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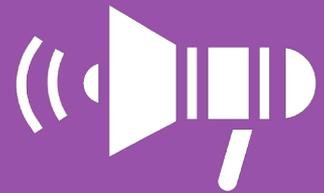


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Member News

A Special Member News Update: Glass Ceiling Breaking News



Written by **Jan Hayden**

I have a bit of fun glass ceiling breaking news for you. During the spring meeting in Denver of the American College of Bankruptcy, **Melissa S. Kibler** was installed as the Chair of the American College, **Patricia "Trish" Redmond** was selected as Chair of the Board of Regents, and I was chosen to Chair of the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation. **It was duly noted and celebrated that for the first time all three leaders of the College were women. But here is a tidbit that might have escaped notice at first....for the first time, all three are members of IWIRC as well!**

The College is an honorary public service association founded in 1989 dedicated to the enhancement of professionalism, scholarship and service in bankruptcy and insolvency law and practice. I know I speak for all three of us that we are looking forward to working together. Not only because we have developed a strong friendship thorough the years through the College and IWIRC, but because this is a particularly exciting time to be working with the College. As Melissa suggested during our College meeting, after looking at the turmoil we all saw over the last few years on issues relating to race and diversity, the College decided that it wanted to see what it could mindfully do to help promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in our own field. The College has already begun that work and we see these as exciting times to lead the College as it continues to incorporate and include these principles in our efforts.

As members of IWIRC, each of us benefited from IWIRC's efforts to empower women in the insolvency field. So as we begin our work for the College in our new roles, we hope that we can work with the leadership of IWIRC to find more ways that we can all encourage the growth and development of women in our professions. After all, none of us want to end up in that special place in Hell that Secretary Albright described for women who don't help other women!

MEMBER NEWS



Lauren P. Berret, chair of IWIRC Greater Philadelphia, has joined the Eisner Advisory Group, LLC, as a Senior Manager.

Frances Coulson was appointed as a non executive director of The Insolvency Service.

Shari Dwoskin, co-chair of IWIRC New England, was promoted to partner at Brown Rudnick.

Rosa Evergreen, a partner at Arnold & Porter in Washington, DC, was recognized by DCA Live as an “Emerging Women Leaders in Law.” [Read more here.](#)

Joe Gaastra of Alvarez & Marsal has just been awarded first place in Corporate Insolvency in his Joint Insolvency Examination Board (JIEB) examinations.

Virginia George, a board member of the Wisconsin Network, was named a partner at Steinhilber Swanson LLP effective January 1, 2022.

Marie-Ann Greenberg and **Sari Placona** co-chaired the 2022 William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference in New Jersey.

Melissa Hager was recently promoted to Director, Assistant General Counsel at Capital One, National Association. Melissa is a member of Capital One’s Commercial Bank Litigation & Restructuring Group and also serves as a Co-Chair of the pro bono committee for the New York Office.

Kathryn Harrison, Counsel at Campbell & Levine, LLC, and **Sara Wenrich**, Associate at Bernstein-Burkley, P.C., were panelists at the upcoming presentation Thorny Issues in Chapter 11 and How to Avoid Them for the Turnaround Management Association.

Dominika Jaskiewicz published an article entitled, [The challenges of Asset Tracing in Insolvency cases.](#)

Grainne King and **Rhiannon Zanetic** recently published an article in Commercial Dispute Resolution magazine on Investing in the Cayman Islands through a nominee.

Gemma Lardner, IWIRC Cayman's newly appointed network chair, has recently been promoted to Partner in Ogier's Dispute Resolution team.

Roisin Liddy Murphy, IWIRC Cayman co- secretary, recently published an article in Business Law Review Journal entitled "Nominee Directors: Caught Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea."

Krystal Mikkilineni joined Dentons Davis Brown in Des Moines, Iowa.

Anju Joseph was named President and **Deirdre Carey Brown** was named President-Elect of Turnaround Management Association – Houston Chapter.

Melissa Kibler, a Senior Managing Director in Accordion's Turnaround & Restructuring practice and long-standing IWIRC member was named Chair of the American College of Bankruptcy – becoming only the second woman Chair of the College and the first financial advisor to serve this role. Read more here. [Read more here.](#) Melissa also received Global M&A network's first DEI Award.

Joy Kleisinger and **Judge Elizabeth Gunn** co-authored [an article](#) that was published in Volume 31 of the Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice this April.

Liv Machado, Tatiana Flores Gaspar Serafim, Fabiana Solano, Juliana Bumachar and **Renata Oliveira** were ranked in Chambers Brazil Contentious 2022.



Salene Mazur Kraemer has reopened MazurKaemer Business Law.

Jane Mitnick, IWIRC New Jersey Vice-Chair, of SM Financial Services Corporation, who has been named as 2022 TMA Global President.

Caroline Moran was appointed co-head of Maples and Calder's Dispute Resolution & Insolvency practice in the Maples Group's Cayman Islands office. Her appointment forms part of the Group's biennial global and local management elections, [read more here.](#)

Natasha Partos of Campbells and **Kim Dennison** of Alvarez & Marsal recently co-authored an article on [Untangling Dishonest Assistance and Knowing Receipt](#).

Sari Placona, IWIRC New Jersey Co-Chair, was named partner at McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.

Alex Potts QC of Conyers recently was awarded an Arbitration Fellowship.

Rosa Rojas has published a book titled, "Insolvency of Natural persons in Mexico." The Mexican Judiciary Board created federal bankruptcy courts in Mexico, which started operating on March 7, 2022. Rosa M. Rojas Vértiz was hired to coordinate the training of these new Mexican bankruptcy courts.

Annalisa Shibli was promoted to Senior Associate in Collas Crill's Dispute Resolution team. [Read the announcement here](#).

Toni Shukla was [appointed to the new BVI Office of Quantuma](#).

Jeanne Stancampiano Lofgren joined Campbell & Levine, LLC as Counsel.

Sharon Stolte was recently named to Missouri Lawyers Media's POWER LIST for Bankruptcy Law 2021.

Elizabeth Stong moderated a "views from the bench" program as part of the P.R.I.M.E. Finance London conference that featured III's own Right Honorable Lord Justice (ret.) David Richards and Right Honorable Lord Justice Richard Snowden, among others. She was also a delegate at UNCITRAL Working Group II and served as a member of the expert working group that presented recommendations on case management at the Working Group's colloquium on new work. In April, she was one of the North American judicial delegates at the United Nations Judicial Forum on Environmental Rights and Defenders at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Lydia Tsioli, of IWIRC London, has been invited to speak on the topic "Rescue finance under a 'viability spotlight'" at the Academics' Colloquium of the INSOL International Annual Conference, London 2022.



Maryann Veytsman, IWIRC New Jersey Treasurer, was named partner at Citrin Cooperman & Company LLC.

Sarah Wenrich, Associate at Bernstein-Burkley, P.C., drafted an article on a recent decision in the HHGregg chapter 11 bankruptcy case titled Watch Your Tone – Email Communications Play a Large Role in HHGregg \$3.5 million Preference Action Judgment. [You can read the article here.](#)

Shelley White, Fiona MacAdam and **Siobhan Sheridan** of Walkers (Cayman) recently co-authored [an article](#) which was published in INSOL on the introduction of the new restructuring officer regime and significant reforms of the Cayman Islands Companies Act.

Blanche Zelmanovich started Underwater Advisors LLC to provide Restructuring, Litigation Support and Director Services to Companies dealing with challenging situations.

IWIRC Cayman's network members were well represented at the recent ABI Caribbean conference in Key Largo with members **Paula Richmond, Jess Williams, Laura Hatfield, Jen Fox** and **Gemma Lardner** all speaking on different panels. Other IWIRC network members such as **Morgan Patterson** (Del), **Alissa Nan** (NY), and **Leyza Blanco** (Fl) were also panelists at the event.

Dykema Gossett PLLC is proud to announce that the sale of Henry Ford Village (HFV) to HFV OPCO, LLC, an affiliate of Sage Healthcare Partners, was recognized as the inaugural "Turnaround/Transaction of the Year (mid-sized company)" at the first-ever Turnaround Management Association (TMA) Detroit Chapter Awards Reception. Dykema partner **Sheryl Toby** together with senior associate **Danielle Rushing** as lead bankruptcy and sale strategic counsel, along with partners **Jeanne Whalen**, and **Phyllis Adams** as M&A and healthcare counsel, respectively, will be honored for their work on the transaction.

Ten IWIRC members were named as Global Restructuring Review's 40 under 40 rising stars in cross-border insolvency, including **Carolina Iwamoto, Christine Okike, Cristine Pirro Schwarzman, Eloise Matsui, Heather Skeates, Helen Sevenoaks, Jennifer Davidson, Lindsay Hingston, Sophie Lyall**, and **Susana Hidvegi Arango**.

Congratulations on these fantastic achievements!

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

Send your submissions to news@iwirc.com to be featured in future IWIRC member news communications.



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