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The Power of Connection: IWIRC New Jersey Celebrates a Member Success Story

One of the greatest strengths of IWIRC lies in its ability to create opportunities through genuine connection. Recently, the New Jersey Network saw this in action when Shefali Kotta's professional journey took an exciting turn.

Shefali attended the New Jersey Network's Summer Happy Hour at Mountain Ridge Country Club, and was her normal, affable self. She mingled with fellow IWIRC members and professional colleagues, enjoying the relaxed atmosphere of the event and the stunning scenery. When she crossed paths with friend and fellow IWIRC member, Becca Earl, what began as a simple conversation quickly became a bridge to Shefali's next role.



Shefali is not new to the profession. She's been a successful, practicing attorney for 7 years, an IWIRC member for 3 years, and has been on the board of the New Jersey Network for 2 years. Driven to redefine her next chapter, Shefali decided to expand on her knowledge of bankruptcy law before returning to firm life. Having clerked for a state court judge out of law school, she knew that a bankruptcy clerkship could provide an invaluable education and lead to future opportunities. She also knew that clerkships are coveted positions, often secured years in advance.

Over cocktails, Shefali sought insight from Becca, who is a career clerk for a bankruptcy judge in the District of New Jersey. Shefali expressed her willingness to be patient and her realistic expectation that a position may not become available for years. Unbeknownst to Shefali, the New Jersey bankruptcy court had, only days before, secured special funding for a new term clerk position. Becca advised of the opportunity and—a resume and 3 references later—Shefali was hired. Mere weeks after confiding in another IWIRC member, Shefali started her new position as term clerk for the Hon. Michael B. Kaplan in one of the busiest bankruptcy courts in the country where she will undoubtedly thrive and grow as a bankruptcy professional.

Shefali's story is more than just a career transition—it's a reminder of what happens when women have a community where they feel safe enough to have honest conversations and openly discuss career goals, and powerful enough to champion each other. IWIRC provides that type of community. To be clear, Shefali secured the position because she was supremely qualified. There is no substitute for hard work and personal skills. But success is harder to achieve—and certainly less fun to celebrate—without support and a network. IWIRC provides those tools through a community full of women who can offer guidance, open doors, and who genuinely and regularly invest in each other's success.

The IWIRC New Jersey Network extends its warmest congratulations to Shefali Kotta on her new role and continued success! We also want to thank IWIRC and its members for helping create this safe space for women to be connected, be informed, and be inspired; and hope this success story serves as a reminder that one meaningful connection can make all the difference.



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Lauren P. Berret, JD, CPA, Co-Chair of the IWIRC Greater Philadelphia Network, was promoted to Managing Director within EisnerAmper's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Services Group.

David Chew (Partner, DHC Capital) published a thought leadership publication titled, "Super Priority Rescue Financing: Singapore Perspective." Read it [here](#).

Lucy Dale was promoted to Associate Director at Grant Thornton UK.

Jeffrey Goetz (Dickinson Bradshaw Fowler & Hagen, PC.) published an article in the September issue of the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) Journal, which discusses whether the Medicaid Provider Assessments used by states to trigger a federal Medicaid funding "match" for nursing homes and hospitals is a regulatory fee or priority tax debt in bankruptcy.

Rebecca Redwine Grow was appointed as Chair of the Eastern District of North Carolina Bankruptcy Court's Local Rules committee.

Hon. Elizabeth Gunn received the 2025 Kathryn Heidt Award from the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bar Association.

Marina Hadjisoteriou moved to Patrikios Legal.

Eshna Kumar is founder of Chambers of Eshna Kumar, which was awarded the Best Litigation Law Chambers - North India by APAC Insider, United Kingdom.

Amy Denton Mayer, Chair of IWIRC's Florida Network, joined Berger Singerman LLP as a partner on the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Team.

Ross McLeod moved to Kobre & Kim.

Jennifer Meyerowitz has officially been designated as a Certified Turnaround Professional (CTP), accredited by the Turnaround Management Association. Jennifer was also inducted into the AIRA-Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors' Distinguished Fellows Class of 2025.

Antonia Mottironi was elected to the Board of the SchKG-Vereinigung / Association LP (Swiss Association for Debt Collection and Bankruptcy Law).

Maria On joined Stephenson Harwood's Hong Kong team.

Dayanna Parra Woodall recently received her LLM. Dayanna obtained her law degree from Colombia. While working towards her LLM, she interned for the Honorable Judge Elizabeth L. Gunn. Dayanna has now taken a Law Clerk position with Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt LLP. IWIRC DC is incredibly proud of Dayanna's accomplishments!

Stacey Phipps moved to Cooper Associates Accountants Limited to launch their insolvency division.

Bailey C. Pompea moved to Michael Best & Friedrich, LLP.

Cynthia Siu was promoted to Director at KPMG.

Maria Staiano-Kolaitis moved to Paul Hastings.

Doroteya Wozniak moved to Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP.

Anna Wright was promoted to Forensic & Restructuring Manager at Grant Thornton UK.

Anne Zoltani published an article on the [Finality of Orders Denying Confirmation of Chapter 11 Plans](#) in the August 2025 issue of the ABI Journal.

The IWIRC UNCITRAL Committee collaboratively worked with the UNCITRAL Working Group V secretariat to prepare for a colloquium on possible updates to the Guide to Enactment to the Cross Border Model Law. The committee would like to thank all those members who contributed and let members know that the Secretariat was very appreciative of our expertise and assistance.

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