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# Network News

## India Network

### A Meaningful Women's Day Celebration by the India Network

The India Network successfully concluded its Women's Day special session on "Stress Management for Legal Professionals" with Samarjit Sinha at Areness Law Office, New Delhi.

The interactive session brought together members, young professionals, and students for an insightful discussion on managing stress, building resilience, and cultivating mental clarity in the demanding legal profession.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the session engaging and impactful.



## Midlands and North of England Network

The North West Sub-Committee of the Midlands & North of England Network held a Wednesday Walk in Manchester on 13 May 2026.



## Latin America Network

The Latin America Network, in partnership with the Mexico Network, is sponsoring the LATAM Regional Seminar to be held in Mexico City on September 21, 2026, organized by the International Insolvency Institute. We invite all IWIRC members to register for this event, which will bring together leading speakers from across the region. [Learn more here!](#)

# Cayman Islands Network

## 20 March 2026 – IWIRC Breakfast

We were especially honoured to welcome and hear from Ania Milanowska from the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre (CICC), the Cayman Islands Network’s charity partner for 2026. Ania provided important insights on the work CICC does to support women and families in our community during times of crisis. It was a meaningful reminder of the impact that advocacy, support, and safe spaces can have.

During the breakfast, IWIRC members contributed to a clothing drive for the CICC.



## 25 March 2026 – Technical Session

The Cayman Islands Network hosted its first technical panel of 2026, followed by networking drinks. The panel explored the most prominent issues and trends shaping the insolvency and restructuring landscape in 2025, as well as the key themes set to define 2026. The fantastic panel featured three Cayman Islands lawyers and two insolvency professionals.



# Cayman Islands Network

## 9 April 2026 – IWIRC’s Afternoon Tea

The Cayman Islands Network hosted its annual afternoon tea at the Ritz Carlton – a perfect setting for thoughtful conversation, connection and reflection exclusively for our members. It was fantastic to see so many members come together and engage so openly on topics that really matter. Each table was guided by conversation prompts covering everything from defining career moments and leadership, to visibility, confidence and balancing ambition with wellbeing.



## Partnership with the Aim Higher Programme

The Cayman Islands Network has once again been a proud supporter of the Aim Higher programme, which is designed to give Year 10 students at John Gray High School some added help during the final stages of their schooling. The Cayman Islands Network sponsors a series of private Math tutoring sessions which are offered to students that have an excellent attitude to learning but who need some additional support during the all-important approach to their final exams. Through the sale of raffle tickets and the Cayman Islands Network’s own contribution, CI\$7,850 was raised for this good cause.

## Dallas/Fort Worth Network

On April 8, 2026, the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) Network hosted a Sushi Rolling and Saki Tasting event at Musume Dallas. Members learned how to roll their own sushi and about the variations of saki through a guided tasting.



On April 30, 2026, the DFW Network co-hosted with TMA DFW NOW a High Tea at the Joule Hotel in Downtown Dallas.



## Georgia Network

The Georgia Network hosted a panel event, “Leadership through Mentorship: Women in Restructuring & Consulting” on April 30, 2026, featuring moderator, Allison McGregor (Greenberg Traurig LLP) and panelists, Alison Miller (Omni Agent Solutions & Girls Just Wanna Have Funds), Cyndi Joiner (Alvarez & Marsal), and Leah McNeill (Alston & Bird LLP). The panel facilitated a meaningful and engaging conversation, which highlighted the real impact mentorship can have on shaping careers in restructuring and consulting. The panelists offered honest insights and practical advice throughout. Topics discussed included what makes a mentor / mentee relationship successful, what types of mentors you should have, the differences between mentors, sponsors, and coaches, and much more.



## Greater Philadelphia Network

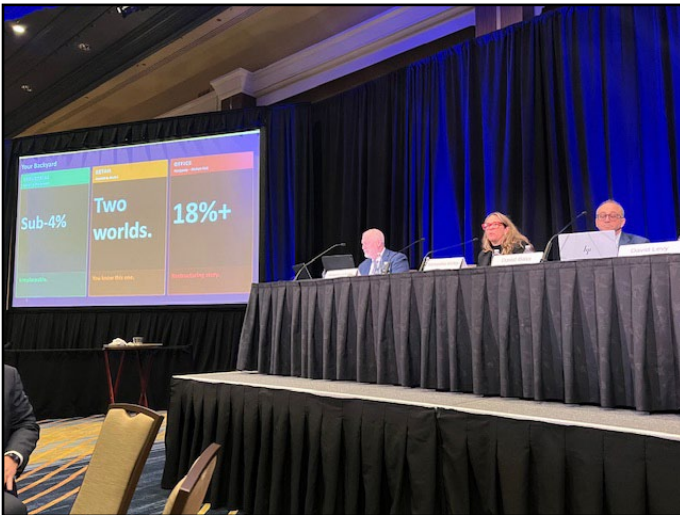
On March 26, 2026, the Greater Philadelphia Network returned to The Dandelion for our annual Afternoon Tea – this British-inspired pub is always the perfect setting for one of our network’s most anticipated events. Attendees enjoyed tea, cocktails, and a classic mix of sweet and savory fare while engaging in meaningful conversation, meeting new people, and sharing stories in an intimate space designed to bring people together. Fascinators and tea party hats made a strong showing, while this year’s prizes added a twist: Revolutionary War-themed books with an emphasis on women’s perspectives, wrapped to resemble tea bags, offering a preview of our upcoming event at the Museum of the American Revolution, where guided tours will spotlight the often-overlooked contributions of women during the war. A well-attended room of professionals, judges, clerks, and students made for an afternoon that felt as engaging as it was on-brand.



This year, the Greater Philadelphia Network launched its First Annual Women’s March Madness Bracket Challenge, an initiative led by board member Samantha Kelley and generously sponsored by Tranzon. Over 65 brackets were submitted, with participants representing IWIRC networks across the country and supporters of all backgrounds and genders. The challenge also raised over \$700 in support of our network’s new ‘Be Inspired’ Fund, supporting student-focused programming, scholarships, and other initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion and help reduce barriers to entry into the industry. More than a competition, the challenge highlighted women’s sports and created a new way for members to engage.

## Greater Philadelphia Network

We were proud to have several members represent the Greater Philadelphia Network as speakers at this year's Honorable William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, hosted by the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey at the Hard Rock Hotel in Atlantic City. The Greater Philadelphia Network board member Samantha Kelley (Tranzon Auction Properties) led the first panel of the day with an informative program on the "Landscape of the Real Estate Market". Co-Chair Lauren Berret (Eisner Advisory Group LLC) led a vibrant discussion detailing the "Issues Facing Healthcare Provider Bankruptcy Cases." And Vice Chair Rebecca A. Earl (Career Clerk to the Honorable Michael B. Kaplan) moderated an informative and illustrative program on "Practical Tools and Strategies for Lien Avoidance." Through these engaging sessions—and by offering their thoughtful perspectives—these Greater Philadelphia Network members highlighted the strength, talent, and leadership within our small network and the IWIRC organization, as a whole. The Greater Philadelphia Network is honored to have so many of its members recognized as trusted voices and leaders at this prestigious event; and celebrates this as a victory in our shared goal of supporting and advancing women in the profession.



## Midwest Network

### Great 2025 Membership Drive by the Midwest Network

Many Midwest Network members including Kristin Krueger, the Midwest Network Membership Committee Chair, completed an outstanding IWIRC membership drive in 2025. Thirteen new members joined the Midwest Network, which covers seven states in the Midwest of the United States from North Dakota to Arkansas.

The Midwest Network attributes its success to personal member contact with potential members. All members were encouraged to recruit at least one new bankruptcy professional. This effort will be repeated in 2026 along with reaching out to bankruptcy students in law schools.

## Minnesota Network

On March 18, 2026, the Minnesota Network attended an ice hockey game played by the Minnesota Frost of the Professional Women's Hockey League. The Minnesota Frost beat the Ottawa Charge 5-0. It was an exciting game as Taylor Heise (U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist) scored a goal within the first 30 seconds of the game. The event had 15 attendees total. It was a family friendly event, with some partners and children joining in on the fun.



## New Jersey Network

The New Jersey Network hosted a Galentine's Golf Recruiting Event on March 24, 2026, at Florham Park Golf Club in Florham Park, New Jersey. The evening brought together members and prospective members for a fun night of golf, networking, and great conversation, along with a little friendly competition. The event provided a wonderful opportunity to connect, strengthen existing relationships, and introduce new professionals to the New Jersey Network community.



The New Jersey Network and the Essex County Bar Association hosted a CLE program on the topic of Chapter 11 Subchapter V on April 8, 2026, at Lowenstein Sandler LLP in Roseland, New Jersey. The program panel included Judge Stacey L. Meisel of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, Sari Placona, Member at McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Don W. Clarke, Partner at Genova Burns, LLC and Sam Della Ferra, Member at Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC. The panel explored the benefits of Subchapter V, eligibility requirements, the role of the Subchapter V trustee, the plan confirmation process and recent cases.

Members of the New Jersey Network made a powerful impact at this year's Honorable William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, hosted by the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey at the Hard Rock Hotel in Atlantic City. Despite the relatively small size of the New Jersey Network, six of its members presented and shared their expertise on panels across multiple sessions; and many more members attended the event. Kelly D. Curtin (Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.) spoke at the opening evidentiary panel in a program titled: "PROVE IT TO ME – I DARE YOU". The New Jersey Network's co-chair Sari Placona (McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC) is also the Bankruptcy Committee Chair for the Association that hosted the event and gave introductory remarks. Rebecca A. Earl (Career Clerk to the Honorable Michael B. Kaplan) moderated an informative and illustrative program on "Practical Tools and Strategies for Lien Avoidance." Tara Schellhorn (Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.), who is the Bankruptcy Committee Vice-Chair and lead the Bench Bar Planning Committee, introduced one of the afternoon panels. Finally, junior associates Carolyn Gauvin (Lowenstein Sandler LLP) and Amanda Simone (Connell Foley LLP) introduced controversial cases to a panel of distinguished judges in the send-off plenary session: "The Great Debate."

## New Jersey Network

Having so many of our members participate meaningfully in this state-wide event not only highlights the depth of talent within our organization, but also reinforces our commitment to empowering women as thought leaders and influential figures. The New Jersey Network is proud to celebrate these members for representing our organization with excellence and for continuing to inspire others across the state.



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