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Network News

New Member Meetup

On August 20, the Member Services Committee hosted a New Member Meetup. New (and newish) IWIRC Members logged on from around the world to say hello, meet fellow new members, and discuss opportunities in IWIRC. It was great to see so many new faces from across the globe and we look forward to hosting similar virtual sessions in the new year.



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Day or Night

New Member Meetup

August 20, 9:00 am New York, 9:00 pm Hong Kong



Hong Kong Network

Technical Seminar

The Hong Kong Network hosted a successful technical seminar on "Schemes of Arrangement – Contentious issues from onshore and offshore perspectives" on 18 September 2025. Our distinguished panel of speakers: Viola Jing of A&O Shearman, Tiffany Wong of Alvarez & Marsal, Joanne Collett of Ogier and moderator Karen Chan of A&O Shearman discussed the evolving trends in restructurings and of schemes of arrangement, key issues such as recognition, class composition and third party releases, as well as practical challenges in implementation by reference to recent case studies and developments in Hong Kong and offshore courts.



We are proud to have hosted this cross-network event with members and friends joining us physically and online from other networks in the APAC region including China and Singapore. This evening concluded with a vibrant networking session sponsored by A&O Shearman.



Hong Kong Network

Beach Cleanup Event

The Hong Kong Network recently partnered with [Plastic Free Seas](#) for a successful beach cleanup at Chi Ma Wan, Lantau Island!

Our members, friends, and families joined forces on Sunday, 26 October for a day dedicated to environmental action — removing waste from our shoreline and learning more about marine conservation. With guidance from the Plastic Free Seas team, participants collected and sorted litter (comprising 76kg of rubbish, 138 plastic bottles and more than 180 straws and cutlery), gaining practical insights into how we can all reduce plastic pollution in our daily lives.

We are proud to have made a positive impact on Hong Kong's coastline and grateful to everyone who contributed their energy and enthusiasm. A special thank you to the sponsors, Clifford Chance and Linklaters, for making this event possible.



London Network

IWIRC London Conference 2025 in collaboration with Octus - 6 November 2025

The IWIRC London network was delighted to host our sixth conference once again this year in collaboration with Octus. The half day conference featured four topical sessions with panellists drawn from the judiciary and legal and advisory sectors and was followed by a drink reception. This sell-out event attracted over 200 delegates!

We kicked off the day with an inspiring fireside chat with Caitlin Moran, moderated by [Liz Osborne](#) and kindly sponsored by Paul, Weiss. After a networking lunch (kindly sponsored by Akin), the second session featured “Confidence in a crisis: Controlling the narrative in a financial storm,” an interactive, dynamic scenario exploring how fast-moving media stories can impact companies under pressure with panel members Emma Woollcott of Mishcon de Reya and Fiona Micallef-Eynaud of Brunswick Group (sponsored by Mishcon de Reya).



The third session of the day featured “Views from the Bench”, an insightful panel discussion with Lord Justice Snowden, Court of Appeal, England and Wales, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York Lisa Beckerman and Insolvency and Companies Court Judge Raquel Agnello KC (kindly sponsored by Kirkland and Ellis) and moderated by Kate Stephenson.

Coffee was sponsored by Freshfields and the conference concluded with “Hot Topics in Contentious Cases,” a lively, forward-looking discussion on the issues shaping the market. Moderator [Shan Qureshi](#) (Octus) led panellists [Clare Tanner](#) (K&L Gates), [Kristina Kicks](#) (Interpath) and Ashley Brickles (FTI Consulting) through practical insights and real-world perspectives. A huge thank you to our moderator, panellists and sponsor, K&L Gates, for an engaging and thought-provoking discussion. Post conference drinks (sponsored by Octus) at The Tokenhouse rounded off the success of the conference.

Thank you to all our conference sponsors Paul, Weiss, [Kirkland and Ellis](#), Mishcon de Reya, K&L Gates, [Akin Gump](#), Freshfields, [Allen Overy Shearman Sterling](#), [Baker McKenzie](#), [Clifford Chance](#), [Carey Olsen](#), [CMS](#), [FTI](#), [Grant Thornton](#), Simpson Thacher & Bartlet, [South Square](#) and without which such a conference would not be possible year on year.

London Network

IWIRC London Mentoring Series 2025

The IWIRC Mentoring series for 2025 is aimed at empowering women in the restructuring industry through structured mentoring and coaching. As part of this initiative, we hosted the first of two plenary sessions expertly delivered by Belinda Riley, the former EY Culture, Diversity, Inclusion, and Equality Lead for EMEA and a keynote speaker on DEI. During this session, we explored themes for navigating workplaces as women, in particular how DEI can be leveraged for success in disruptive times. We also established coaching circles consisting of 4-5 participants, each led by a Senior Leader in the industry to foster continuous professional development and relationship building.

Plans for the second plenary are under way where Belinda will discuss ways to lead your career on your own terms – creating a vision for success. This will be held early next year so look out for details coming soon!



Brazil Network

It is with great pride and joy that we share the outstanding results of the 7th IWIRC Brazil's International Conference, held on August 28, 2025, at Casa Bisutti Contemporâneo, in São Paulo.

This year marked a milestone in our journey: We welcomed over 320 participants, with a remarkable 78% women and 22% men, including more than half of our active members.



Attendees joined us from across Brazil and abroad — ranging from the United States to diverse Brazilian states such as São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais, Pernambuco, Paraná, Santa Catarina, Mato Grosso, and the Federal District. The program featured 2 powerful female Keynote Speakers and 7 panels, including 3 international sessions. The 7th IWIRC Brazil Conference confirmed our role as a regional benchmark in insolvency and restructuring, a platform for cutting-edge dialogue, and above all, a community of women and allies driving transformation. We are honored to continue elevating IWIRC's mission and to showcase Brazil as a hub of thought leadership and inclusion in our field.

For us, it is a true honor to carry the IWIRC name across Brazil. We are feeling that our work is now being recognized globally, as we have become the fifth-largest network worldwide in less than 7 years of existence. This achievement reflects not only our growth in numbers but also the strength of our community, our commitment to excellence, and our determination to amplify IWIRC's mission in every corner of our country.



Brazil Network

On August 27th, IWIRC Brazil honored the Prestigious Speakers of the 7th IWIRC Brazil International Conference, with a prior dinner. It was a great opportunity to welcome and bring together over 30 national and international speakers to foster networking and community. We welcomed participants from the United States and various Brazilian states such as São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina, Mato Grosso, and the Federal District.



This event served as a valuable occasion to express gratitude to the speakers for their dedicated contribution to the conference and played a crucial role in strengthening professional networking, providing opportunities for social interaction, and fostering a welcoming and collaborative atmosphere at the outset of the event.

On September 10, 2025, IWIRC Brazil hosted an inspiring luncheon in São Paulo with Leyza Blanco, diving deep into one of the most powerful questions for any professional woman: How can we expand our networks and truly maximize the benefits of being part of IWIRC International?



Leyza spoke about the importance of nurturing authentic connections — reminding us that when opportunities arise, we should always think first of another IWIRC woman. She reinforced how powerful the connection is through the IWIRC website, connecting members around the globe to provide opportunities and highlights the importance of keeping member profiles updated.

Together, we reflected on how to create a more inclusive environment — one that welcomes not only women but also the men who support our mission — and how to encourage our members to engage even more actively in the network that empowers us all.

Dallas/Fort Worth Network

On September 16, 2025, IWIRC DFW hosted an “Aperitivo Hour” at Lyla in Dallas (picture includes one of our local bankruptcy judges, Judge Larson).

On October 13, 2025, IWIRC DFW hosted a pottery class at a local artisan shop, Trade Oak Cliff. Members worked on molding and creating their own coffee cups while enjoying light bites and drinks.



Georgia Network

The IWIRC Georgia Network recently hosted several engaging and well-attended events for the Atlanta restructuring community.

First, the Georgia Network hosted a panel discussion and cocktail reception at the law offices of King & Spalding to explore “The Art of Control: First Day Through Second Day Motions.” The panel discussion was moderated by Judge Jeffery Cavender of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and panelists Katie Good (Potter Anderson & Corroon), Alison Elko Franklin (Greenberg Traurig), and Ashley Ray (Scroggins, Williamson & Ray) shared valuable insights on navigating the critical early stages of chapter 11 cases in various key districts.



Additionally, the Georgia Network hosted its popular Table for 10 dinner series with two small-group dinners attended by six Bankruptcy Judges from the Northern District of Georgia, fostering meaningful dialogue among practitioners and the bench.

Greater Philadelphia Network

Who says networking has to be scary? Our latest get-together proved that sometimes the best events are the simplest ones. The IWIRC Greater Philadelphia Network celebrated spooky season by purchasing a block of tickets to a “Soul Crawl” at Laurel Hill Cemetery located in Philadelphia. Knowledgeable tour guides led us on an after-dark tour of the historic cemetery’s grounds, sharing the storied lives of restless spirits from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The tour was followed by festive beverages around roaring fire pits. By covering tickets and donations for drinks and snacks, we made it easy for members to simply show up, connect, and enjoy a spirited twist on traditional networking.

As part of its ongoing efforts to grow membership, spark interest in the insolvency profession, and enhance diversity within the field, the IWIRC Greater Philadelphia Network also recently hosted a panel event at Temple Law School in Philadelphia. The event was organized in collaboration with several student organizations, including the Women’s Law Caucus, the Black Law Students Association, and the Tax and Bankruptcy Law Society, along with Temple Law’s Career Services Department. The panel featured IWIRC board members and recent graduates who introduced students to restructuring and bankruptcy procedures, highlighted career opportunities in the field, and enthusiastically shared the many benefits of IWIRC membership. The event drew a stellar turnout, with over 30 students in attendance. A similar event is planned at Rutgers Law School in Camden, New Jersey, in November 2025.



Minnesota Network

The IWIRC Minnesota Network hosted a memorable day of boating and networking on August 18, 2025. The event began with an optional lunch, then the group moved to the beautiful waters of Lake Minnetonka for an afternoon of boating, where members enjoyed spectacular lake views while connecting with colleagues aboard a pontoon boat. This complimentary networking opportunity provided a unique and relaxing setting for professional connections on one of Minnesota's most scenic lakes. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our annual sponsors: ASK LLP; Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP; Fredrikson & Byron P.A.; Lathrop GPM LLP; and Maslon LLP. Their continued support makes events like this possible and helps strengthen our professional community.



Minnesota Network

The IWIRC Minnesota Network successfully co-hosted its signature annual wine tasting event with the TMA - Minnesota Chapter Women's Committee on November 10, 2025. This year's theme, "Key Winemaking Choices Impacting Wine Style," took participants on an exciting journey through the art and science of winemaking with expert guides from Sips Ensemble. A highlight of this year's event was the innovative option for attendees to choose their own adventure by selecting either an alcoholic or dealcoholized flight of five wines, making the experience both inclusive and educational. The evening offered wonderful networking opportunities while exploring the fascinating ways winemaking techniques shape the wines we love.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. for providing the perfect venue, to Sips Ensemble for their engaging expertise, to our fantastic co-host the TMA - Minnesota Chapter, and to our IWIRC Minnesota Network 2025 annual sponsors who made this memorable event possible: ASK LLP, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., Lathrop GPM, and Maslon LLP. We can't wait to see everyone at next year's tasting!



Mountain Desert Network

The Mountain Desert Network participated in the Lawyers Teaching for Change program, volunteering in the 5th grade classroom to teach students about the practice of law by conducting a mock trial. The program brings attorney volunteers into the classroom to teach students about the law in hopes of increasing the number of diverse students who enter the practice of law.



New Jersey and Greater Philadelphia Networks

In a joint event this fall, the New Jersey and Greater Philadelphia Area Networks enjoyed a beautiful evening at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, New Jersey. The event was serendipitously curated by our very own Rebecca Earl, bringing the art and sculptures to life by introducing us to their fascinating histories and origins. Our members and guests explored the beautiful sculpture gardens, admiring the art and scenery while connecting with colleagues



across the industry. The Honorable Judge Christine Gravelle even made a surprise appearance. After the park, we enjoyed dinner at the renowned Rat's Restaurant, where we shared stories and reflections on favorite exhibits from the day.

New Jersey Network

This August, members and colleagues of the New Jersey network gathered for an evening of connection and conversation at beautiful Mountain Ridge Country Club. Against a stunning mountain backdrop, attendees enjoyed casual networking, shared professional insights, and—of course—partook in delicious food and drink.

Events like these remind us that meaningful relationships often begin outside of boardrooms and conference calls. The relaxed atmosphere fostered introductions—as the NJ network welcomed new members; and deepened existing connections—as long-time friends caught up over drinks and a setting summer sun.



Love (and laughter) was in the air at IWIRC–NJ’s latest CLE event, The Newlywed Game – Attorney Edition! Legendary bankruptcy attorney duos teamed up to put their knowledge of one another to the test— tackling witty questions about courtroom ethics, legal quirks, and much more. This event, once again, proved that CLEs can be both educational and entertaining!



Northern California Network

In October, IWIRC NorCal hosted two events to bring together women from across the Bay Area's insolvency and restructuring community. Members and non-members enjoyed a private tour of the James R. Browning U.S. Courthouse in San Francisco and an outing to the San Francisco Botanical Gardens. We extend our appreciation to Alvarez & Marsal for sponsoring our tour of the Ninth Circuit's headquarters.



Ontario Network

On May 24, 2025, members of the IWIRC Ontario board, along with friends and family, proudly participated in the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's Together. Their team raised over \$1,600 in support of this meaningful cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

On August 27, IWIRC Ontario had the pleasure of hosting our 2025 Summer Social at Beerbistro. The night was filled with meaningful conversations, laughter, and great company.

On September 8, 2025, IWIRC Ontario was proud to be the Networking Break Sponsor at the CAIRP Exchange in Toronto! It was a fantastic opportunity to support CAIRP and connect with professionals across the insolvency and restructuring community. We were thrilled to share more about IWIRC Ontario and our mission to foster meaningful connections within the industry.

Puerto Rico Network

Napa Uncorked: A Tasting Experience with IWIRC Puerto Rico

IWIRC Puerto Rico recently hosted “Napa Uncorked: A Tasting Experience,” an evening dedicated to the art of wine appreciation and networking. The event took place at El Hórreo de V. Suárez and featured a guided tasting led by Sommelier Eduardo J. Lleras.

Members and guests enjoyed a curated selection of exceptional wines from Rombauer, Orin Swift and Pahlmeyer — prominent Californian wineries and part of E. & J. Gallo Winery’s Luxury Portfolio. The selection showcased the diversity and character of Napa Valley: crisp, aromatic whites and rich, full-bodied reds.

Beyond the wines, the evening offered members a chance to connect and unwind in a relaxed and elegant setting. Notable guests included members of the judiciary.

Napa Uncorked was a celebration of great wine, great company, and IWIRC Puerto Rico’s growing community.



Washington DC Network

Another DC Summer comes to an end.

In July 2025, the DC Network got together for a fun networking happy hour at Ciel Social Club in downtown DC. This beautiful speakeasy gave the members a relaxed evening with great evening views of the city! It was a great opportunity for everyone to re-connect with each other and meet new members to the Network!

In August 2025, our friends at Snell & Wilmer hosted a Paint & Sip for our members. The group had an excellent time getting to show off their creative sides with summertime flowers! Who knew there were such talented artists in our Network?!

Looking forward to our upcoming fall and holiday events! Shout out to our Programming Committee for all of their planning and hard work to make these events happen!

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