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Network News

Hong Kong Network

On 24 June 2026, the IWIRC Hong Kong Network hosted its flagship Black Tie Dinner at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, attracting a record-breaking turnout of more than 370 members and guests.

The evening commenced with a welcome reception outside the ballroom, providing attendees with an opportunity to reconnect and expand their professional networks before a formal sit-down dinner. A charity raffle was held throughout the evening, adding to the celebratory atmosphere.

The event brought together both familiar and new faces from Hong Kong's insolvency and restructuring community, further cementing its reputation as one of the industry's premier networking occasions. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to connect with fellow practitioners in a relaxed setting and to strengthen professional relationships across the market.

As part of its commitment to giving back to the community, the Network partnered with Mother's Choice for the charity raffle. IWIRC Hong Kong is proud to have raised HK\$43,900 in support of the local charity, which is dedicated to serving children without families and supporting pregnant teenagers in Hong Kong.



Japan Network

IWIRC Japan Network Seminar on the New Early Business Recovery Act

On July 27, 2026, the IWIRC Japan Network held a seminar on Japan's new pre-insolvency restructuring framework, the Early Business Recovery Act, at Mori Hamada's Tokyo office.

The seminar attracted approximately 40 restructuring and insolvency professionals, primarily from law firms, financial institutions and advisory firms. The session featured Yuri Sugano (Nishimura & Asahi), Chair of the IWIRC Japan Network, and Chiyoko Yosoyama (Anderson Mori & Tomotsune), both members of the governmental working group behind the new framework, together with Midori Yamaguchi (Mori Hamada), Vice Chair of the IWIRC Japan Network, who was involved in drafting the legislation during her secondment to the Japanese government. The speakers shared practical insights into the new regime ahead of its entry into force this December.

The seminar was followed by a networking reception, where members and non-members had the opportunity to connect and exchange ideas. The lively discussions throughout the evening reflected the strong interest in the new framework.

IWIRC Japan looks forward to continuing to provide educational and networking opportunities for restructuring and insolvency professionals.



London Network

Anniversary and Awards Party 2026 - 8 July 2026

A fantastic evening kindly hosted by Winston Taylor to celebrate our colleagues in the profession. With thanks to this year's judges, Katharina Crinson (Freshfields), Juliet Schalker (Debenhams Ottaway) and Lisa Rickelton (FTI Consulting):

- Future Leader Award: Huge congratulations to Chloe Ball of Freshfields - the recipient of this year's Future Leader Award!
- Champion Award: Huge congratulations to Rebecca Terrace of Squire Patton Boggs - the recipient of the 2026 Champion Award!
- Congratulations also to Louise Jennings of Winston Taylor who is highly commended for her exceptional dedication and commitment to the IWIRC London Network.
- Excellence Award: Huge congratulations to Jo Robinson of EY - the recipient of this year's Excellence Award!



Great Returners Session 3 - Setting Boundaries - 17 June 2026

During our latest session of the Great Returners programme: Setting Boundaries, delegates learned what boundaries really are, recognise where their boundaries were slipping across three levels - with yourself, at work and at home - and were provided with practical tools they could apply in their everyday life.

New Crew Reformer Pilates and Lunch - 29 May 2026

Members of our New Crew community recently enjoyed an uplifting, exclusive reformer pilates session to support their physical and mental health, followed by conversation and connection at Caravan City with a relaxed networking session over lunch. The IWIRC London New Crew community supports early-career professionals and those who are new to the industry.

London Network

Beyond the Ladder: Diverse Career Paths to Seniority in Restructuring - 19 May 2026

Back in May, IWIRC London hosted an inspiring discussion, 'Beyond the Ladder: Diverse Career Paths to Seniority in Restructuring & Insolvency'.

It was fascinating to hear how our panelists navigated their "squiggly" careers to senior roles. Huge thanks to

Kelly Rothwell (CMS), Isabelle (Issy) Gross (PwC), Katharina Crinson (Freshfields), Ali Khaki (FTI), and Elin Gosby (BlackRock) for sharing their unique journeys. Special shout out to our moderator Eibhilín Marron (PwC) and our generous sponsor PwC!



Great Returners Programme Session 2: Being Present - 30 April 2026

In Session 2 of our fantastic Great Returners Programme, we explored what it truly means to be present and what gets in the way, whether that's the pull of an overloaded inbox, the next case/matter on your mind, or the pressure to always be performing. Using a simple but powerful model, delegates left armed with tools they could use straight away to achieve a higher quality of presence whether at home or at work.

IWIRC@INSOLLON26 - 23 April 2026

Our joint IWIRC@INSOLLON26 breakfast was a resounding success and sell-out event with 200 tickets sold and a buzzing atmosphere. Attendees, many of whom had connected during the preceding INSOL International London conference or were IWIRC members eager to meet the London network, enjoyed a vibrant morning of networking.



The event also offered a unique cultural experience with tickets to the "Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style" exhibition at the King's Gallery, Buckingham Palace. The breakfast at Timmy Green, followed by the gallery visit, created an uplifting and inspiring end to INSOL London 2026. Many thanks to Kroll for sponsoring this memorable event.

London Network

Easter Wreath Making - 25 March 2026

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Wreath Making event! It was a wonderful evening of connection and crafting resulting in beautiful wreaths to take home! Huge thanks to our events team for organising and to GLAS for hosting.

Ways to Lead Your Career on Your Own Terms: Creating a Vision for Success - 17 March 2026

Thank you to all those who joined us for the second plenary of the IWIRC London's Mentoring Series 2025-26: Ways to lead your career on your own terms - creating a vision for success.



We had a full room for the plenary session which focused on how to take ownership of your career, clarify what success means to you and create a personal vision. With special thanks to Belinda Riley, who led this engaging and insightful session, and to FTI Consulting for kindly hosting. Special thanks to our fantastic event organisers!



Arizona Network

The IWIRC Arizona Network has had an exciting first few months! In April, we officially launched the Arizona Network with our Founders Event, bringing together women insolvency and restructuring professionals from across the state to connect and celebrate the start of our new chapter. We are grateful to May, Potenza, Baran & Gillespie, P.C. for hosting the event.



In June, the Arizona Network sponsored the Bankruptcy Section's programming at the Arizona State Bar Convention and hosted a luncheon with Professor Nancy Rapoport. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the event a success. We look forward to continuing to grow the Arizona Network and hope to see you there!



Cayman Islands Network

Golf lessons

In May we kicked off our annual IWIRC Cayman Islands Network Golf Series. The fantastic sessions for our members included chipping practice, driving, and building confidence across both the short and long game under the guidance of the excellent coaching team at North Sound Golf Club.

It was great to see everyone continuing to improve, encourage one another, and enjoy the opportunity to connect outside the office in a relaxed and supportive environment.



18 June – Technical Session

We were delighted to host another successful IWIRC Cayman Islands Network Technical Session, where our highly regarded panel generously shared their expertise and insights on the evolving landscape of interim relief in offshore litigation.



8 July – Members' Summer happy hour

To mark the start of summer, IWIRC hosted happy hour drinks for its members. It was a fantastic evening of networking and conversation – to catch up with colleagues, make new connections, and celebrate the start of summer.



Chicago Network

On March 12, 2026, the Chicago Network hosted a Flower Arrangement Class led by local small business Pala Floral at the Denton's Chicago office. The event provided a unique opportunity for members to network and build new connections while learning floral arrangement techniques and crafting their own beautiful bouquets.



On June 11, 2026, the Chicago Network and the local TMA NOW chapter co-hosted a special event honoring Judge Janet S. Baer's retirement from the bench and celebrating Judge Nancy A. Peterman's appointment to the bench. Both women are active IWIRC members, and Judge Baer served as the Judicial Liaison to the Chicago Network's board of directors for many years. Despite rainy weather earlier in the day, attendees gathered at Tanta Cocina Peruana for an evening of networking, live music, and celebration. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, thank Judge Baer for her years of service and support of IWIRC, and congratulate Judge Peterman on this exciting next chapter in her distinguished career.



Dallas/Fort Worth Network

On May 19, 2026, IWIRC DFW kicked off the summer by hosting “Guacamole with the Judges” at Mesero mexican restaurant in Dallas. Judges from the Northern District of Texas led teams of IWIRC members and other local restructuring professionals to compete and see who could make the best guacamole.



Greater Philadelphia Network

In celebration of America's Semiquincentennial, the IWIRC Greater Philadelphia Network gathered at the Museum of the American Revolution for an evening exploring the remarkable -and often overlooked - contributions of women during the Revolutionary War.

Through guided tours of the museum's galleries, members and guests explored the many roles women played - on the home front, in military camps, as political advocates, and even on the battlefield - and learned about the courage, resilience, and leadership of the women who shaped our nation's founding. The evening continued with a private reception overlooking historic Old City, where attendees reflected on the stories they had heard while enjoying food, drinks, and time together.

The event served as a meaningful reminder that women have long played an essential role in shaping history - a legacy that continues through the leadership, advocacy, and community fostered by IWIRC members today. As America 250 approaches, we look forward to celebrating the people and stories that continue to inspire us.



Houston Network

On March 27, 2026, the Houston Chapter celebrated International Women's Day with a shopping event at Nordstrom Houston! The event featured drinks, light bites, and friendly networking. A Nordstrom personal stylist showcased the latest trends in professional apparel, making the evening both stylish and practical. This event has become a yearly favorite for the Houston Chapter. More events to come!



New York Network

On May 7, 2026, IWIRC New York Network hosted a lively panel discussion on recent market and legal developments involving cooperation agreements, including the decisions in the Optimum Communications and Selecta cases. Our panelists, Erica Weisgerber, Allison Miller, Amber Leary, Melissa Kelley, and Rachel Murray, together with moderator Debora Hoehne shared valuable insights on evolving market trends and the growing prevalence of cooperation agreements in liability management transactions. The conversation continued during the networking reception that followed.



On June 17, 2026, IWIRC New York Network celebrated Pride Month alongside WorkOUT. It was a meaningful opportunity to come together, recognize the importance of inclusion, and support the LGBTQ+ community. IWIRC New York is grateful to have hosted such a successful event that highlighted diversity, connection, and authenticity across our professional community.



New York Network



On June 23, 2026, IWIRC New York Network had the pleasure of co-hosting a luncheon with INSOL International as part of its 2026 Seminar in New York City. The event brought together restructuring professionals from around the world alongside members of IWIRC New York and other chapters for an afternoon of meaningful conversations and genuine connections. We want to thank the INSOL International team for the partnership, and to everyone who joined us. We look forward to continuing to build this global community together.



New Jersey Network

On June 17, 2026, the New Jersey Network hosted an event celebrating the appointment of the Honorable Eamonn J. O'Hagan—welcoming him as the newest member of the New Jersey Bankruptcy Bench. The event, held in the stunning Conservatory in the Madison Hotel in Morristown, was well-attended by members of the bankruptcy bar, Judge O'Hagan's family and former-colleagues, and sitting New Jersey Bankruptcy Judges. Following opening remarks by Network Chairs Sari Placona and Colleen Restel, current-Chief Judge Christine M. Gravelle and former-Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan gave entertaining and heartwarming speeches full of praise, well-wishes, a healthy amount of roasting. IWIRC New Jersey Network congratulates Judge O'Hagan on his appointment.



Board members from the New Jersey Network gathered at the beautiful Fiddler's Elbow Country Club for an afternoon Board Retreat that blended business, food, and fun. Over lunch, the group had an opportunity to reconnect, exchange ideas, and discuss the organization's ongoing initiatives and future plans. After the business portion of the program, board members enjoyed an introductory mahjong lesson, learning the basics of the game that has received renewed popularity across the globe. With a blend of skill, strategy, and luck, Mahjong proved to be the perfect game for a group of motivated restructuring professionals and the group put their new skills to the test with some friendly competitions. Following the board program, the New Jersey Network welcomed members and sponsors for a happy hour, offering an opportunity to enjoy fantastic food and drink while they socialized and strengthened relationships within the organization.



Western Pennsylvania Network

IWIRC WPA / ACBA Joint CLE:
On March 12th, IWIRC and the Allegheny County Bar Association's Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section teamed up to present a CLE on "Where Litigation and Bankruptcy Collide," in which the panel explored the practical intersection and key distinctions between bankruptcy law and commercial litigation. A networking reception followed the CLE.



IWIRC WPA Spring Happy Hour: Members of IWIRC Western Pennsylvania gathered for a Spring Happy Hour, featuring a floral arranging workshop. Using a simple "recipe" of focal flowers, accents, and greenery, arrangements were created while enjoying drinks, charcuterie, and a few rounds of shuffleboard. With a bright venue, fresh flowers, and great company, it was a perfect way to welcome spring.



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