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Thanks to all who made the journey to Washington D.C. for our Annual Spring Conference. Kudos to **Margie Kaufman** and **Terri Freedman** and their Programming Committee for, once again, coordinating an exceptional conference.

Just prior to the start of the Conference, the Board of Directors embarked on a new journey. We are striving to advance our meeting efficiency while preserving time for meaningful discussions when we are face to face. This required quite a bit more advanced preparation, but our leaders embraced the changes and, as a result, our meetings were quite interactive and very productive. This journey will continue as we all adjust and work toward a regular open dialogue on the decisions and opportunities before IWIRC.

After the business sessions, we moved on to the heart of our conference. With more international attendees than ever before, we connected and shared stories and experiences during informal and formal sessions. We were schooled by two excellent panels, and we celebrated the achievements of three amazing women and an innovative network during our awards ceremonies. We had so much to celebrate, we had two separate award ceremonies. Before we parted ways, the intermezzos were undertaken, providing one more opportunity for shared experiences and the development of meaningful business relationships. In both good and bad news, all of our events were sold out this spring! We are working to expand our capacity to accommodate more at next year's meeting.

I am still energized from the connections I made and the well-established connections that I had time to refresh. I am focusing that momentum on our upcoming Leadership Conference to be held in Philadelphia. Registration information is available [here](#).

We can also look forward to the official launch of the London Network on June 13th. If your travels take you to London, please engage with our newest network. I have truly enjoyed the opportunities I've had to engage with these women, and it has been such an opportunity to learn about the practice in London.

Finally, and for those that have been reading closely since the Fall-consider this another challenge from me, nominations (including self-nominations) to the Board of Directors are due by May 22nd. There are specific instructions on the IWIRC website for nominations. Please know that we need you, and consider letting us know how you would like to serve!

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2018 IWIRC Board of Directors Nominations

IWIRC is currently accepting nominations for the following positions:

- Executive Board (previous or current Board service required);
- Management Committee Directors and Vice Directors; and
- Six At-Large Directors.

A full list of Board positions is available [here](#) .

Management Committee Directors and Vice Directors serve a one-year term. The six elected At-Large Directors will serve a two-year term (October 2018-October 2020). All candidates must be members of IWIRC and be willing to undertake projects to further the mission and goals of IWIRC. If elected, all Board members are required to participate in regular telephonic meetings and to attend the three annual in-person meetings of the IWIRC Board (IWIRC Fall Conference, IWIRC Spring Meeting, IWIRC Leadership Summit).

If you would like to nominate someone (***self-nominations are encouraged!***), please send the name, contact information and a brief statement in support of the candidate (400 words max) to Shari Bedker, Administrative Director, at sbedker@iwirc.com by **May 22, 2018**.

Nominations must include the following:

- Name, professional affiliation, address, phone number and e-mail address of nominee;
- The Board position being sought; and
- A statement in support of the nominee (for example, how long the nominee has been a member of IWIRC, the nominee's contributions to a Network and/or at the international level, and the specific skills the nominee will bring to the Board). Please do NOT submit a nominee's professional CV.

At-Large Director nomination statements will be included on the ballot to enable IWIRC members to assess the candidate's qualifications.

**** A nomination that does not meet the above requirements WILL NOT be considered.****

After the nomination deadline, the Nominating Committee will circulate a slate of the Executive Board and Management Committee and a ballot with all At-Large Director candidates to IWIRC Members. Voting on the slate and for the six At-Large Director positions will begin on July 9th and run for approximately 4 weeks.

This is a great opportunity to contribute to IWIRC at an advanced level and be part of a global team of dynamic women insolvency professionals. Please nominate a candidate today!

Questions? Please contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Nancy Valentine at 216-716-5040 or valentinen@millercanfield.com.

Spring Conference

IWIRC members from around the globe met in Washington, D.C. for the annual IWIRC Spring Conference. Attendees shared ideas at our first "IWIRC Round and Round", learned from two educational panels, celebrated the recipients of the 2018 Founders' Awards, presented the winner of the 2017 Woman of the Year in Restructuring, and networked over cocktails, dinner, and lunch.

The Spring Conference opened Wednesday evening with a networking reception and dinner at Carmine's. Thursday morning, the CLE presentations featured two timely substantive panels. The first focused on the use of third party releases in the United States and Canada.

The panel, entitled, "Please, Please Release Me!" was moderated by **Kimberly A. Brown** (Landis Rath & Cobb LLP; Wilmington, Del.) and featured **Kelley A. Cornish** (Paul Weiss; New York), **Karen Fellowes** (DLA Piper; Calgary, Alberta), and the Hon. Kevin R. Huennekens (U.S. Bankruptcy Court; Richmond, Va.).



The second panel concentrated on the use and role of Schemes of Arrangement in international insolvency. The program was moderated by the Hon. Allan L. Gropper (U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Ret.)) and featured **Constance de Grosbois** (BMO Capital Markets; Toronto), **Eloise Fardon** (Stephenson Harwood; Hong Kong), **Mei Lian** (Shearman & Sterling; London), and **Margot MacInnes** (Grant Thornton; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands) as panelists.



The morning concluded with the presentation of the Founders Awards and recognition of IWIRC's 2017 Woman of the Year, **Kelley Cornish** of Paul Weiss (read on to see her remarks!). The networking luncheon provided attendees an

opportunity to make new connections and rekindle or reinforce long-established relationships. Our Plus-One Program once again opened IWIRC's networking lunch to non-members who have not registered for the entire Conference.

IWIRC's attendees then had the opportunity to participate in one of several intermezzo events, including a chocolate tasting at The Chocolate House, a docent led tour at the National Portrait Gallery of "Remember the Ladies (Portraits of or by Women)," and a relaxing yoga class.

The fun continued with many IWIRC members staying around for ABI's Annual Spring Meeting.



2018 Founders Awards

IWIRC is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2018 Founders Awards.

Bernadette Barron, Barron Business Consulting, was awarded the Melnik Award for exceptional contributions by an IWIRC member. Bernadette has served IWIRC in numerous capacities. As her nominator said, Bernadette “is a true role model and IWIRC and its members are all the better for having [her] in our ranks.” She is a strong advocate, tireless volunteer, and a leader.

Pooja Sinha, a partner at GLS Law in Singapore is the recipient of the Fetner Award for exceptional contributions by an international IWIRC member. Pooja currently serves as an At-Large Director. Pooja was instrumental in expanding the Singapore Network. As an At Large IWIRC director, Pooja has also stepped up in expanding IWIRC in India and Asia. She is an up and coming IWIRC leader both in Asia and globally.

The Singapore Network is the winner of the Ryan Award for outstanding IWIRC Network. The Singapore Network continues to grow because of its creative and broad programming and networking opportunities. Since it was established in 2009, the Singapore Network has only grown stronger and, in the past five years, has achieved significant success as a network and leader in the area.

“IWIRC is so impressed with the efforts and accomplishments of the 2018 awards recipients,” said **Jennifer McLemore**, the IWIRC Chair and a partner with Christian & Barton, LLP in Richmond, Virginia. “Bernadette is a dedicated member who has worked to grow the organization, mentored members, taken leadership positions, planned significant events, and fostered the mission of IWIRC. Pooja has taken IWIRC to new levels internationally, expanding the influence and importance of the organization. We laud the Singapore Network for its accomplishments in establishing a network through growth initiatives and expansive educational and social programs for IWIRC members.”

These very deserving award recipients were all honored at the IWIRC Spring Conference in Washington, D.C. Please join us in congratulating them on their remarkable achievements!





IWIRC Honors 2017 Woman of the Year!

IWIRC named **Kelley Cornish** as its 2017 Woman of the Year in Restructuring (WOYR) award winner. Kelley is a senior partner and member of the management committee at the law firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison LLP.

Kelley represents the full range of participants in bankruptcy cases and corporate restructurings - debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, official and unofficial committees, and acquirers of distressed assets. She also has substantial experience in complex commercial litigation, including bankruptcy-related litigation involving fraudulent transfers, preferences and equitable subordination.

Kelley is not only a gifted practitioner, she is also a very strong advocate for other women. As a long-standing Trustee of Billie Jean King's Women's Sports Foundation, and a former NCAA basketball player, Kelley has been a stalwart supporter of women's rights and empowerment for many years.

Now in its 11th 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, showed exceptional leadership, and have made extraordinary contributions to the insolvency and restructuring professions.

Kelley was honored at the IWIRC Spring Conference in Washington, D.C. Here are her inspiring remarks.

It's tremendously gratifying to be here with so many friends and colleagues, and to be recognized by IWIRC – which for the past nearly 24 years has done so much to help women in the restructuring industry advance.

As I think about IWIRC's mission in the context of today's practice, it strikes me that a key focus for all of us should be – and it's not new – how do we make further inroads into seeing more women in leadership roles in our business?

Recently, I have been part of something remarkable. I am leading the company-side engagement for the Bon-Ton Stores, a large national retailer that filed for chapter 11 relief in Delaware a couple of months ago.

Working with me on the matter are my three female Paul, Weiss restructuring colleagues, Elizabeth McColm (here today), Claudia Tobler (also here), and Diane Meyers (who is back at the office doing all the work!). **Pauline Morgan** (also here) is leading our local counsel team from Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor. **Holly Etlin** and **Carrienne Bassler** (here today) are heading up the AlixPartners team. The senior lenders are represented by Julia Frost-Davies of Morgan Lewis. And our Judge is the **Honorable Mary Walrath**. Now that's a lot of women!

It strikes me how rare it is to see so many women in leadership roles in a major chapter 11 case. For the most part, you just don't see many women in these roles; we are still so heavily outnumbered by men at the top of our industry.

In spite of all the tremendous attention and efforts within our profession (including everything IWIRC does) to level the playing field and to advance more women to

powerful positions, the leadership gap remains stubbornly, disappointingly wide. This has been a vexing reality for my entire career, even though I have worked with so many talented, hardworking young women over the years. I am confident we can and we will do better.

I'm convinced that to rise to leadership roles in our business, early in our careers we must be more proactive in seeking out leadership roles inside our professional firms, with professional organizations like IWIRC, and even within our local communities. Men seem to take this initiative so much more commonly than women. I'm convinced that the skills and profile you build through those experiences equip you and position you for leadership roles in our business.

Just a few personal anecdotes:

I started out very young seeking out leadership roles playing team sports in high school and college. I always sought out the role of team captain and, more importantly, consciously tried to conduct myself as a leader on the field.

When I began my legal career at a major New York firm, I sought out rare associate roles on Firm committees, such as Recruitment, Women's Initiatives, etc. Colleagues of mine occasionally would question why I was devoting scarce time to these things at that point in my career. But I was convinced these activities were worthwhile in raising my profile within the Firm and would help me hone skills in consensus building and problem solving.

I have continued to seek out leadership roles throughout my career:

Internally at my law Firm as an elected member of our 10 person Management Committee, on our Partnership Committee, as Chair of Recruitment and many more.

I've also branched out to external leadership roles:

Member of my law school's Law Board

Trustee and member of Executive Committee of Billie Jean King's Women's Sports Foundation

Many other civic and professional organizations

All of these activities are quite time consuming. Many would ask with everything else I have to do in my professional and personal life, why do these things?

Aside from actually enjoying these roles, my answer is that these experiences have been hugely instrumental in building my career one brick at a time.

The professionals that rise to the top of the restructuring world need many special skills, but one undoubtedly is strong leadership skills.

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I firmly believe that the skills and confidence I've developed over all these years to do those things in my matters today were developed gradually over time, in large part through the leadership roles I pursued on the playing field, in my law firm, in outside organizations and in my community.

So, I urge the more junior women here to commit to doing what you can to realize your leadership potential. Don't default to the assumption that your time is just spread too thin, and the benefits are too amorphous to make it worthwhile. Push yourself out of your comfort zone; finding the balance is hard, but it will pay off. There are many reasons that men dominate leadership roles in our profession, but I believe one of them is that we don't seek these roles out often enough.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge my colleagues who are present today for everything they've done to make my career so enjoyable and successful. I've already mentioned Elizabeth McCollm, Claudia Tobler, Pauline Morgan, Holly Etlin and Carrienne Basler. Also here from Paul, Weiss is the Deputy Co-Chair of our Washington office, Alex Oh.

Also, **Deirdre McGuinness**, a dear friend and hugely successful professional as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, a banker, and now the head of Epiq; she is a Rock Star!

Finally, I'd like to thank IWIRC, again, for this wonderful honor and – more importantly – for building and nurturing this supportive community of women in the restructuring business. By lifting each other up, we can and will create greater opportunities for more women to make an impact as leaders in our profession.

IWIRC at the Shore Sixth Annual 2018 Conference

By **Lara Sheikh** (Practical Law; New York)

Approximately 100 IWIRC members convened in Atlantic City on March 1-2, 2018 for the Sixth Annual IWIRC at the Shore Conference. Attendance was up by over 50% from the previous year with an equal split between previous and new attendees from thirteen IWIRC networks! The wonderful turn-out is not surprising because the conference is a great opportunity to connect, learn, and be up-lifted by fellow IWIRC members from across the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-West, and Southeast. Conference chair, **Tara Schellhorn** (Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP; Morristown, N.J.) and Vice-chair, **Blanche Zelmanovich** (New York), and the planning committee did a fabulous job of making this conference fun, informative, and inclusive for both IWIRC conference veterans and new attendees. The five sponsoring networks (Delaware, Greater Maryland, NY, Greater Philadelphia, and New Jersey) did a great job spreading the word. IWIRC International's Executive Board was also well represented.

First-time attendee **Melissa Martinez** (Saul Ewing; Philadelphia) commented: "This year was my first time attending the IWIRC at the Shore conference. I made so many great connections and learned a lot from the panels. I was also very impressed with the geographic range of attendees, which allowed everyone to meet new faces. I will definitely be back next year!"

Many arrived on Wednesday evening, many by car-pool, to join one of several



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impromptu dinners. The conference kicked off on Thursday with the annual Spa networking event held in the beautiful Water Club Immersion Spa. It was a relaxing afternoon of lunch, drinks, spa activities, and great conversation.

Conference registration provided a chance to collect goody-bags supplied by conference sponsors: Eisner Amper, Miles & Stockbridge, Baker Hostetler, Cohn Reznick, FTI Consulting, GCG, Getzler Henrich, Logan & Company, Prime Clerk, Rust Consulting/Omni Bankruptcy, Saul Ewing Arstein & Lehr, Thomson Reuters/Practical Law, 50 Words, CBIZ, and Riker Danzig.

Pre-dinner cocktails provided a chance to mingle and receive dinner assignments at one of three top-notch restaurants at the Borgata. Everyone enjoyed amazing dinners before reconvening with the full group for a surprise-filled after party. It was a night to remember complete with a photo booth, strolling magicians and mind readers, and a D.J. who pumped up the volume for those wishing to dance the night away.



After Party

The conference ended on Friday with two informative panels followed by lunch. The first panel led by **Monique DiSabatino** (Saul Ewing; Wilmington, Del.) addressed ethical issues arising in bankruptcy panels. The panel comprised of **Judge Stacy Meisel** (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, D.N.J.), **Una O'Boyle** (Clerk of Court U.S. Bankruptcy Court, D. Del.), **Lorie Beers** (Cowen & Company; New York), **Diana Peterson** (SVN AuctionWorks; Northbrook, Ill.), and **Camille Bent** (BakerHostetler; New York), who led the audience in a lively discussion of several fact patterns based on real auction dilemmas.



Ethics Panel

The second panel led by **Lara Sheikh** addressed recent developments in plan confirmation. The panel comprised of **Judge Ashely Chan** (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, E.D. Pa.), **Maris Kandestin** (DLA Piper; Wilmington, Del.), **Patti Jefferson** (Miles & Stockbridge; Baltimore), and **Shari Hartstein** (Bederson & Company; West Orange, N.J.), who discussed non-consensual third-party releases, interest rates applicable in a cramdown of secured debt, and priority shifting settlements post-Jevic. The conference then wrapped up, just before a winter storm rolled in.



Confirmation Issues Panel

A special thank you to IWIRC at the Shore conference chair **Tara Schellhorn**; vice chair **Blanche Zelmanovich**; and planning committee members **Monique DiSabatino**, **Brya Keilson**, **Evelyn Meltzer**, **Lara Sheikh**, **Kristen Eustis**, **Marisa Terranova Fissel**, and **Roberta Probbler**, for a truly memorable Sixth Annual IWIRC at the Shore.



Planning Committee

IWIRC's Newest Network!

IWIRC is pleased to announce the launch of the London Network! This new IWIRC chapter was approved on April 5, 2018 and will be led by Co-Chairs **Joanne Hewitt** of EY and **Sonya Van de Graaf** of Morrison & Foerster.



“We are delighted with the successful launch of the London chapter. There is already a very strong membership take-up, suggesting pent-up demand. In addition, there is genuine corporate and industry-wide support. Now is the perfect timing for the London launch. We are committed to delivering a London Network that will provide all the benefits of IWIRC membership for all women in the industry,” state Joanne and Sonya.

London is IWIRC's 43rd network. The new network has already recruited a core group of around 20 to lead its expansion and has already received a lot of positive coverage and has been featured in *Debtwire*, *Global Restructuring Review*, and the April issue of *Global Turnaround*.

A launch event will be held in London on June 13, so stay tuned for more information about the upcoming celebrations.

[Congratulations on joining the IWIRC family!](#) We look forward to seeing the many ways you will grow IWIRC in the UK.

Network Corner

IWIRC Chicago Network

Founded in 2003, the IWIRC Chicago Network is well known for its thriving membership, exciting and informative events, and reputation as the preeminent women's restructuring network in the Chicagoland area. Not only have our events continued to grow in number and prestige, but the IWIRC Chicago Network's members, who include judges, lawyers, bankers, turnaround professionals, financial advisors and other restructuring practitioners at all levels of practice, also remain active and engaged both at the local and national levels.

IWIRC Chicago Sponsored Events

This past year was another busy one for the IWIRC Chicago Network, packed with exciting events designed to promote not only networking among the attendees, but lasting relationships. Through the hard work, time and efforts of the IWIRC Chicago 2017 Board, including the Programming Co-Chairs (**Lisa Vandesteeg** and **Christina Sanfelippo**) and Communications Co-Chairs (**Tricia Schwallier** and **Brigid Leahy**), the IWIRC Chicago not only hosted both exciting and informative events, it also leveraged one of its signature events to raise \$1,200 in donation for a local charity, the Chicago Children's Choir.

The IWIRC Chicago Network kicked off 2017 with a roundtable event for judges of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois to discuss best practices and for the judges to share their experiences and best practices. Following the roundtable discussions, judges and guests enjoyed a cocktail hour

in celebration of Hon. LaShonda A. Hunt's appointment to the bench. The Judges' Roundtable was followed up with the IWIRC Chicago Network's Spring Event at the CH Distillery, Chicago's first distillery, cocktail bar, and restaurant located in the Chicago West Loop area. Guests enjoyed cocktails crafted from CH spirits and appetizers in the cozy event space at the heart of the distillery. Guests came away not only with an excellent networking opportunity but also with a newfound knowledge of the science of distillation and appreciation for their cocktails.

In June, the IWIRC Chicago Network hosted an event at Play 18, Chicago's year-round indoor golf experience in the Chicago Loop, to allow its members an opportunity to brush off their golf games prior to the official start to summer and enjoy team rounds of golf on PGA Tour Simulators.

In November, the IWIRC Chicago Network hosted a members-only brown bag lunch event with the Honorable **Judge Janet Baer** of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Judge Baer shared her insights and advice on building and maintaining a successful career in the restructuring and insolvency industry with members from the IWIRC Chicago Network.

We wrapped up 2017 with the IWIRC Chicago Network's annual Champagne High Tea event at the Four Seasons Hotel. Nearly eighty restructuring professionals enjoyed a champagne bar and networking reception, followed by a decadent High Tea sitting, then dessert in the foyer. Guests enjoyed beautiful holiday music from the Chicago Children's Choir. The event also featured a charity wine and champagne ring toss to benefit the Chicago Children's Choir, which resulted in a donation of \$1,200!

Regional and Co-Sponsored Events

In 2017, the IWIRC Chicago Network was also heavily involved in planning, sponsoring and hosting various regional and co-sponsored events. In June 2017, the IWIRC Chicago Network worked with the IWIRC regional events planning committee, including **Evelyn Meltzer, Bernadette Barron, Anne Vanderkamp,** and Brigid Leahy, to host an IWIRC Cocktail Reception at the ABI Central States Bankruptcy Workshop in Traverse City, Michigan, immediately prior to the Opening Reception. Approximately thirty IWIRC members and guests enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and panoramic views of the lakes and surrounding forests while networking with fellow conference attendees.

In addition to working with the IWIRC regional events planning committee to plan the IWIRC Reception at the ABI Central States Bankruptcy Workshop, a little closer to home, in July 2017, the IWIRC Chicago Network teamed up with Turnaround Management Association's Network of Women (NOW) group to host a cocktail reception at City Winery along the recently renovated Chicago River Walk followed by a docent led architectural tour along the Chicago River on the Chicago's First Lady. Over forty guests mixed and mingled until late in the evening celebrating the last bit of the Chicago summer.

In October 2017, the IWIRC Chicago Network also partnered with other premier networking organizations in the Chicagoland area at the SuperConnect Event, a collaborative event that seeks to foster connections and networking opportunities among professionals, membership associations, and organizations in key industries in the Chicagoland area. Nearly 200 members from various

organizations attended the event – the IWIRC Chicago Network was joined by other premier networking organizations, including the 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.

Read on to see what the Chicago Network has been up to so far in 2018, and be sure to reach out to Chicago Network members if you’re in the area – they’re sure to have some terrific programs on the schedule!

Network News

Southern California

The Southern California Network kicked off 2018 with its annual networking event at RonRobinson, a boutique at Fred Segal Melrose. Attendees shopped and mingled while enjoying wine. Thank you to the event chairs, **Claire Wu** of (Sulmeyer Kupetz) and **Elyza Eshaghi** (Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP).



Chicago

IWIRC Chicago Judges’ Roundtable 2018

On February 20, 2018, IWIRC’s Chicago Network hosted its annual roundtable event for judges of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois to discuss best practices and share their experiences with local restructuring professionals. Following the roundtable discussions, the thoughtful conversations continued as the group enjoyed a cocktail hour.



Judges' Roundtable 2018

Sponsor Appreciation Dinner

On February 28, 2018, IWIRC's Chicago Network hosted an exclusive dinner at Little Goat to thank our sponsors for their generous support. Sponsors enjoyed a cocktail hour followed by an incredible four-course meal which reflected the signature flavors of renowned Chicago chef Stephanie Izard.

The IWIRC Chicago Network thanks its sponsors for their continued support and contributions!

Tina's Wish

On April 12, 2018, the Chicago Network joined the New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and Connecticut Networks for the Cocktails for a Cause event, which was co-hosted by IWIRC and Tina's Wish. The event featured a cocktail hour followed by a live Webex presentation about ovarian cancer and a Q&A with Tina's Wish researcher Dr. Doug Levine of the NYU Langone Cancer Center.

For more on this great event and cause, see below!

Dallas

On April 3, 2018, the IWIRC-DFW Network held its fifth annual "Chopped" Stainless Steel Chef Competition. Just under thirty female restructuring and insolvency professionals, along with Judges Hale, Jernigan, and Rhodes participated in the event. Each of the three teams created a meal in just thirty minutes, using ingredients from a shared "pantry" and mandatory "mystery ingredients" including Spam, Ritz Crackers, and fennel. In the end, Judge Jeringan's team won the highest score from the Steel Chef judges.



Florida

Valentine's High Tea

On February 16, 2018, the Florida Network held one of its signature events, the Sixth Annual Valentine's High Tea. This year, the Tea was held at the Bizou Brasserie, located in one of downtown Tampa's most iconic and historic buildings, the city's former federal courthouse, which is now the Le Meridien hotel. Participants enjoyed networking, tea, and a little champagne with some of their favorite IWIRC Galentines.



Girls, Inc. Event

In March, Jacksonville members of Florida Network enjoyed dinner and drinks to support Girls, Inc. of Jacksonville. Girls, Inc. is a non-profit that organizes long-lasting mentoring relationships, a pro-girl environment, and research-based programming to equip girls to navigate gender, economic, and social barriers, and grow up healthy, educated, and independent. Girls, Inc. is close to the Florida Network's members' heart and all attendees had an uplifting time.



Georgia

Fourth Annual Joint IWIRC and TMA Judges Panel

The Georgia Network teamed up with the TMA Atlanta Chapter to host its Fourth Annual Joint Judges Panel on April 12, 2018. Nearly seventy attendees gathered at the offices of King & Spalding LLP in Midtown Atlanta to hear panelists Judge Barbara Ellis-Monro (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, N.D. Ga.), Judge Catherine McEwen (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, M.D. Fla.), and Judge Frank Volk (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, S.D. W.Va.). **Carolyn Richter** (Dentons US LLP; Atlanta) moderated the panel and topics ranging from the recent Supreme Court decision, Merit Management, to whether and where to file a medium-sized business case. Attendees enjoyed a lively and instructive discussion, as well as networking with members from both organizations and several local judges over drinks and appetizers. The Georgia Network looks forward to continuing this great partnership next year.



Community Service Book Drive

The Georgia Network sponsored a book drive at the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute's annual seminar on March 22-24, 2018. The Georgia Network created a book wish list that included everyone's favorites including The Berenstain Bears, The Secret Garden, Meet the Minions, and many more with the hope that these books will be available to be checked out and read over the summer holiday. Over eighty books were donated to two local schools subject to state restructuring in the upcoming academic school year. Through this book drive, the Georgia Network is actively supporting the local community and helping to provide resources for schools that have been underserved. We anticipate a continuing partnership throughout the year.



*Georgia Network Community Service Co-Chair **Radha Gordon** shown dropping off donated books.*

Hong Kong

Seminar with the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association In celebration of International Women's Day, on March 8, 2018, the Hong Kong Network hosted a technical seminar in collaboration with the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association ("WISTA"). WISTA is a networking organisation for women at management level in the maritime industry. The seminar, which was both insightful and interactive, covered the topics of "How Blockchain is going to reshape businesses in the digital era" and "Legal dimensions of One Belt One Road." The panel comprised of Sabine Reppert (Intent-X Limited), **Catherine Smith** (Holman Fenwick Willan; Hong Kong), and

Hao-Ling Yau (Holman Fenwick Willan; Hong Kong). The seminar was well attended by friends and members of IWIRC and WISTA. The event ended with celebratory drinks and canapés. Thank you to Holman Fenwick Willan for hosting the event.



Breakfast Bites – Woman in a Man’s World

On March 20, 2018, the Hong Kong Network held its first Breakfast Bites of 2018. With a theme running across the Breakfast Bites series – “Woman in a Man’s World” – we were delighted to host Isobel O’Connor, Deputy Consul General of Ireland to Hong Kong and Macau, who spoke to eighteen IWIRC members about being a woman in the world of diplomatic service and foreign affairs. Isobel delivered a short speech and then facilitated a very interesting discussion – over coffee and pastries. What a fantastic and inspirational start to the day! Thank you very much to Isobel for coming to talk to us, and thank you to our sponsors (KPMG) for hosting the event and providing us with such an excellent breakfast.



Breakfast Bites – Woman in a Man's World

Spring Drinks

On April 19, 2018, the Hong Kong Network hosted Spring Drinks at Fang Fang, Lan Kwai Fong. It was one of the first spring receptions around town and it was great to see so many familiar faces coming together. 102 members and friends attended the Spring Drinks, which was double the number of attendees from last year! The Hong Kong Network also proudly presented our brand new banner at the event!

Members and friends enjoyed innovative modern Chinese canapés and creative cocktails at the sophisticated and intimate venue. Thank you to Briscoe Wong Advisory and Tanner De Witt for sponsoring yet another great event of the IWIRC Hong Kong Network!



Spring Drinks



India

The India Network of IWIRC is pleased to welcome its new board members for 2018 – 2019:

Co-Chairs:	Maneesha Dhir and Kosturi Ghosh
Vice Chair:	Mamta Binani
Communications Chair:	Upasana Rao
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Treasurer:	Poonam Rawat

The India Network will announce the incoming Secretary and General Members of the board soon. We are excited about the opportunities ahead and look forward to increasing the group's presence and outreach in India and internationally.

2017-18 Round Up

The India Network had an active first year after it was launched with enthusiasm in May 2017. The launch event was held in New Delhi, hosted by Dhir & Dhir Associates, amidst an impressive gathering of insolvency professionals, lawyers, bankers, accountants and academics. A panel discussion, with an all-female panel, was also held on various aspects of India's new insolvency law and the challenges in implementing it.

There have been a series of educational events that have taken place since then, including the Study Circle sessions hosted by Trilegal and Resolution Professionals in their Delhi offices. These sessions were highly appreciated by the members and friends of the network and provided practical perspectives on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

We had an equally engaging discussion at the roundtable event hosted by Alvarez & Marsal in their Mumbai office in July, in which legal and practical issues facing restructuring plans were examined. The event drew a cross-section of senior professionals from the restructuring and insolvency industry in India, including banks, restructuring funds and turnaround specialists such as ICICI Bank, Aion Capital, Altico Capital, Transcon, JMF ARC, Phoenix ARC, Ambit ARC, as well as lawyers, consultants and advisors Trilegal, Dhir & Dhir and Alvarez & Marsal.

Beyond the shores, the India Network was a key participant at the inaugural IWIRC Asia PacRim Regional Conference that took place at the offices of Linklaters in August 2017. The India Network participated in the technical session in which insolvency and restructuring laws of different Asian jurisdictions were applied to a fictional case study, followed by an excellent opportunity to network and bond with other members from IWIRC Asia PacRim networks over a Singaporean cooking class and drinks.

The India Network also held a breakfast seminar hosted by Dentons Rodyk at their office in Singapore, featuring senior R&I professionals from India and other jurisdictions who discussed key developments and trends under the new Indian insolvency law since its introduction. The participants included Norton Rose, Dentons Rodyk, PWC, GLS Law, and Trilegal.

The year ended with a significant policy contribution by IWIRC India with great

support and collaboration from other IWIRC networks. The Indian restructuring and insolvency regulator had specifically invited comments from the public by December 31, 2017 on various regulations notified under the Indian Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. The India Network submitted a detailed paper with comments and recommendations on the regulations by leveraging the collective “best practices” and experience of IWIRC members and friends in the restructuring and insolvency industry across the globe.

For more details on our events and activities in 2017, read our Annual Report [here](#).

The India Network is open to suggestions and welcomes your feedback. Our membership is open to men and women and we do invite non-members to our events based on specific interest and topic relevance.

Michigan

On May 3, 2018 the reinvigorated Michigan Network of IWIRC held its inaugural event at the beautiful Wright and Company in downtown Detroit. This was the first event for the Network after installing a new board last year. The revived Michigan Network came together after **Cheryl Wesler** and **Jessica Cox** from the Trustee Resource Group in Kalamazoo and **Michelle Bass** and **Katie Stearns** from Wolfson Bolton, PLLC in Troy reached out to IWIRC National in the fall of 2017. The Michigan Network is excited to offer resources and programming for women throughout our great state.

The kick-off event on May 3rd was a wonderful evening of networking, cocktails, and hors d’oeuvres. Over thirty attendees, including members and non-members, came out to celebrate the return of the Michigan Network. We were excited to have women from a wide variety of insolvency and turnaround specialties in attendance. We were particularly thrilled to have the Honorable Judge Marci McIvor and the Honorable Judge Maria Oxholm, both representing the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, with us for the evening.

If you were not able to attend the kick-off event, please join us at ABI Central States for a wine reception with the Chicago and Wisconsin networks.





Michigan Inaugural Event

New England

On March 1, 2018, TMA Northeast–Maine Chapter and the New England Network hosted a reception honoring Jennifer Pincus as the 2017 CARE Volunteer of the Year. Jen joined the Maine chapter of CARE in the 2012–2013 school year and worked with Judge Michael Fagone and the local bankruptcy bar to build one of the nation's most robust and active chapters. CARE, a non-profit organization, recruits and trains professionals in the bankruptcy and other financial services fields, who are then invited to schools and other venues to teach the fundamentals of personal financial management.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin kicked off its Network with Lunch and Yoga in Kohler, Wisconsin. The State Bar of Wisconsin's Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Right Section holds its annual 24-hour retreat in Kohler every March. The retreat, which brings people from around the State of Wisconsin to Kohler, is the "must attend" for the bankruptcy and restructuring attorneys in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Network took advantage of this state-wide event to have an in-person meeting. Over boxed lunches, more than twenty women discussed what the Wisconsin Network could and should be, and the excitement was palpable. Attendees included attorneys in private practice and government attorneys, as well as non-attorneys. After lunch, eleven women enjoyed a fun and light private yoga class.



Next up, in conjunction with ABI Central States, the Wisconsin Network is organizing a teambuilding event, including a cooking class and a four course dinner at the Lake Geneva School of Cooking on Friday, June 9, at 6:00 p.m. The Eventbrite is live and we invite all members of regional networks to join us! Wine, women and whirling spatulas? Who wouldn't join us?! See <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/iwirc-wisconsin-15980355897> for more information.

Tina's Wish Virtual Event

On the evening of April 12, 2018, five IWIRC Networks – Chicago, Connecticut, Delaware, Greater Maryland, and New Jersey – partnered with the Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research (Tina's Wish) to present "Cocktails for a Cause," an innovative program to raise awareness about the prevention and early detection of ovarian cancer.

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi, PC (West Orange, N.J.); Miles & Stockbridge (Baltimore); Womble Bond Dickinson (US), LLP (Wilmington, Del.); Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP (Chicago); and Murtha Cullina LLP (New Haven, CT) each generously sponsored cocktail parties for the Networks who connected together for a live Webex presentation about ovarian cancer and an interactive Q&A with Tina's Wish researcher Dr. Doug Levine, NYU Langone Cancer Center.

Tina's Wish is an ovarian cancer non-profit organization dedicated to funding groundbreaking scientific research for the prevention and early detection of ovarian cancer. Tina's Wish was founded in 2008 in memory of the Honorable Tina Brozman, former chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, S.D.N.Y., who died two years after she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. For more information on Tina's Wish, please visit: <https://tinaswish.org/>.

A special thank you to **Laureen Ryan** of Alvarez & Marsal and Beverly Wolfer, Caroline Wilson, and Nikki Maniscalco from Tina's Wish for helping make this program possible.



Attendees in Maryland



Attendees in New Jersey

Connecting with IWIRC members when you travel

By **Eloise Fardon** (Senior Associate at Stephenson Harwood; Hong Kong At-large Director, IWIRC)

During my appraisal last year, one of the objectives I set was to build my profile in the region. Being involved with IWIRC and building and strengthening connections with members from the other networks in Asia has helped me to do that.

I travelled to Singapore in June last year to assist some of my colleagues in presenting two breakfast seminars ("*The Long and Short of Restructuring in UK, US Singapore and Hong Kong*") to clients of Stephenson Harwood (SH)'s Singapore office. While I was in Singapore, I took the opportunity to meet and reconnect with a number of the Singapore IWIRC board members including **Holly Yuen, Debby Lim, Alexia Adda, Cat D'Alton, and Chariya Poopisit** by (i) emailing them and asking whether they wanted to have lunch; and (ii) inviting them to attend the breakfast seminar. I was already helping with the planning and organisation of the Inaugural IWIRC Asia R&I Conference, so it was great to meet in person with some of the women who I had been speaking to on calls.

I had been involved with IWIRC in Hong Kong for a number of years, and having seen the benefits of being involved as board member had encouraged my colleagues in other offices to get involved with their local networks. **Evangeline Quek** (SH; Shanghai) is now one of the Co-Chairs of the China Network and **Lauren Tang** (SH; Singapore) is on the board of the Singapore Network. The three of us got together and planned to host an IWIRC technical panel ("*WOFES in distress: Perspectives from onshore and offshore*") at Stephenson Harwood's office in Shanghai in December last year. This was a great idea as it allowed us to showcase the breadth of both SH and IWIRC, introduce IWIRC to some SH clients and vice versa. We asked **Claire Fulton** from the Hong Kong board to join as well to provide a BVI and Cayman perspective. Given I was travelling to China for our panel presentation in Shanghai, it made sense to do a quick stop in Beijing first and present at an IWIRC lunch event there. Evan introduced me to high speed train travel in China, which was great! (Domestic flights within China are always subject to arbitrary or unexplained delays, so even though the train trip is a bit longer it is very comfortable and you know how long it's going to take).

Over the past few years, I had been travelling to Japan fairly frequently for personal reasons (my boyfriend lived in Tokyo). On one of the trips my boss allowed me to work remotely for a few days, so I thought I would be proactive and meet some of the IWIRC members in Tokyo. I reached out to **Yuri Ide**, the Network Chair, by email and she helped organize a breakfast with some of the local members. A few of us stay in touch (we often use "Line" which is the most popular messaging app in Japan) and catch up on fairly frequent basis. In January, the Japan network wanted to hold an event to coincide with my trip so I offered to provide an update on cross-border restructuring in Hong Kong. We followed this with a lovely dinner in Akasaka with about 10 of the members and friends of IWIRC.

By making the most of various connections and opportunities through IWIRC I have been able to make a lot of progress on building my profile in the region. I have even had some enquiries for new work resulting from those connections.



Whenever I travel or attend a seminar or conference I also make sure to post or share something about it on LinkedIn to further leverage my BD efforts. I also love seeing other IWIRC members connect across the world, and social media is a great place to keep up to date.

My top tips:

- Get involved organising a regional or international IWIRC event – this allows you to work with and develop relationships with IWIRC members from other networks.

- If you are going to a conference (which isn't an IWIRC conference) print off a copy of the delegate list and see whether there are any IWIRC members attending (use the IWIRC website to get a list of members in the relevant network). You can ask your secretary to assist with this cross-checking exercise. If there are any IWIRC members, **reach out to them in advance**. You could do this either by email to see whether they would like to meet or simply **connect on LinkedIn** (using a personal message).

- The same applies if you are travelling for work and have some available time. **Reach out to one of the board members of the local network** to see who might be free.

- If you want to travel somewhere, and need to make a business case internally for budget approval, reach out to the local IWIRC network and **offer to present a technical seminar, lunch and learn, or breakfast bites session**. Local networks are always looking for ideas for events and should jump at the opportunity to host something with a ready-made speaker and topic. Even if you are unsure on what you could present on, remember a recent case or learning about different procedures or ways of doing things in another jurisdiction is interesting to others. This is a great way to meet a new network of contacts and potential referral points; this should help you make a business case and get funding for the trip.

- Even if you are travelling for a holiday to a location where there is an IWIRC network, you can **organize a lunch or coffee with some local members**. If you do this at the start of your trip it will even enhance your travel experience – a local on the ground should be able to help with some great recommendations for restaurants or places to visit on your holiday.

- **Encourage your colleagues in other offices** to join their local IWIRC networks and boards.

- **Just ask!** The worst someone can do is say no. Even if someone isn't free or isn't interested they might be able to put you in touch with someone else who is, or give you some tips for your trip.

Celebrating IWIRC Leaders

IWIRC is dedicated to promoting and celebrating the success of women in the insolvency and restructuring professions worldwide. This new newsletter feature highlights IWIRC members as they take on new roles.

This issue, we will focus on the **Honorable Sage M. Sigler**, a longtime IWIRC member and the newest judge to join the bench for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Judge Sigler was appointed to the bench in March 2018, succeeding the **Honorable Mary Grace Diehl**, for whom she clerked from 2006-2008. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Sigler was a partner in Alston & Bird's Bankruptcy, Workouts & Reorganization Group. She earned her J.D. in 2006 from the Emory University School of Law, where she was the executive symposium editor of the Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal, and earned her B.A. in political science from the University of Florida in 2001.

Judge Sigler served on the board of directors for the Georgia Network of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation from 2007-2017 and is a past semi-finalist for the IWIRC Rising Star Award. She is active in the Bankruptcy Section of the Atlanta Bar Association and the American Bankruptcy Institute and enjoys being a volunteer presenter for the Credit Abuse Resistance Education program.

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Have you always wanted to be a judge?

Yes! From the first day I started clerking for Judge Diehl, I knew that being a Bankruptcy Judge was my ultimate career goal.

Who has had a major impact on how you practice law?

Every attorney I have worked with, negotiated or litigated against, or observed in court. You have to pay attention to what other attorneys do and determine what is effective for you (and what isn't).

What was the most valuable advice you received in the process of applying to be a judge?

To spend time thinking about and articulating why I was the best person for the job so that I would be well prepared to explain that to the panel during the interview process.

What advice would you have for someone seeking to become a judge (can be different for someone just starting their career vs. someone more seasoned)? Can also be: what opportunities would you recommend young attorneys seek?

I think it depends on the district, but in a district with a heavy consumer bankruptcy caseload, I think it is important to have a varied practice that includes both business and consumer bankruptcy matters. If you are a chapter 11 practitioner, as I was, I think it is important to do pro bono work and smaller creditor representations that will allow you to work on consumer bankruptcy matters, even if only occasionally. You need to demonstrate your commitment

to public service; pro bono work and staying involved in your local bar association are a good start. Finally, your reputation is everything!

What skills have been most important to you in your career, and how did you develop them?

Staying calm in high stress situations is perhaps the most important skill I developed while in private practice. It will serve you well at work and in life. I still work on that every day! Focusing on the end result – and my desire to get to the end result in a practical and efficient manner – went a long way to help me not get caught up in the fight.

What has been the most surprising thing about the job?

The number of decisions I have to make each and every day. It isn't just ruling on the issues I regularly hear in court, but there are countless policy and procedure issues I have to decide each day that impact how my chambers and courtroom run. Those decisions ultimately impact the debtors appearing and the attorneys practicing in my court, so every decision is important.

What are you most excited for?

Having the luxury of time to figure out the right answer under the law, free from business constraints.

Anything you think you'll miss about practicing law?

The people. I was so fortunate to work with a wonderfully supportive group of partners and associates throughout my time in private practice and I will miss the (endless) time we spent bouncing ideas off of each other about cases, career, and life.

What are your favorite activities when not working?

A year ago I would have said fishing (saltwater, inshore) and knitting, but these days it's playing with my 8 month old daughter! Maybe someday I will pick up a rod and/or needles again!

IWIRC wants to hear from you!



IWIRC is working on a project to compile the benefits its members have received from their involvement in IWIRC. Did your involvement in your local IWIRC network help you at the office? Did you get a referral as a result of an IWIRC connection or IWIRC colleague? Did you find a mentor or sponsor through IWIRC or attending an IWIRC event? Has IWIRC impacted your career in a positive way? If so, we want to hear from you!

Please contact IWIRC Communications Director **Sarah Frankel** at sarah@the525group.com. Quotes, a description of the benefits, and/ or any other information you are willing to provide are encouraged. Please try to be as specific as possible in your responses and indicate whether you consent to IWIRC using the information you provide and your name in future marketing materials. Responses may be featured in a member benefit spotlight section of future IWIRC newsletters.

Member News

Leslie A. Berkoff, a Partner and Chair of Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP's Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy practice group, was recently selected by the American Arbitrators Association (AAA) to serve on its National Roster of Arbitrators. The AAA National Roster consists of highly accomplished and respected experts from the legal and business communities, including: former federal and state judges, attorneys with exceptional subject-matter expertise, and business owners who understand the essence of the dispute.



Leslie Berkoff

Leslie was also recently appointed by the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) to serve as a Co-Chair of its Mediation Committee, effective June 1, 2018, for a one year term. The NYSBA's Mediation Committee serves as a valuable resource for New York practitioners and consumers of mediation. The Committee promotes the use of mediation, to present programs on topics of interest to mediators and advocates, to provide a forum to debate policy issues important to the profession, and to take positions on such issues when it is appropriate to do so.

Ashley D. Champion recently became career law clerk to the Honorable Sage M. Sigler, Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta, GA. Ashley is Secretary for the Georgia Network. She earned her undergraduate degrees from The University of Georgia in 2006 and graduated magna cum laude from Georgia State University College of Law in 2013. Ashley clerked for the Honorable Katharine M. Samson in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Mississippi from 2013 to 2015 and served as the career law clerk to the Honorable Mary Grace Diehl in the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia from 2015 to the end of her term in February 2018.



Ashley Champion

Catherine D'Alton, IWIRC's Asia Regional Director, has joined Harneys as a Counsel in the firm's newly established Singapore litigation and restructuring team. Catherine has a broad range of experience across corporate and financial restructuring and insolvency, in addition to litigation and dispute resolution expertise. Catherine brings more than five years' offshore law experience servicing clients in both the Southeast Asia and North Asia markets from her time at Walkers' litigation and restructuring team in Hong Kong and Singapore. Catherine is a board member of the Singapore Network and also served as Co-Chair of IWIRC Hong Kong from 2014 to 2016, and has been instrumental in growing the Network across Asia.



Catherine D'Alton

On March 22, 2018, **Marguerite DeVoll** (Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald) and her colleagues from Watt, Tieder, Jennifer Kneeland and Hanna Blake, presented "From the Surety's Perspective: When a Contractor Files for Bankruptcy or Hits the Zone of Insolvency" to the Northern Virginia Bankruptcy Bar Association.



Marguerite DeVoll



Jasmine Ball



Eloise Fardon

IWIRC members **Jasmine Ball** (Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton, Co-chair New York Network) and **Eloise Fardon** (Senior Associate, Stephenson Harwood, At-large direct, Hong Kong network) had the opportunity to meet when they appeared on a panel together at the IATA Legal Symposium in February. The panel topic was "*Bankruptcy and Restructuring Overview: Back to the Future.*" The panel discussed learnings and successes from restructurings in the airline industry. Representatives from Malaysian Airlines, Air Berlin, and IATA also joined them on the panel.



Katy Furr

Katy Furr was recently elected shareholder at Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. Katy is based in the firm's Atlanta office, where she represents individuals, business, and financial institutions of all sizes in a wide variety of bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and other business-related litigation in state and federal court. Katy's prior experience includes serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Craig Whitley with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of North Carolina and the Honorable Wendy Hagenau with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia.



Leanne Gould

Leanne Gould recently started her own firm, Gould Consulting Services. Leanne is a forensic accountant and business appraiser with over twenty years of experience in financial and economic damage analysis, forensic accounting, business valuation, and bankruptcy consulting. She assists her clients and counsel to understand complex financial and valuation issues in a variety of disputed matters by listening, evaluating the facts and documents in the case, and explaining her findings clearly and in a practical manner. She has provided forensic accounting, litigation support and expert witness services in complex commercial and bankruptcy disputes across the U.S. Leanne earned her Master of Business Administration from the University of Buffalo. She is a licensed CPA in Georgia, an Accredited Senior Appraiser of the American Society of Appraisers, and is Accredited in Business Valuation and Certified in Financial Forensics by the AICPA. She is a member of several professional organizations and a co-founder of the IWIRC Georgia Network. Find out more by visiting www.GouldForensics.com.

Leanne also recently participated on a panel discussing the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act and §§544, 548 and 547 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code at the American Bankruptcy Institute's Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

On March 2, 2018, **Patricia Jefferson** (Miles & Stockbridge), along with her co-panelists, presented on "Recent Chapter 11 Plan Confirmation Issues and Developments" at the 6th Annual IWIRC at the Shore Conference.

Alexandra CC Schnapp recently became career law clerk to the Honorable Wendy Hagenau, Chief Bankruptcy for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia. CC previously served as law clerk to the Honorable C. Ray Mullins from 2011 – 2018. CC earned her J.D. from Emory University School of Law and her bachelor of arts, cum laude, from Middlebury College. CC serves as a Director at Large in the Georgia Network and as IWIRC's Newsletter Director.

IWIRC's Past Chair **Nancy Valentine** recently joined Miller Canfield as principal. Nancy is a nationally recognized attorney with extensive litigation and transactional experience representing financial institutions, privately held companies, receivers and individuals. She regularly leads teams of attorneys in large transactions, such as a \$100 million distressed loan package, notable not only for its size, but also for its complexity, requiring financing, restructuring, sales, federal district court litigation and the coordination of simultaneous bankruptcy cases. Nancy's practice has focused on representing middle-market buyers and sellers in complex transactions. She represents secured creditors, equipment lessors, landlords, asset-based lenders and general creditors, and debtors in bankruptcy and in federal-court and state-court litigation proceedings as well as civil litigation such as receiverships and collection matters. Nancy also has particular experience in distressed real estate matters, and often counsels clients on planning, managing and better protecting their companies when growing relationships with customers and suppliers.

NJSBA's 20th Annual William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar featured an all-female panel addressing the topic of LLCs In (and Out of) Bankruptcy – the first all-female panel in the history of the conference! The panel featured IWIRC members, who donned their purple scarves!, **Jill Bienstock** (Cole Schotz P.C.), **Karen Gianelli** (Gibbons P.C.), **Sari Placona** (Trenk DiPasquale Della Fera & Sodono, P.C.), and **Fran Steele** (Office of the U.S. Trustee for Region 3). Several other IWIRC members spoke on panels during the Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, including: **Hon. Kathryn C. Ferguson** (U.S. Bankruptcy Court), **Sydney Darling** (Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP), **Andrea Dobin** (Trenk DiPasquale Della Fera & Sodono, P.C.), **Colleen Maker** (Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP), and **Tara Schellhorn** (Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP).



Patricia Jefferson



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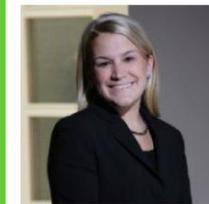
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Colleen Maker



Tara Schellhorn



Left to right: Jill Bienstock, Sari Placona, Karen Giannelli, Fran Steele

Law firms Foley & Lardner LLP and Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP combined the two firms, effective April 1, 2018. Read more here: <https://www.foley.com/foley--lardner-llp-and-gardere-wynne-sewell-llp-complete-combination/>.

Congratulations to our members on these exciting accomplishments!

Did You Know

Did you know that you can access the IWIRC International Facebook page directly from the iwirc.com site? Simply click on the Facebook logo in the top right hand corner and you'll be transported to the IWIRC International Facebook page, where you can stay on top of recent events, trends, news about fellow IWIRC members in the news, and connect with other IWIRC members around the Globe.

Update Your Member Profile!

IWIRC's administrative office uses the information on your online IWIRC membership profile to keep in touch. If you don't update your profile, IWIRC can't contact you! Please take a moment to log on and make sure your personal profile information is up to date. If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Lori Musselman, IWIRC Administrative Assistant, at 434-939-6002 and lmusselman@iwirc.com.

Upcoming Network Activities

Planning an event? Click [here](#) to check out a comprehensive list of insolvency and bankruptcy related events around the world from 2017 through 2021. You can also view and download the calendar on the IWIRC website. We hope that you find this information a valuable resource when planning your travel and conference schedules and also for use when planning local and regional events!

Thursday, May 17, 2018

New England Network

[Maine Happy Hour - Network with IWIRC New England](#)

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Washington DC Network

[IWIRC-DC Happy Hour at Claudia's!](#)

Friday, May 18, 2018

New York Network

[IWIRC NY: 6th Annual Golf Outing](#)

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Greater Philadelphia Network

[IWIRC PHL Supports Living Beyond Breast Cancer's Reach & Raise](#)



Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Chicago Network
IWIRC Wine and Painting Night

Thursday, May 31, 2018

Florida Network
IWIRC Florida Lunch & Learn

Thursday, May 31, 2018

Virginia Network
IWIRC AND FRIENDS NIGHT OUT-MAY 31, 2018

Wednesday, June 06, 2018

Southern California Network
What's YOUR Corner Office? A Special Professional Development MCLE Event

Thursday, June 07, 2018

Chicago Network
Join IWIRC at the ABI Central States Workshop

Friday, June 08, 2018

Wisconsin Network
Come Cook with IWIRC at Central States!

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Northern California Network
Brewery Tour and Professional Networking Event with TMA

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

New Jersey Network
IWIRC-NJ TopGolf Event

Thursday, June 28, 2018

New England Network
It's All About Relationships: Business Development for Women with Monica Blacker, BAX Advisors

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Louisiana Network
IWIRC ON THE BAYOU

Friday, July 13, 2018

New England Network
IWIRC Luncheon at the ABI Northeast Conference

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Greater Philadelphia Network
IWIRC 2018 Leadership Summit

Thursday, August 09, 2018

New England Network
Portsmouth Harbor Cruise with IWIRC New England



Newsletter Submissions

The Newsletter relies on contributions from IWIRC's networks and members. We are always looking for the following content:

- Summaries - and photographs! - of network events;
- Member news, such as job transitions, promotions, awards, speeches, and publications; and
- Short (1-4 page) articles regarding both bankruptcy and insolvency topics and professional development topics. We are especially looking for fresh, new pieces that have not been previously published.

The Newsletter is published quarterly. Please note the following submission deadlines:

- Summer Newsletter August 3, 2018
- Fall Newsletter November 2, 2018
- Winter Newsletter February 1, 2019
- Spring Newsletter May 3, 2019

To submit news and articles, please contact IWIRC's Newsletter Director **Alexandra CC Schnapp** (U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia; Atlanta) at (404) 215-1005 and news@iwirc.com. ***Please note that we have a new email address to make submitting information easier!*** We look forward to hearing from you!

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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 on one of our committees

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- IWIRC on the Bayou in New Orleans July 12-14
- IWIRC Leadership Summit in Philadelphia July 18-20
- IWIRC on the Vine in Napa, California September 28-30
- IWIRC Fall Conference in San Antonio October 27-29

GRR Live Offshore Conference



On behalf of Global Restructuring Review and the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation we would like to extend an invitation for you to join us at our inaugural GRR Live Offshore Conference on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at The Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort & Spa, Cayman Islands.

IWIRC members are eligible for a special 10% discounted rate.

For more details and to download the registration brochure, please click [here](#).

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IWIRC on the Bayou in New Orleans – July 12-14, 2018

Please join the Louisiana, Florida, and Gulf Coast Networks for annual event, a favorite of attendees, at the Ritz Carlton in New Orleans.

Attendance fee will include an opening reception and cocktail hour on Thursday evening at the Ritz, CLE credit and light breakfast followed by lunch in the Ritz Carlton Spa on Friday, and breakfast at Brennan's Saturday morning in the Havana

Room. For an additional charge, attendees may reserve a seat at an optional dinner at Commander's Palace on Friday night.

A block of rooms have been reserved for July 12 – July 14 at the amazing rate of \$149 per night. The Ritz has agreed to extend the rate through Sunday, July 15, for anyone who would like to stay the weekend.

The Ritz has also reserved some fabulous spa appointments for us on Friday, July 13 at 15% off. Contact Reservations at Ritz Carlton to book your stay and spa appointments at the discounted rates: 504.524.1331.

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IWIRC's Annual Leadership Summit brings together the IWIRC Board of Directors and representatives from IWIRC's forty-nine North America, Europe, and Pac Rim Networks for an intensive three-day leadership and business development conference. All networks are encouraged to send the network chair (or other representative), and five additional Leadership Summit spots are awarded by the IWIRC Board based on an application process. More details about Leadership Summit and how to apply to attend will be available later this year.

A special thanks to the Greater Philadelphia Network for hosting us all next summer. We can't wait to meet you in Philly!

The Inaugural IWIRC on the Vine in Sonoma/Napa, CA – September 28-30, 2018

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