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Member News



Leslie Berkoff participated in the New York State Bar Associations' Second Annual Mediation Tournament earlier this spring. She is the founder and facilitator of the competition.

Jill Bienstock left Cole Schotz PC after 12 years and joined PwC's Business Recovery Services Unit as a Director working on the business side.

Jane Downey at Moore Taylor in Columbia, SC was recognized as a Super Lawyer by the national Super Lawyers magazine.

Sarah Edwards (McGlinchey Stafford PLLC; New Orleans) has been selected to participate in the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD)'s Pathfinders program for diverse, high-potential, early career attorneys.

Judith Elkin, former chair of IWIRC International, has joined Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones as Of Counsel in the New York office. She will continue her mediation practice and work on US and international insolvencies and restructurings. She was also recently appointed Co-Chair of the ABI Mediation program.

Karen Fellowes, Counsel at DLA Piper Canada LLP, was recently appointed by the Government of Alberta as Queen's Counsel (Q.C.), which is an honorary title given to distinguished members of the bar who have made an outstanding contribution to the legal profession and their community.

Melissa Hager recently moved in-house with the commercial bank litigation and restructuring group at Capital One (NYC).

Maris Kandestin joined McDermott Will & Emery LLP as a Partner in the Restructuring & Insolvency Group in Wilmington, DE in April.

Melissa Kibler, Senior Managing Director at Mackinac Partners, has been elected President of the American College of Bankruptcy. She is the first non-attorney and second woman to serve in the role.

Roy S. Kobert (Gray Robinson; Orlando, FL) virtually presented on “The Intersection of COVID-19 and Bankruptcy: Impact on Your Business” to the Osceola Chamber of Commerce.

Susan Poll Klaessy (Foley & Lardner LLP; Chicago) presented a webinar to the National Association of Credit Management entitled, “Bankruptcy 101 – The Basics.”

Alexis Leventhal, Co-Chair of the Western Pennsylvania Network, recently published an article in the Norton Bankruptcy Law Adviser summarizing the major bankruptcy decisions of 2019 from the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, *2019 Third Circuit Review*, 2020 No. 3 Norton Bankr. L. Adviser NL 3. She also co-authored a post for Reed Smith LLP’s Asset Finance in Brief, “[Chattle Paper in the Electronic Age](#),” on the legal standard for electronic signatures and original documents in the context of asset and equipment finance transactions.

Eloise Matsui, past co-chair of the Hong Kong Network and current IWIRC Asia Regional Director, was recently promoted to partner at Stephenson Harwood in Hong Kong.

Pam McAfee joined the bankruptcy/creditors’ rights practice at Ellis & Winters in Raleigh, NC after serving for four years as career clerk to Bankruptcy Judge Joseph N. Callaway in the Eastern District of North Carolina. She also recently joined fellow member **Margaret Westbrook** (K&L Gates; Raleigh, NC) in coaching the 2020 Duberstein team from Campbell Law School.

Jennifer Meyerowitz recently joined the team at Keen-Summit Capital Partners LLC (Keen-Summit) in their Atlanta office, bringing over 20 years of restructuring and bankruptcy experience to the role.

Adine Momoh, founding member of the Minnesota Network and Partner at Stinson LLP, was profiled in *Attorney at Law* magazine's [2019 Women in Law special issue](#), where she discussed her growing bankruptcy practice, historic county bar presidency, and her personal commitment to diversity and inclusion. Morgan C. Nighan was promoted to partner at Nixon Peabody LLP in Boston.



Alexandra CC Schnapp (U.S. Bankruptcy Court; Atlanta) reviewed [City of Debtors: A Century of Fringe Finance](#) in the March issue of the ABI Journal.

Angela Tsai has joined Stretto's New York City office as Director, Corporate Restructuring.

On February 25, 2020, the **Honorable Lori V. Vaughan** was sworn in as the newest bankruptcy judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida. Prior to her appointment, Judge Vaughan was a partner at Trenam Law in Tampa, Florida. Judge Vaughan will preside in the Orlando Division and conduct hearings in Courtroom 6C of the George C. Young United States Courthouse.

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