

Agenda – April 23, 2026

Navigating Difficult Dynamics: Communication and Negotiation when Restructuring Turns Contentious

9:00 - 10:20 AM

When deals get heated and tensions rise, how do you keep the conversation moving toward resolution? This session uncovers the power of strategy, tone, and timing in high-stakes negotiations. Panelists will share stories from the trenches and practical tactics for turning conflict into progress. Attendees will gain actionable strategies to guide restructurings toward sustainable solutions.

Hon. Shelley Chapman, Judge/Attorney, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
Ashley Ray, Attorney, Scroggins, Williamson & Ray PC
Lauren Tang, Attorney, Virtus Law LLP
Michelle Pickett, Financial Advisor, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Break

10:20 – 10:30 AM

Fiduciary Crossroads: Director Duties in the Zone of Insolvency

10:30 – 11:30 AM

This panel delves into the complex terrain directors navigate when a business approaches and enters the zone of insolvency and the challenges that professionals may encounter in advising companies and/or directors in these circumstances. Panelists will share their insights, experiences, and practical advice regarding shifting fiduciary duties, risk mitigation strategies, and best practices in navigating issues and claims related to director obligations in times of distress.

Leanne Gould, Financial Advisor, Gould Consulting Services
Lauren Berret, Financial Advisor, Eisner Advisory Group LLC
Monique DiSabatino, Attorney, Saul Ewing LLP
Michelle Dreyer, Financial Advisor, CSC
Monika Lorenzo-Perez, Attorney, Squire Patton Boggs (UK) LLP

Break

11:30 – 11:45 AM



**International Women's Insolvency
& Restructuring Confederation
2026 IWIRC at ABI Conference
April 22-23, 2026**

Discovery in Distress: Investigative Tools for Restructuring and Insolvency Professionals

11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Bankrupt but Not Broke? Discovery Tells the Story: From Rule 2004 examinations to cross-border e-discovery, this panel will provide a practical discussion on how effective discovery uncovers assets, exposes misconduct, and results in recovery for creditors.

Laura Miller, Attorney, Seward & Kissel LLP

Sarah Hawco, Accountant, Hawco Peters & Associates Inc.

Christina Ter-Gevorkian, Accountant, BRG

Liz Boydston, Attorney, Thompson Coburn LLP

Blanche Zelmanovich, Underwater Advisors LLC