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Leslie Berkoff and Theresa Driscoll, partners at Moritt Hock & Hamroff, were recently recognized by Lawdragon as leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers for 2024.

Lauren P. Berret, Director in EisnerAmper's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Services Group, and co-chair of the IWIRC Greater Philadelphia Network, was selected as the Turnaround Management Association's 2024 Emerging Leader.

David Chew, Partner at DHC Capital, published a report titled, "[South East Asian Private Credit - Trends, Opportunities, Future Outlook and Investment Strategies in Distressed Situations.](#)" In this report, he examines the key trends, investment opportunities and outlook of private credit in the region and the investment strategies in a down-market.

Frances Coulson was recently honored as a 2024 IWIRC Hall of Fame inductee in Washington, DC in April. She has since celebrated 40 years in the industry. She recently remarked on her challenging but rewarding career noting, "Many clients and colleagues including competitors are close friends. Helping directors and entities in distress, suing fraudulent and misfeasant directors, lobbying government for change, and promoting the excellent English rescue regime and diversity has been, and continues to be amazing. When I started women couldn't wear trousers, now in many businesses they do so figuratively as well as actually, though there is still a fair way to go." Frances continues to be involved in the industry looks forward to serving as President of INSOL Europe in 2025-26.

Lucy Dale, Grant Thornton UK LLP, passed her IPA Certificate of Proficiency in Insolvency exam with a Merit and with first place in Scotland.

Maria DeOliveira joined Brown Rudnick as an associate in the Bankruptcy Litigation and Litigation & Arbitration practice groups. Maria was also recently appointed by the NJ Supreme Court to the District VA Fee Arbitration Committee.

Neema Griffin, who serves as Co-Chair of Sponsorship of the Cayman Islands network, was promoted to Managing Director, continuing her role as an appointment taking insolvency practitioner with Teneo.

Joel Cohen, Stout Risius Ross, LLC, co-authored an article published in Bloomberg Law titled, [“Impacts of Cannabis Rescheduling on Bankruptcy.”](#)

Gillian Johnston, Alvarez & Marsal, was appointed co-chair of the Scotland network on 1 August 2024, replacing **Elaine Petterson** who is now a committee member at large. Elaine was instrumental in establishing the IWIRC Scotland Network and we extend many thanks to her.

Suzanne Koeing, SAK Healthcare, has been appointed as the Patient Care Ombudsman in the Steward Health Care System bankruptcy cases pending in United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas. Ms. Koenig has also recently been appointed a receiver for senior housing communities in several state and federal cases in Illinois (Woodstock Christina Life Services d/b/a Hearthstone Communities), Georgia (Marshall Pines), and Washington (The Kenney). Ms. Koenig was recently interviewed by Steve Moran on Senior Living Foresight, along with Cindy Marino of SAK Healthcare, and Severine Petras, CEO of Priority Life Care, about what it means to be a patient care ombudsman of healthcare facilities in the bankruptcy process.

Candice Kline was appointed as an assistant professor of law at the University of Toledo College of Law in Toledo, Ohio. She will teach business bankruptcy in Fall 2024 and corporate law courses in Spring 2025. Candice is licensed in Illinois and Ohio and will continue her law practice as of counsel with Saul Ewing LLP.

Jennifer Meyerowitz, Chief Growth Officer and General Counsel of SAK Healthcare, recently spoke on a panel at a Commercial Receiver’s Association event in Atlanta, Georgia on August 27 about her experiences serving as an operator and a receiver in healthcare receivership engagements. She will also be speaking at the ABI Midwest Conference in Kansas City on October 24 on “Underperforming and Nonperforming Health Care Facilities.”

Gavern Mitchell was a panelist at the 21st Annual Caribbean Commercial Law Workshop which was held at the Hyatt Regency in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. The theme of the 2024 Workshop was “Corporate and Commercial Law: New and Emerging Technologies.” Ms. Mitchell presented on “Regulating Financial Law in the Age of Fintech” with Daniel M. Coyle, a partner at Sequor Law. The panel was moderated by Dr. Erskine Burke, Deputy Dean at the University of the West Indies.



Gavern Mitchell

Jill Nicholson recently joined Denton’s Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy practice as a partner resident in its Chicago office. Nicholson brings extensive experience in commercial bankruptcy and insolvency matters, creditors’ rights, out-of-court workouts and restructurings, and complex multidistrict financial services litigation.

Nicola Rollings started a new role as Restructuring Senior Manager at Johnston Carmichael.

Juliana Sato, Vice-Chair of IWIRC Brazil, is moving to El Salvador to take on new challenges as Head of Structured Debt and Digital Assets at eNor Securities. She is eager to provide additional support in the development of IWIRC in Central America.

Roopa Somasundaran joined MRP Advisory as AVP - Business Strategies & Operations (India).

Joyce Thomson, Interpath, of IWIRC Scotland successfully obtained her insolvency licence. Her corporate simplification role will see her accepting solvent liquidation appointments.

Allison Yager, an attorney in the Insolvency and Restructuring department at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Chicago, was promoted to partner effective as of September 1, 2024.

Beyond Work and IWIRC

The IWIRC Communications Committee is launching the “Beyond Work and IWIRC” initiative to learn more about IWIRC members.

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