you recently read an interesting article? Post it! Our membership is sharing a lot of great content and updates and we'd love to hear from you.



IWIRC Contacts

If you would like to:

- send an article for inclusion in one of our forthcoming issues;
- introduce a new member to IWIRC;
- join IWIRC; or
- volunteer to take on a leadership role within one of our committees

Please contact our administrative assistant, Marcy Gravatt, at info@iwirc.com.

Welcome IWIRC New Members!

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