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# Network News

## Japan Network

### “Exit from Overseas Operations Panel”

On November 14, 2025, the Japan Network held a panel discussion on the theme “Exit from Overseas Operations” at Anderson Mori & Tomotsune.

During the panel discussion, IWIRC members, Marie Tanaka, Ayaka Seki, and Kyoko Eguchi, along with financial advisors and a professional from a financial institution specializing in business restructuring, explored practical challenges and key considerations Japanese companies face when exiting from overseas operations.



We had approximately 50 participants, including both IWIRC members and non-members. We also held a networking reception, providing an excellent opportunity for further interactions.

The Japan Network will continue to organize insightful events in the future.

### Lunch with IWIRC Chair

In November 2025, some members of the Japan Network enjoyed a delightful lunch with Ms. Eloise Matsui, Chair of IWIRC. We shared a delicious meal and engaged in a fruitful discussion, including the exchange of potential event ideas.

The Japan Network is always eager to explore opportunities to connect with members from other IWIRC networks. If you plan to travel to Tokyo, please feel free to reach out to us!



# London Network

The London Network hosted their 2025 Christmas Party at the most fabulous of venues at Engel Bar, Royal Exchange. It was wonderful to see so many in the profession for the end of year festivities, and to toast 2025's adventures.



## Brazil Network

The Brazil Network organized a distribution of essential food supplies to Lar do Alvorecer, a well-established institution dedicated to providing daytime care and support to vulnerable children. Operating primarily in Diadema, São Paulo, the organization serves around 250 children each day, meeting essential needs, such as nutrition, safety and protection.



The Brazil Network and CMR – Centro de Mulheres na Reestruturação Empresarial also hosted the event “Retrospective 2025 – IWIRC feat. CMR” at the office of Veirano Advogados in Rio de Janeiro. Open to IWIRC members and the broader community, the program featured panelists from both organizations, esteemed guest speakers, and Board representatives who explored key legal developments and leadership strategies for times of crisis. The evening also highlighted a charitable initiative in support of Casa de Apoio à Criança com Câncer Santa Teresa in Rio de Janeiro, and culminated in a networking dinner. This event provided a valuable platform for the sharing experiences and the strengthening of professional connections.



## Brazil Network

To close the year, the Brazil Network and CMR – Centro de Mulheres na Reestruturação Empresarial held their End-of-Year Celebration – an evening of music, engaging conversations and camaraderie, celebrating the achievements of 2025, and strengthening our network in an inspiring and welcoming environment.

In addition, members in Belo Horizonte gathered for a uniquely creative experience centered on art and relaxation. The evening featured a ceramic painting workshop guided by the instructors from Café Estúdio Tinta La Vida, where participants explored techniques, exchanged inspirations, and brought their own creations to life. It was a memorable occasion marked by creativity, connection and meaningful conversation.



## Latin America Network

The Latin America Network is pleased to announce the release of the third edition of *Insolvency Now*, our legal journal focused on insolvency, restructuring, and corporate turnaround in Latin America.

This edition brings together contributions from the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Brazil, and El Salvador, offering a comparative perspective on key topics such as debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing, insolvency law developments, early warning mechanisms, the COMI debate, corporate turnaround strategies, and tokenization in restructuring processes.

We sincerely thank the authors for their valuable contributions, as well as IWIRC International for its continued support of this editorial initiative, which promotes knowledge sharing and highlights women's leadership in the field of insolvency and restructuring.



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## Dallas/Fort Worth Network

The Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) Network hosted its Annual Holiday Party at the Zodiac Room at Neiman Marcus in downtown Dallas. As part of the celebration, they made special holiday sweatshirts saying "I...Declare... Bankruptcy!", which were designed by their 2025 Chair, Alex Rahn.



On February 11, 2026, the DFW Network hosted a Galentine's Day event at the Perch in Dallas. Members created custom Valentine's Day cards and picture frames while enjoying light bites and drinks.



## Georgia Network

The Georgia Network hosted a Holiday Party on December 18, 2025, as they gathered for their last event of 2025.



## Houston Network

The Houston Network hosted their 2025 Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 4, 2025 at the JW Marriott Houston Downtown.



Left: The Executive Board including Megan Young-John, Sara Keith, Rachel Kubanda, Kelli Norfleet, Elizabeth Guffy, Jennifer Hardy, Emma Myles, Re'Necia Sherald, and Michelle Friery.

## KIT and Carolinas Networks

The KIT and Carolinas Networks had their annual networking event at the Omni Grove Park Inn & Spa in Asheville, North Carolina.



## Minnesota Network

The Minnesota Network concluded 2025 with its annual charity gift wrapping event on December 10, 2025, at Bauhaus Brew Labs in Minneapolis. Eight members came together to wrap gifts for two local families the network adopted for the holidays, blending meaningful community service with networking. Members contributed funds to purchase gifts and gathered to wrap them together. The event was both fun and purposeful, reflecting the Minnesota Network's dedication to supporting our community while fostering professional connections. We thank our 2025 annual sponsors, ASK LLP, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., Lathrop GPM LLP, and Maslon LLP, for making the year's programming and events possible.



## New England Network

On December 12, 2025, the New England Network hosted their annual holiday lunch and the Second Annual Sheila Smith Speaker Series at Ocean Prime in Boston. In addition to the lunch, Carolyn Manning, Vice President, Marketing & Business Development at The Brattle Group led an interactive program in honor of Sheila's legacy of promoting and elevating restructuring professionals. Her presentation entitled, "Bankruptcy Branding Bingo," was a fun, hands-on experience focused on professional visibility and business development. In honor of Sheila, attendees were asked to bring gently used pocketbooks and toiletries to be donated to a local domestic violence shelter. The Network is pleased to report that they collected approximately 50 purses. The winners of the Bankruptcy Branding Bingo also received purses as prizes.



## New York Network

The New York Network hosted a Sponsor Appreciation Event at the Mia Wagner Salon in New York City on December 3, 2025. A few members from each of the sponsor firms were invited to network at the salon in-between complimentary services, including blowouts, massages, eyebrow shaping, and manicures. It was a huge success!



The Network kicked off 2026 in the sweetest way, celebrating Galentine's Day with the incredible women of the New York Network at Olfactory NYC.

For our first event of the year, we blended creativity and connection, crafting custom perfumes while strengthening the relationships that make this network so special. Thank you to everyone who joined us to make this event such a memorable one. Here's to a year of collaboration, growth, and continued support within this amazing community



## Northern California Network

The Northern California Network hosted a holiday lunch on December 10, 2025.



## Ontario Network

On November 13, 2025, the Ontario Network held a cross border insolvency program featuring Delaware Bankruptcy Judges Horan and Stickles, and Justices Kimmel and Dietrich from Ontario, bringing together practitioners from Delaware, Toronto, and across the region both in-person and virtually.

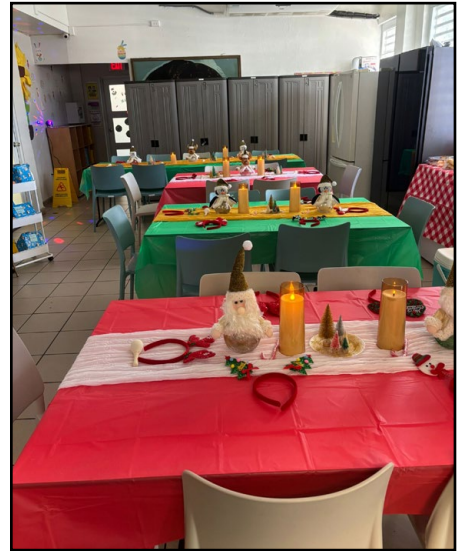
On November 25, 2025, the Ontario Network hosted its annual Afternoon Tea at the Windsor Arms Hotel. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect, share ideas, and enjoy a truly memorable experience for all who attended.

This year, we were proud to once again partner with St. Vincent de Paul, supporting their important work through generous cash contributions and donations of essential hygiene items. Their commitment to helping our neighbours in need continues to inspire our community, and we are grateful for the opportunity to contribute. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the event so special!



## Puerto Rico Network

On December 19, 2025, the Puerto Rico Network was honored to partner for the second time with Casa Protegida Julia de Burgos, a domestic violence shelter and support organization serving women and children, for a Christmas luncheon and donation drive. With the generous support of the Puerto Rico Network community, more than thirty boxes of clothing, toys, and personal hygiene items were collected and delivered to the shelter.



## Virginia Network

On December 4, 2025, the Virginia Network hosted a Holiday Party at Celladora Wines, a local woman-owned and operated wine shop in Richmond, VA.



Back: Mary Lake (Programming Co-Chair), Doug Foley, Lynn Tavenner, Haley Magel, Katie Usera (Treasurer), Angela Scolforo, Shannon Morgan; Front: Lok Lam, Rachel Greenleaf (Chair)

## Western Canada Network

Members of the Western Canada Network gathered in Vancouver to begin the holiday season with a wreath making workshop.



## Western Pennsylvania Network

The Western Pennsylvania Network held their annual Holiday Tea on December 17, 2025 at the Duquesne Club in Pittsburgh, PA. Members shared a festive meal and toasted to 2025, and the year ahead!

Members also enjoyed dinner and trivia in celebration of Galentine's Day on February 12, 2026. Attendees were challenged with trivia questions covering female forward sports, history, and pop culture! A team of IWIRC members emerged as the Trivia Champions, earning both bragging rights and bottles of wine. The Network is already looking ahead to continuing this fun tradition next year.



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