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Rachel Albanese (DLA; New York) was recognized as a 2020 Crisis Leadership Trailblazer by the National Law Journal. [Read more here.](#)

Elissa Barratt recently joined Dentons' Capital Markets practice group in Atlanta.

Lauren Berret, of the Greater Philadelphia Network, recently joined the Corporate Recovery & Litigation Services team at CBIZ in New York.

Monica Blacker recently became a Partner at Force 10 Partners, heading the Dallas office.

Allison Carr has joined the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General as a Deputy Attorney General.

Ashley D. Champion (Northern District of Georgia Bankruptcy Court; Atlanta) co-authored an article featured on the cover of the October ABI Journal ([read here](#)). She was also a panelist on a lunch and learn panel hosted by the Atlanta Bar Bankruptcy Section entitled "What's Your Preference? Hot Topics, the Latest Law, and the Negotiations Dance, on Preferential Transfers" on October 23, 2020 ([read here](#)).

Lucy Christian was promoted to Manager at RSM Restructuring Advisory LLP in London on October 1.

Rosa Evergreen, a partner in Arnold & Porter' bankruptcy group in Washington, DC, spoke at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (part of the Virtual Insolvency 2020) on a panel titled Musings of a Chapter 11 Mind.

Kathryn Esaw has joined Osler's Insolvency and Restructuring Group in Toronto.

Beatriz Faneca (Faneca Advogados; São Paulo) co-authored an article titled, [A Gestão Da Insolvência Em Tempos De Crise.](#)

Elizabeth Gunn has been sworn as the new bankruptcy judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia. [Read more here.](#)

The Honorable Judith K. Fitzgerald (Ret.) is the recipient of the Bankruptcy American Inns of Court Alliance Distinguished Service Award for 2020. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes the ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession, the rule of law, and the demonstration of personal ethics and integrity, and specifically dedicated to a judge or attorney who has practiced in the field of bankruptcy law.

Alexandra K. Garrett, Chair of the IWIRC Gulf Coast Network, became a named shareholder of Silver, Voit & Garrett, Attorneys at Law, P.C. in Mobile, Alabama.

Zulima González (Solorzano, Carvajal, Gonzalez y Pérez Correa, SC; Mexico City) Regional Director for Mexico in the IWIRC Latin American Network, was recognized as "Rising Star" in the Bankruptcy and Restructuring practice on the Legal 500 2021 edition. Zulima is the youngest Rising Star recognized by Legal 500 in Mexico in the Bankruptcy and Restructuring practice and one of the four women distinguished on such practice in Mexico. [Read more here.](#)

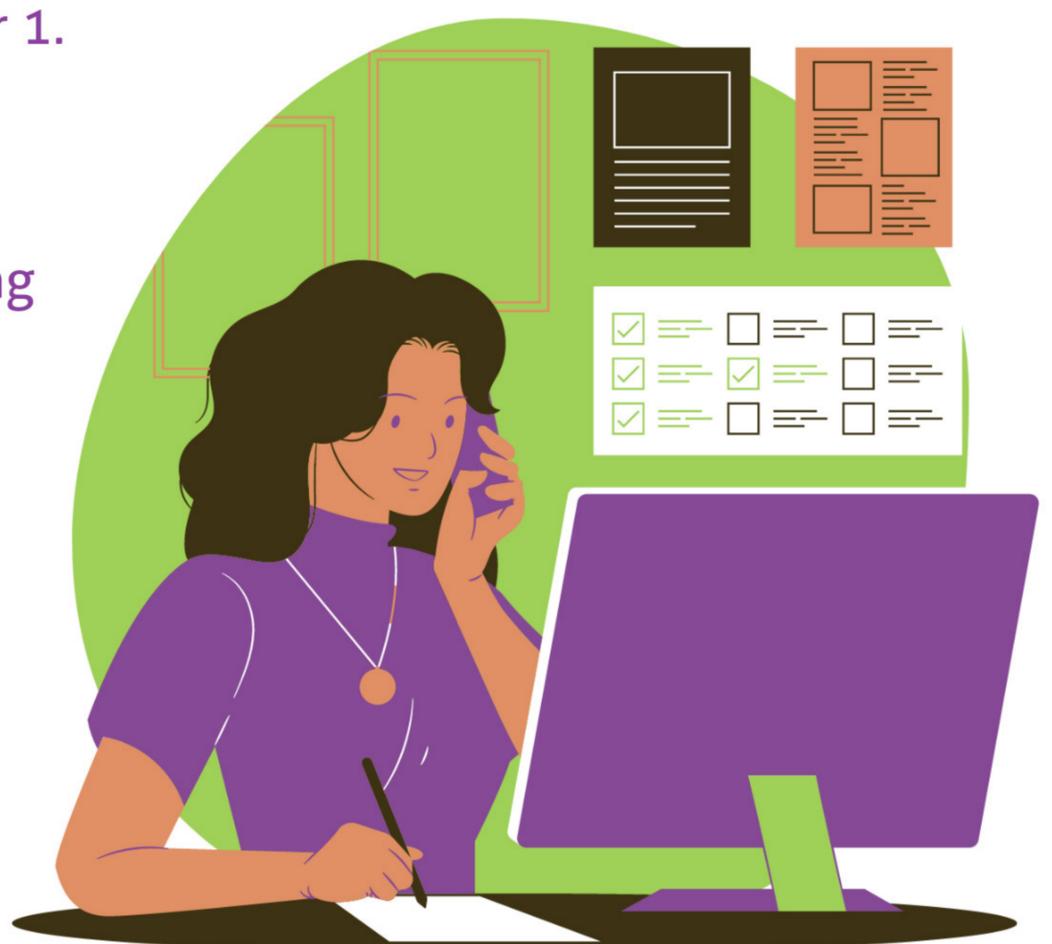
Katie Harrison (Campbell & Levine, LLC; Pittsburgh) gave an "ABI Talks" presentation on "Social Issues in Bankruptcy" at the ABI Mid-Atlantic Virtual Workshop on August 6, 2020. Katie discussed the intersection of social movements such as "Me Too," and Black Lives Matter and Bankruptcy Law, and also discussed the ways in which insolvency practitioners are asked in practice to address fair housing, environmental apartheid, inequity in access to resources, and economic inequality.

Samantha Hawkins was promoted to Associate Director at RSM Restructuring Advisory LLP in London on October 1.

Emma Heath was promoted from Director to Senior Director. She is in the Turnaround and Restructuring Strategy team at EY in Chicago.

Susan Poll Klaessy (Foley & Lardner LLP; Chicago) was recently admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Candice Kline joined Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr in the Chicago office as a partner in the firm's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice.



Salene Mazur Kraemer (Bernstein Burkley Attorneys at Law; Pittsburgh) was just recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial located in Stoystown, PA. She will serve a 3-year term.

Connie Lahn (Barnes & Thornburg LLP; Minneapolis) has been recognized as one of the 2020 Twin City Business' Notable Women in Law. Connie was recognized because of her unique person-focused approach to building client relationships.

Alexis Leventhal (Reed Smith LLP; Pittsburgh) was appointed to a national 6-person task force for the American Inns of Court to develop a national program for attorney volunteers to help high school students understand their legal rights, responsibilities, and obligations upon turning 18.

Alexis Leventhal and Lauren Michaels participated on a panel held for local law students at Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh entitled "Career Paths in Bankruptcy," discussing the various career paths in the insolvency and restructuring fields as well as the ways law students can get involved and explore this area of law now.

Soo Lynnie obtained a liquidator's license approved by the Minister of Finance in Malaysia. As of October 26, she is the youngest approved liquidator in Malaysia.

Beverly Weiss Manne and Katie Harrison were featured on a panel discussing bankruptcy and restructuring in the oil and gas industry at the PBI Oil & Gas Law Conference on October 14, 2020.

Taylor Schlairet Mansell recently joined the office of Melissa J. Davey, Chapter 13 Trustee, in Atlanta.

Sabina Jacobs Margot, Co-Chair of the Southern California Network, was recognized in the inaugural edition of the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2021 in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights and Insolvency and Reorganization Law.

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Angela L. Mastrangelo has joined Hyland Levin Shapiro LLP in New Jersey, where she will continue her diverse practice representing clients in all aspects of restructuring, reorganization, and liquidation.

B McKay Mignault was recently sworn in as Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of West Virginia. She is the first woman to hold the position.

Adine Momoh (Stinson Leonard Street LLP; Minneapolis,) has been selected to the 2020 Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers list.

Naomi Moore (Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; Hong Kong) was selected by Euromoney for inclusion in its Banking, Finance and Transactional Law Expert Guide. The publication recognizes the top legal practitioners advising on banking, finance and transactional law around the world. China Singyes Solar Technologies' debt restructuring, led by Naomi, was named winner in the category of "Finance Deal of the Year: Insolvency and Restructuring" at the Asia Legal Awards 2020.

Tara E. Nauful (Beal, LLC; Columbia, SC) was featured in the [Pro Bono Spotlight of the South Carolina Bar News](#).

Liz Osborne (Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; London) was selected by Euromoney for inclusion in its Banking, Finance and Transactional Law Expert Guide. The publication recognizes the top legal practitioners advising on banking, finance and transactional law around the world. Liz has also been selected for restructuring and insolvency in Euromoney's Expert Guides: Women in Business Law which recognizes the world's leading female practitioners in "specific areas of law for the purpose of instruction on an international basis." Liz was also listed as a ranked individual for the Chambers UK and The Legal 500 UK 2021 guides.



Patricia Cervantes Pérez (Solórzano, Carvajal, González y Pérez Correa, S.C; Mexico City) was interviewed in August 2020 for the Younger Members' Spotlight of INSOL World in which she answered some questions about her experience as a young lawyer within the Restructuring and Insolvency practice. She was also interviewed in the last edition of INSOL World Q2 2020 published by INSOL International, her colleague Zulima González García's and her contributed with the article "The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Mexican Economy". [Read the articles here.](#)

Sarah Primrose (King & Spalding; Atlanta) was recently named to Yahoo! Finance's HERoes Top 100 Future Leaders 2020 list and Georgia Trend Magazine's 40 Under 40 list.

Cynthia Romano (CohnReznick LLP; New York) was awarded the prestigious Turnaround Management Association (TMA) 2020 Turnaround and Transaction of the Year Award.

Shara Roy (Lenczner Slaght; Toronto) hosted hosted ReferToHer™'s inaugural virtual networking event for listees called "Get to Know Her on the List." ReferToHer has an Insolvency Litigation list of experienced female lawyers you can confidently refer work, in which fellow IWIRC members, **Shara Roy and Monique Jilesen**, are both listed. [Read more here.](#)

Christina Sanfelippo recently joined the Chicago office of the law firm of Cozen O'Connor as an associate in the firm's Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Restructuring practice.

Emma Simmonds (Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; London) was listed as a ranked individual for the Chambers UK and The Legal 500 UK 2021 guides.

Pooja Sinha (Global Legal Solutions; Singapore) published an article titled "[Cross-Border Debt Restructuring by Indonesian Companies: A Primer on Key Considerations by an International Deal Lawyer.](#)"

Rachael Smiley recently joined Ferguson Braswell Fraser Kubasta PC as a Shareholder in the Plano, Texas office. She currently serves as Chair of the Dallas-Fort Worth IWIRC network.

Cathy Ta, Co-Chair of the Southern California Network, presented at the California Lawyers Association's 2020 Solo & Small Firm Summit on "10 Things Every Lawyer Should Know About Bankruptcy in the Age of COVID-19." She also joined Reorg Research, Inc. in October 2020, where she will be covering U.S. bankruptcy cases of interest as a distressed debt legal analyst.

Toni Vanderlaan (IWIRC Ontario Chair) and Maria Konyukhova, were recently invited to join the Insolvency Institute of Canada.

Nellwyn Voorhies was promoted to President of Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. (Donlin Recano), an AST Company in New York.

Cheryl Wesler (Trustee Resource Group; Kalamazoo, MI) published an article in the fall 2020 NABT American Bankruptcy Trustee Journal titled "Pandemic Alters Net Operating Losses as Well as Other Tax Law Changes under the CARES Act." [Read the article here.](#)

Claire Wu (SulmeyerKupetz, Los Angeles), Sponsorship Chair of the Southern California Network, was selected as a 2020 honoree of the American Bankruptcy Institute's 40 Under 40 Program.

NETWORK NEWS



LATIN AMERICA NETWORK

On September 11th, IWIRC's executive board approved the creation of the new IWIRC Latin America network in which Patricia Cervantes Pérez was elected Director of Social Programs. This new network was created thanks to the effort of my colleagues and now members of the Latin America Board Nyana Abreu Miller, Leyza Blanco, Marlyn Narkis, Paola Montenegro, Susana Hidvegi Arango, Zulima González García, Beatriz Elizabeth Montoya Ramírez, Laura Alejandra González Santa Cruz, Iris María Guajardo Guerra and Sandra Trejo. [Learn more about our newest IWIRC network!](#)

BRENDA K. BOWERS FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

I write on behalf of the Central Ohio Network of the International Women's and Insolvency Restructuring Confederation ("IWIRC"). Our colleague, friend, and one of the founders of our Network, Brenda Bowers passed away on March 15. I know you join me in keeping Brenda's spouse, Susan Jenkins, her family and her friends in your thoughts.

Brenda was a vital part of our legal community, leaving behind a legacy of exceptional work. She was deeply committed to the practice of law, and excelled in her service to her clients, the court and the entire legal community. Brenda was active in not only through our organization, she also somehow found time to be active in her community, alma maters and church, all while enjoying being part of a close family. She seemed to find time to do it all. [Read more here.](#)

— Susan L. Rhiel

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