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Member News

Rachel Ehrlich Albanese and **Emily MacKay** (New York Network) authored an article in Creditor Rights Coalition about judicial self-mediation in July. Rachel and Emily also authored an article in the ABI Journal about guidance for lenders navigating AI data center capex investments in June.

Leslie Behaunek (Midwest Network) is stepping into a full-time role on the Drake University Law School Faculty starting the 2026 fall term. Leslie is a Litigation Shareholder at Nyemaster Goode, P.C., where she will remain Of Counsel. She has been active with IWIRC Midwest Network as Chair of its Membership Committee, a member of its Mentoring Committee, and a participant in continuing education panels. She will continue to support IWIRC Midwest as a resource for recruiting Drake law students interested in insolvency and restructuring.

Gemma Bellfield (Lardner) (Cayman Islands Network) of Ogier and **Siobhan Sheridan** (Cayman Islands Network) of Walkers were both named in Global Restructuring Review's 40 Under 40.

Francesca Burigo (Europe Network) has announced the publication of a new book on pre-pack sales in Europe under Directive (EU) 2026/799, to which she contributed by authoring the chapter on Italy, published by Edward Elgar.

Adriana Cangalaya (Latin America Network) has been awarded First Place in the 2026 "Profesor Jesús Quijano González" Young Researchers Award, organized by the Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Concursal (IIDC). As part of the recognition, she presented her award-winning research at the IIDC International Insolvency Law Congress held in Miami in September 2026.

Megan F. Clontz and **Rachael L. Smiley** (Dallas/Fort Worth Network) recentlyjoined Shipman & Goodwin LLP's Workout, Restructuring and Bankruptcy Practice Group in its newly opened Dallas, Texas office.. Both joined Shipman from Ferguson Braswell Fraser Kubasta PC in Dallas, where they both built substantial practices representing debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, and other stakeholders in Chapter 11 proceedings and related litigation, as well as out-of-court workouts and restructurings.

Joanne Cooney (Ireland Network) has been promoted to Director at Fieldfisher Ireland LLP.

Amy Edgy (New York Network) has assumed the position of Senior Managing Director and Head of Restructuring Communications at Teneo, the global CEO advisory firm.

Irene Lynch Fannon (Ireland Network) recently published a book Company Law : Fundamental Concepts and Doctrines (Clarus Press, 2026). It considers corporate law concepts in a comparative context. Of potential interest to members of international branches of IWIRC it deals with the Irish examinership corporate rescue process (based on US Chapter 11) and also considers the impact of recent EU Directives, including the Preventive Restructuring Directive 2019/1023 and the Harmonisation of Certain Insolvency (Bankruptcy) Laws Directive 2026/799 together with recent directives on corporate sustainability.

Melanie A. Foley (Florida Network) joined McElroy Deutsch in July 2026 as Of Counsel in the Tampa, Florida office, where she will be a member of both the Bankruptcy Practice Group and the Construction, Fidelity & Surety Practice Group.

Zoë Justice (Cayman Islands Network) has recently joined Priestleys.

Richelle Kalnit (New York Network) has founded independent advisory boutique Silhouette Advisors to help clients navigate sales under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and monetize intangible assets of all types. Ms. Kalnit combines more than 20 years of experience as a financial restructuring attorney and strategic advisor with notable success leveraging deep asset and process expertise to develop custom solutions on sell-side and buy-side engagements. Learn more here.

Sara Keith (Houston Network) joined PwC as a Director in Risk & Independence on the Bankruptcy Consultation and Facilitation team in August.

Natalie Levine (Canada Network) was admitted to the Insolvency Institute of Canada. Admission is by invitation and recognizes significant contributions and leadership in the field.

Molly Maass (New York Network) co-authored an article in the ABI Journal about standing in bankruptcy litigation in September. Molly was also promoted to counsel at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in July.

Emily MacKay (New York Network) was appointed to the Her Justice Junior Advisory Board in September.

Krystal Mikkilineni (Arizona Network) transitioned her practice from Dentons to Clark Hill. She is a Member in Clark Hill's Phoenix office and continues to focus on commercial reorganizations and bankruptcies. Krystal also recently participated in a panel discussion entitled "From Schedule I to Chapter 11: Cannabis Rescheduling's Bankruptcy Reckoning", which discussed whether medical marijuana's new rescheduling to Schedule III, as well as medical marijuana companies' opportunity to apply for a DEA registration, opens the door for medical marijuana companies to file bankruptcy. The webinar can be viewed here.

Adine Momoh (Minnesota Network) had her article, "United States v. Miller: Sovereign Immunity Waived for Claim, Not for Underlying State Law," published in the American Bar Association's publication Business Law Today.

Natascha Steiner-Smith (Cayman Islands Network) of Baker & Partners, who serves as Secretary of IWIRC Cayman Islands, has been appointed to the roster of arbitrators at the Cayman International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC)

Lauren Stricker (Florida Network) is a new shareholder to Hill Ward Henderson. Lauren joins the firm's Bankruptcy Group and is a restructuring and creditors' rights attorney who advises clients navigating complex Chapter 11 reorganizations and enterprise-critical distress situations. She represents stakeholders across middle-market and multi-state businesses confronting operational, capital structure, governance, and liquidity challenges, including highly contested proceedings.

Emma Thompson (London Network) has joined FRP as a Partner in the Contentious Insolvency team where she will continue her work advising businesses, lenders, creditors and stakeholders in complex insolvency and recovery matters.

Sandy Yeung (London Network) has joined Barings' European High Yield team in London. As President of the Cambridge Women in Law Society, she will be hosting a knowledge-sharing session with INSOL International for University of Cambridge students in November.

Congratulations to **Nancy M. Bello, Shelly L. Cuff, London England, Laura L. Femino, Rachel A. Greenleaf, Ashley F. Morgan, Lauren Baio Pultro, Samantha Siegien,** and **Sandy Yeung** who were in the American Bankruptcy Institute's 2026 "40 Under 40" class.

Share Your Story!

Have you received or made a successful referral through your IWIRC network? Do you travel with other IWIRC members? Do you have passions and interests? Do you have a charity that you would like to highlight? Have you written a book?

IWIRC would love to hear about your referral success stories with fellow IWIRC members, as well as your hobbies, passions, and interests! Share your story to be featured in our member spotlights on IWIRC's social media, including:

IWIRC Connects and IWIRC Cares: IWIRC is highlighting its global network and members who dedicate their time to building connections and supporting their communities.

IWIRC Referral Success Stories: IWIRC is sharing success stories from members who have referred work to other IWIRC members or have received referrals from fellow members.

Beyond Work and IWIRC: IWIRC is gathering insights from its members to explore their interests outside of work and the IWIRC community.

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