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# Cayman Network Article Competition

In pursuit of the tenets of IWIRC International to connect, inspire, and inform, the Cayman Islands Network proudly hosted an article competition which provided its junior members with an opportunity to win a Junior Female Advancement grant to attend IWIRC's 2025 Fall Conference.

The competition was open to members with up to 7 years' insolvency experience and provided an opportunity for two of the network's members (one lawyer and one accountant/insolvency practitioner) to benefit from a grant to attend an IWIRC International conference.

High quality articles were submitted ranging in topics from mentorship, directors' duties to distressed Cayman companies through to the emerging complexity of grappling with cryptocurrency in insolvencies.

The winners of the competition are **Erika Leggat** (accountant/insolvency practitioner) of Teneo and **Ellie Taylor** (lawyer) of Appleby. The Board of IWIRC Cayman wishes to extend a hearty congratulations to Erika and Ellie and thank all of those who took the time to submit an article in the competition. The winning articles are linked below.

—IWIRC Cayman Co-Chairs Neema Griffin & Jennifer Colegate

**Mentorship and the next generation: supporting female talent in Cayman's insolvency space – how mentorship is shaping the future of women in restructuring**  
by Erika Leggat

[Read it here!](#)

**Cryptocurrency and insolvency: lessons from recent Cayman cases – how Courts and practitioners are handling digital asset insolvencies**  
by Ellie Taylor

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**Arielle B. Adler** was selected to serve as Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit, effective May 19, 2025.

**Michelle Antao**, an associate at Green & Sklarz LLC in New Haven, Connecticut, has been appointed Co-Chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's Young Lawyer Section Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Committee for the upcoming bar year.

**January Bailey**, Prella Eron & Bailey, recently spoke at the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. on the panel "Helping Debtors on the Fringe."

**Alicia Bendana** is now special counsel at Fishman Haygood.

**Letson Douglass Boots** moved to Verrill.

**Megan Clontz**, Ferguson Braswell Fraser Kubasta PC, was featured in Attorney at Law Magazine's Women in Law Special Issue. Read it [here](#).

**Brennan Eddie, Jeffrey Goetz** and **Jeanne Goche** received the Healthcare/Life Sciences Deal of the Year Award from M&A Advisor for their work on the Tabor Manor Care Center Chapter 11 Reorganization.

**Rosa Evergreen**, a partner in Arnold & Porter's bankruptcy and restructuring practice, presented to the Northern Virginia Bankruptcy Bar Association on "recent developments" in bankruptcy on June 12.

As a subchapter V, chapter 11 trustee, **Patricia B. Fugée, Esq.** (FisherBroyles, LLP) spoke at the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees Annual Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona last week, on a panel entitled "Subchapter V Trustee Standing: Can We Do That?"

**Sam Gaunt**, the IWIRC London sponsorship committee co-chair, has recently joined Quantuma in London as a Managing Director. An insolvency practitioner, Sam specialises in advising both lenders and corporates in times of distress.

**Liam Hardie** moved to EY Parthenon Cayman.

**Marjorie “Margie” Kaufman** has joined KCP Advisory Group as a Senior Managing Director, bringing decades of experience in restructuring, turnaround, and interim management to KCP.

**Caroline Lee** moved to Gray Surety.

**Matilda Lici**, Aird & Berlis LLP, was this year’s recipient of the Justice Glenn Hainey Memorial Award. This award is presented to a young lawyer who demonstrates enthusiasm, professionalism, civility and advocacy on the Commercial List.

**Jennifer Meyerowitz, Esq.** was recently inducted into the 2025 Class of Distinguished Fellows by the AIRA.

**Krystal Mikkilineni**, Dentons, was recently named as a Des Moines Business Record Forty Under 40 honoree.

**Antonia Mottironi**, Ardenter Law, was recognized as Thought Leader in Switzerland in Lexology Index Report 2025 (formerly Who’s Who Legal), in the Asset Recovery category.

**Jennifer Novo** moved to Verrill.

**Aimee Rice**, received the Impact Award for 2025 from Pittsburgh’s Turnaround Management Association (“TMA”). This award celebrates professionals for outstanding contributions to the corporate restructuring industry and the Pittsburgh chapter of TMA.

**Rosa Rojas-Vertiz** has been working with UNCITRAL in updating the UNCITRAL Practice Guide on Cross-Border Insolvency Cooperation.

**Samantha Ruben** (IWIRC Membership Chair, Chicago) has been accepted to be part of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judge’s NextGen Program which will take place concurrently with the NCBJ’s annual meeting (in Chicago this year) in September 2025.

**Jenny Scott** was promoted to Associate at Burness Paull LLP’s Dispute Resolution team.



**Matilda Lici**

**Hilary Steer**, Senior Solicitor at Wright, Johnston & Mackenzie LLP, made her speaker debut at the Scottish Paralegal Association's annual conference.

**Paige M. Vaillancourt** became a partner at Rescia Vaillancourt, P.C.

**Rachel Watson** promoted to senior associate at Broadfield Law UK LLP as of 1 June 2025.

**Claudia Cheah, Amita Chohan, Karen Fellowes KC, Leyza Florin, Laure-Hélène Gaicio-Fievez, Rebecca Hume, Pooja Mahajan, Antonia Mottironi, Sheila Ng, and Sarah Sheffield** attended ThoughtLeaders4FIRE's International Asset Recovery conference in Portugal in May. From sharing insights on expert panels to creating new cross-border connections, our members showcased the strength, expertise, and global reach of IWIRC. Whether as speakers, moderators, or attendees, they exemplified the leadership and camaraderie that define our organisation.



## Share Your Story!

**IWIRC Connects and IWIRC Cares:** IWIRC is highlighting its global network and members who dedicate their time to building connections and supporting their communities.

**IWIRC Referral Success Stories:** IWIRC is sharing success stories from members who have referred work to other IWIRC members or have received referrals from fellow members.

**Beyond Work and IWIRC:** IWIRC is gathering insights from its members to explore their interests outside of work and the IWIRC community.

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Have you recently changed jobs? Been published? Written an article? Received a promotion? We'd love to share and celebrate your professional news!

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