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Puerto Rico Network

On January 22, 2024, the Puerto Rico Network held a Cocktail Hour prior to the opening reception of ABI's Caribbean Insolvency Symposium. The event was held at Caicu Bar at the Wyndham Grand Rio Mar Golf & Beach Resort.

Additionally, on February 11, 2024, the network held IWIRC's 30th Anniversary Dinner at Hacienda Lealtad in Lares, Puerto Rico. Hacienda Lealtad is a historic coffee estate founded in 1828.



New Jersey Network

In late March, the New Jersey Network conducted an Ethics CLE event modeled after the classic TV show, the Newlywed Game. The event featured three pairs of New Jersey Bankruptcy Judges and their respective law clerks, and was graciously hosted at the offices of Wilentz, Goldman, and Spitzer, P.A. The “contestants” answered a series of ethics-related questions designed to reveal how well they know (or do not know) each other. The topics ranged from favorite songs to the appropriateness of gift-acceptance or ex parte communications. Hilarity—and a robust discussion on ethics and best practices for attorneys—ensued.



Dubai Network

In celebration of International Women's Day, the Dubai Network hosted a breakfast seminar with guest speaker Kiran Scarr. Kiran, an international lawyer and the author of the Conscious Lawyer, led an inspiring discussion on what it means to be a conscious leader.



Cayman Islands Network

The Cayman Islands Network saw the return of its sunset golf series at the North Sound Golf Club before the summer heat of the Caribbean kicked in. Over 4 weeks, IWIRC members from FTI, Grant Thornton, Deloitte, A&M, BDO, Crowe and PWC, Baker & Partners and Harneys, picked up their clubs and became fully fledged golfers. From putting to driving to learning the rules of the games, the ladies had a great time out of the office catching up with peers and making new connections. The event is sure to return in 2025.



Greater Philadelphia Network

On March 14, 2024, the Greater Philadelphia Network hosted its annual Afternoon Tea event at The Dandelion. Just steps away from Rittenhouse Square, this British-inspired pub provides a cozy space for members and friends to gather for high tea. Featuring a traditional service of tea, cocktails, and sweet and savory menu items, this afternoon event is a network favorite. This year, each attendee took home an insulated IWIRC wine tote with The IWIRC Greater Philadelphia Network's Little Guide to Philadelphia BYOB's.



Greater Philadelphia Network

As part of its initiative to increase membership, promote interest in the insolvency profession, and improve overall diversity in our field, the Greater Philadelphia Network hosted events at two local law schools: Rutgers Law in Camden, New Jersey, and Temple Law in Philadelphia. Network Co-Chair Lauren P. Berret also participated in a “Careers in Bankruptcy Law” panel at Temple Law with other prominent members of the local bankruptcy bar.



The events were organized in partnership with student organizations including the Women’s Law Caucus, the OUTLaws (Rutgers-Camden LGBTQ+ law student association), and Temple Law’s Tax and Bankruptcy Law Society, as well as each school’s Career Services Department. The panels featured board members and recently-graduated IWIRC members who introduced students to the restructuring and bankruptcy practice, discussed future opportunities in our profession, and - of course – highlighted the benefits of joining professional organizations like IWIRC!

The Greater Philadelphia Network also hosted its first Harrisburg, PA, event on May 8, 2024. As our membership continues to grow and expand to the Middle District of Pennsylvania, we were excited to engage with members in their own backyard.

Juliet M. Moringiello, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at Widener Law Commonwealth, a leading scholar on the Uniform Commercial Code and emerging technologies, led us in an intimate fireside chat on creditors’ rights in digital assets and amendments to the UCC. A special thank you to Network Co-Chair, Kate Sallie, and event sponsor Pillar+Aught for their planning and support.



Hong Kong Network

The Hong Kong Network held a Black Tie Dinner on 8 May which hosted close to 300 guests. It was a great evening and a chance for members of our industry to get together, catch up and make new acquaintances.

The 2024 IWIRC Woman of The Year in Restructuring award was re-presented to Tiffany Wong at the Black Tie Dinner where friends from the industry in her home town joined in honouring her achievements.



Florida Network

The Florida Network has been busy making new connections and reconnecting with old friends in each of the major Florida markets. In February, the network hosted three events: (1) its annual Paskay dinner in conjunction with the ABI's Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar in Tampa, which had more than 60 attendees; (2) its annual Valentine's Day tea in Orlando with Judges Lori V. Vaughan and Grace E. Robson, and (3) a Paint and Sip Party in West Palm Beach with Judge Mindy A. Mora. In March, the network partnered with the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association to host a Disc Golf and Dinner with Judge Jacob A. Brown. In April, the network hosted a spring tea in Tampa with Judge Lori V. Vaughan.

The board is hard at work planning the network's first ever retreat, which we hope will become a revered annual tradition. Stay tuned for more information on the retreat.



Connecticut and New England Networks

On May 9, 2024, the Connecticut and New England Networks of IWIRC joined forces to host a dinner event with regional women bankruptcy judges in Hartford, Connecticut. IWIRC members and prospective members enjoyed a wonderful 3 course meal and lots of great conversation. The Judges in attendance made thoughtful and impactful presentations on the importance of women supporting each other and developing our personal networks. The event was hosted at Gather55 in Hartford, Connecticut in order to support and highlight the great work they are doing. The Gather55 Restaurant operates in collaboration with Hands on Hartford. Gather55 brings in renowned local chefs to provide high-quality and sophisticated dining experiences to patrons regardless of their ability to pay and helps support the work of Hands on Hartford. Hands on Hartford serves Hartford's most economically challenged residents in areas of food security, affordable housing and health.

Dallas Fort Worth Network

The Dallas Fort Worth Network hosted a Cinco de Mayo party on May 5, 2024.



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