

Session Name	Session Start Date/Time	End Date/Time	Description	Session Location	Speakers
IWIRC Network Chair Working Group Session	9/16/2025 13:15	9/16/2025 14:45	All Network Chairs are invited to attend this meeting. If a Network Chair is not able to attend, a representative from the local Network Board can be designated to attend. There will not be a virtual option available for this meeting.	L2 - Water Tower AB	
IWIRC Board of Directors Working Group Session	9/16/2025 15:00	9/16/2025 16:30	IWIRC Officers, Management Committee, Board of Directors and Advisory Council are invited to attend this meeting. There will not be a virtual option available for this meeting.	L2 - Water Tower AB	
IWIRC New Member Reception	9/16/2025 16:30	9/16/2025 17:30	The IWIRC Membership committee is pleased to invite new members since October 2024 and new conference attendees (IWIRC members who have not previously attended an IWIRC International conference) over cocktails before heading to the IWIRC Opening/Judges reception as a group. The reception will be held at Duneyrr Wine and Beer Company (pronounced like junior with a “D”), a Belgian and Nordic inspired brewery with exploratory wines. Our event will be held on the second floor of Duneyrr, on Chicago's historic Motor Row, a half mile from the Opening Reception.	Duneyrr Wine and Beer Company,	
Opening Reception	9/16/2025 17:30	9/16/2025 20:30	Join IWIRC members and our invited guests, the judges attending NCBJ, for networking at the American Book Company building (accessible from the main conference venue the Marriott Marquis) from 5:30-7 pm. Stick around for a joint event cohosted by IWIRC Chicago where you will be entertained by the modern band littlebirds, featuring the vocal stylings of Chicago IWIRC member and AlixPartners SVP Michelle Meyer. The band will rock from 7:00 – 8:30 pm – you won’t want to miss it!	American Book Company,	
Registration, Networking, and Full Breakfast Buffet	9/17/2025 8:00	9/17/2025 8:30	Start the day off right with a good breakfast and excellent networking - the first panel starts at 8:30 am.		
Pitch Perfect: Getting the Green Light	9/17/2025 8:30	9/17/2025 10:00	This panel will explore all angles of preparing for and executing a perfect pitch, applicable for all experience levels and industries. Panelists will address steps to getting an introduction, crafting a pitch that hits the right notes for the potential client, assembling the right team for the pitch, and lessons learned from past pitches (successful and unsuccessful). Attendees can expect to leave the panel with practical tips to use in their next introduction or pitch experience.	L4 - Grand Horizon A	Rachel Biblo Block Hannah Gethin Marjorie Kaufman Kathryn B. McGlynn Julie M. Murphy
Coffee/Networking Break	9/17/2025 10:00	9/17/2025 10:15			

Bot or Not: Code, Courts, and Creditors	9/17/2025 10:15	9/17/2025 11:35	The panel will examine the impact of AI on the insolvency and legal professions from multiple perspectives. It will consider the challenges that can arise when managing AI companies in bankruptcy, including the complexities surrounding asset valuation, and the development of the regulatory landscape. The panel will also look at the use of AI by professionals in the industry, how AI as a tool can help or hinder their work, the ethical issues that can arise in its use and its potential impact on the future of the sector and beyond. In addition to the humans, AI will be joining the panel as a guest speaker to offer its views.	L4 - Grand Horizon A	Alexia Adda Shira A. Baratz M. Natasha Labovitz Julia Marshall Tamar Terzian
Coffee/Networking Break	9/17/2025 11:35	9/17/2025 11:45			
Code Blue: Checking the Pulse on Health Care Filings	9/17/2025 11:50	9/17/2025 12:45	This panel will address certain growing concerns within the healthcare industry both inside and outside of bankruptcy court. In the bankruptcy context, health care providers, manufacturers and hospitals face a level of scrutiny not present in most other industries. Healthcare matters are particularly sensitive given the potential impact on patient care, and as a result, interested parties try to achieve a quick resolution in bankruptcy while balancing the needs of patients, the community, staffing and creditors. Likewise, funding is a critical part of these complex issues. A case study of Steward Health Care System will tie these concepts together, including staffing issues, financing, the role of the ombudsman, and administrative insolvency. Finally, we will also look at options outside of bankruptcy, in particular receiverships.	L4 - Grand Horizon A	Terri Jane Freedman Emily Keil Suzanne Koenig Laura Lukehart
IWIRC Dine-Around	9/17/2025 12:45	9/17/2025 14:00	After enjoying a a great day of educational sessions, attendees can grab lunch where they wish. We recommend the highly-rated food court at the hotel but feel free to stray out to the city. Not a traditional dine-around where we organize lunch options for you.		
Slice of Chicago Pizza Food Tour Intermezzo	9/17/2025 13:00	9/17/2025 15:30	See Chicago one slice at a time! Join Chicago Pizza Tours, for a can't miss experience. The tour bus will pick up at The Marriott Marquis lobby. Attendees will visit three different locations to sample pizza from a brick oven - artisanal style, traditional deep-dish pan style pizza with burnt cheese caramelized crust on the Magnificent Mile, and, finally, thin crust tavern style pizza with dessert. The tour will end back at the Marriott Marquis.		

Chicago Gangsters & Untouchables Tour Intermezzo	9/17/2025 14:15	9/17/2025 16:15	Visit Chicago's Most Infamous Locations on a Gangster Tour. The tour will pick up at The Marriott Marquis lobby and the guides will present an accurate account of the crimes and activities that were going on in Chicago during the 1920's and '30's (Prohibition). You will hear the exploits of Capone, Moran, Dillinger and the rest of the boys on this unforgettable Chicago crime tour! Guests remain on the bus for the duration of the tour. Some sites included are the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, the Biograph Theatre, and the Holy Name Cathedral. Watch as the Untouchable Tour Gangster Guides take on the persona of gangsters and mobsters and bring the tour to life! The tour will end back at the Marriott Marquis.		
The Architectural Boat Tour Intermezzo	9/17/2025 14:30	9/17/2025 16:30	Meet in the lobby at 2pm to rideshare to take a ride on the cruise that was voted #1 boat tour in the United States by USA Today readers for two years, as well as Chicago Reader's Best Tour for over ten years! Learn about the architects who created the city's magnificent buildings—and the stories behind them. Along the way, you'll also hear how Chicago grew from a small settlement into one of the world's largest cities. This classic tour, aboard the city's most luxurious fleet, is a must for out-of-town visitors and Chicagoans alike. Led by the Chicago Architecture Center's expertly trained docent volunteers, this cruise reveals fascinating stories behind Chicago's majestic buildings in a way no other tour can. Meet at Northeast corner of Michigan Ave. and E. Wacker Dr (112 E. Wacker Drive). Look for the black awning marking the stairway entrance.	Chicago Architectural Boat Tou	