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Attention IWIRC Network Chairs: Help Us Showcase the Strength of IWIRC Networks Around the World!

The IWIRC Communications Committee is launching a new social media campaign, spearheaded by 2027 IWIRC Chair Tara Schellhorn, to celebrate the unique stories of IWIRC networks around the world. The goal of the campaign is to demonstrate that, while IWIRC is a global organization, its strength lies in the local relationships, programming, leadership, and opportunities that members experience through their individual networks.

Please help us bring this campaign to life by answering a few questions about your network using the following link by December 15, 2026.

Click here to contribute!

Network News

Hong Kong Network



For the third consecutive year, the Restructuring and Insolvency Faculty (RIF) of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the IWIRC Hong Kong Network joined forces to co-host an insightful cross-border insolvency event on 30 July 2026, attracting over 210 members and guests. The evening featured a keynote presentation by the Hong Kong Companies Judge, the Hon. Madam Justice Linda Chan, who shared critical insights on the key legal issues considered in the case of Re USUM Investment Group Limited [2026] HKCFI 1320 especially regarding foreign office-holder recognition and assistance in corporate restructurings, followed by a lively panel moderated by Daniel Chow (Chairman of the RIF Executive Committee and Senior Managing Director at FTI Consulting) and featuring Denise Fung (Partner at Linklaters). The panellists and Madam Justice Linda Chan engaged in a thought-provoking exchange that highlighted the practical significance of the decision and its broader implications for practitioners. The evening concluded with a vibrant networking reception.









London Network

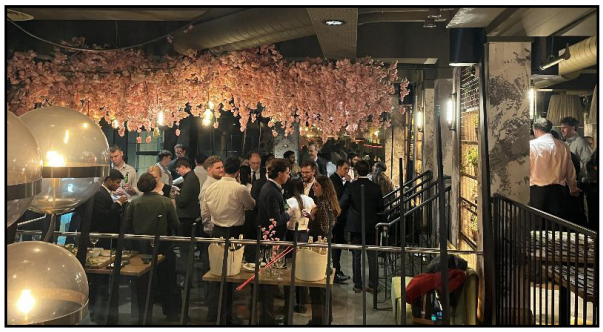
Be Inspired Candle Painting — 21 October 2026

Twenty women joined IWIRC London for a fun and creative evening of candle painting at MYO in Borough. Accompanied by food, drinks and plenty of conversation, everyone got stuck in and created a fantastic collection of colourful and decorative candles to take home.



Insolvency & Restructuring Autumn Soiree — 30 September 2026

For the third year running, IWIRC held networking drinks alongside RIME, ILA and TMA networks. With over 100 attendees, the event was a sell-out and provided a fantastic opportunity to catch up with fellow IWIRC members as well as make new connections across the wider restructuring community.



IWIRC London Thames walk joint with TMANOW — 25 September 2026

In September, members of the Turnaround Management Association (TMA) and the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) swapped the boardroom for the riverside on a joint networking walk from Richmond to Hammersmith, enjoying some of the last of the summer sunshine along the way.



IWIRC's Great Returner Programme: Session 4 - Career Planning and Strategy —17 September 2026

Members of IWIRC gathered together online to enjoy the fourth session in the current Great Returners programme where they discussed career planning and strategy, particularly: what determines organisational success as a returner, leveraging existing connections effectively; the role of sponsors and action planning for the future.

Start your day right: Yoga and networking — 3 September 2026
Members of IWIRC gathered together to enjoy an early morning session of yoga followed by networking over coffee and breakfast. This was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, unwind and build meaningful professional relationships in a relaxed setting.

Whitechapel Mission Breakfast Challenge — 20 August 2026
In August, we had eight volunteers support Whitechapel Mission as part of their Breakfast Challenge. The Breakfast Challenge is a hands-on volunteering experience where teams help prepare, cook and serve breakfast to people experiencing homelessness and hardship in East London. The team arrived bright and early at 5:45am to prepare breakfast and served breakfast to up to 250 people. It was a fabulous morning, with the team putting in a lot of hard work. We look forward to arranging additional volunteering sessions with Whitechapel moving forward.



Security Enforcement Perspectives from London to The Channel Islands — 22 July 2026
IWIRC London and IWIRC Channel Islands jointly hosted a Be Informed event 'Security enforcement perspectives from London to the Channel Islands' which brought together a panel of leading professionals from London, Jersey and Guernsey. Hosted across Walkers' offices in all three locations, with a virtual attendance option, the discussion explored recent developments in security enforcement regimes, approaches to security registrations and valuations, and practical insights drawn from the panellists' first-hand experience of cross-border security enforcements. The event provided a valuable opportunity to share perspectives, exchange expertise and consider the evolving landscape of security enforcement across the jurisdictions.

IWIRC Mentoring Committee Class of 2026 Celebration Drinks — 14 July 2026
We enjoyed a lovely evening of drinks to celebrate the close of IWIRC's 2026 Mentoring Programme and would like to extend our thanks to all our mentors and mentees for their participation throughout the year. Participants valued the opportunity to "learn from others at all levels and from a variety of backgrounds", with feedback also highlighting a "belief that we can support each other to succeed". We look forward to welcoming new and returning participants to the 2027 programme and continuing to foster connections across the IWIRC community. Further details on the programme and how to get involved will be shared soon!

Midlands and North of England Network

Committee members and guests enjoyed an October Spooky Walk in Manchester, led by our knowledgeable tour guide, Philippa Vishnyakov, who brought local history and folklore to life along the route. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for members and guests to connect outside the usual networking setting while embracing the spirit of the season.





Dallas/Fort Worth Network

On September 9, 2026, IWIRC DFW Members Lexi Rossetti (Thompson Coburn), Megan Scheulin (Alvarez and Marsal), Hannah Wyrsch (Alvarez and Marsal), and Martha Wyrick (Haynes and Boone) presented "Jeopardy! Bankruptcy Edition: Chapter 11 Benefits and Strategies" at the Dallas Bar Association's monthly meeting at the Arts Mansion in Dallas.

On October 15, 2026, IWIRC DFW and TMA Now hosted a joint Potion and Pour Event at Catch in Dallas. Members sipped and socialized while creating their own custom scents with Olfactory NYC and also shopped at a pop up hosted by Jon B Leather Goods.



Florida Network

In October, IWIRC Florida members gathered in Tampa for a special Table for Eight: Game Night Edition, featuring Monopoly, pizza, and engaging conversation with the Honorable Luis E. Rivera. The evening provided a relaxed and enjoyable setting for members to connect, exchange perspectives, and further develop relationships within Florida's restructuring community.

IWIRC Florida also hosted its inaugural View from the Bench Dinner, honoring the distinguished career and legacy of Judge Michael G. Williamson. The special evening brought together members of the bench and bar to celebrate Judge Williamson's leadership, mentorship, and enduring impact on the insolvency and restructuring profession. Through reflections, shared stories, and fellowship, attendees recognized the values of collegiality and service that continue to shape the bankruptcy community.

This season's events exemplified IWIRC Florida's commitment to fostering meaningful professional relationships while recognizing the individuals whose contributions have strengthened our profession.



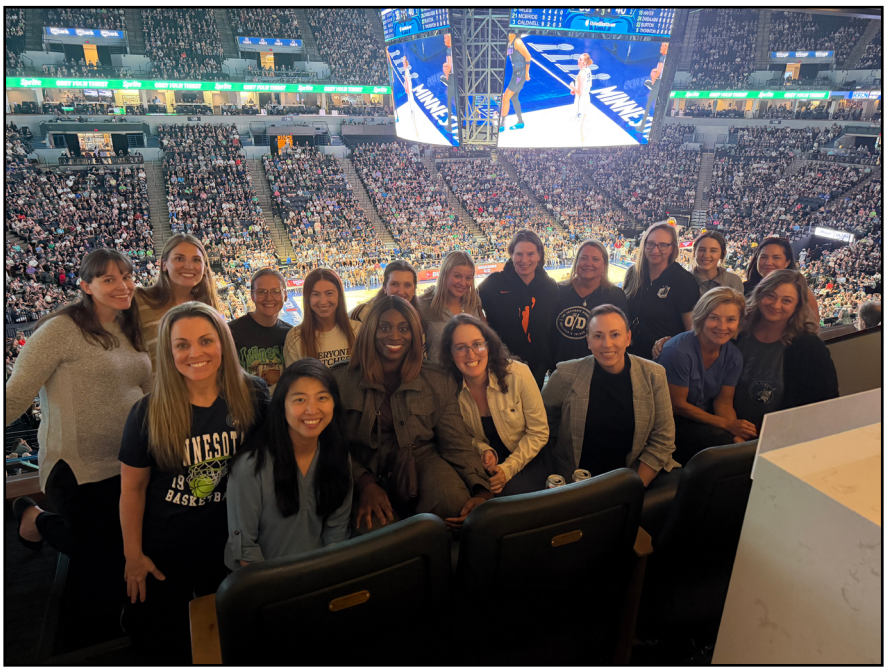
Greater Philadelphia and New Jersey Networks



Members of the New Jersey and Greater Philadelphia Area Networks traded their office space for some open space at Terhune Orchards in Princeton, NJ to celebrate the beginning of fall. Terhune Orchards is a beautiful, women-owned farm that offers a host of autumn activities. Attendees enjoyed apple cider donuts, pumpkin bread, and a wine tasting, before heading out on a scenic tour of the farm and embracing the autumn season with flower and apple picking. The festivities also included a raffle featuring beautiful gift baskets, and a visit to the general store and in-barn art gallery. The event was a perfect way to strengthen existing relationships between the Greater Philadelphia and New Jersey Networks while ushering in the new season.

Minnesota Network

On August 24, 2026, the IWIRC Minnesota network attended the Minnesota Lynx game. Unfortunately, the Lynx lost to the Golden State Valkyries, but we still had plenty of fun. We had 20 attendees in total socializing in a suite courtesy of Spencer Fane as our event sponsor.



New York Network

IWIRC New York Annual Summer Sunset Cruise

On July 30, 2026, IWIRC NY held its signature summer event: a stunning sunset cruise on the Hudson river around Manhattan. Attendees enjoyed a beautiful summer evening on the water with views of the city skyline and the Statue of Liberty while networking with the IWIRC NY community.





IWIRC NY Fall Substantive Event

On September 23, 2026, IWIRC NY Network hosted its Fall substantive event featuring speaker Monica Blacker, a long-term IWIRC member and founder of BAX Advisors. Monica shared her practical strategies for building meaningful professional relationships, leveraging networks, developing business opportunities, and cultivating IWIRC as a network that supports your long-term career growth. Attendees got to immediately put Monica's advice into practice during the breakout sessions and the reception that followed. The event also hosted IWIRC NY's annual town hall, which shared its upcoming board election process and opportunities.





Northern California Network



Members of the IWIRC Northern California network recently had a lunch meeting with community service: specifically, making hygiene kits for residents of the permanent supportive housing sites of Episcopal Community Services (https://www.ecs-sf.org/). The IWIRC team put together 75 kits, each containing deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and other necessities. Participants also enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by students in ECS's CHEFS program. CHEFS, which stands for Conquering Homelessness through Employment in Food Services, is a culinary training program that provides instruction in technical and professional skills enhancement necessary for entry into the food service industry. It was a great lunch for a great cause! Many thanks to Alvarez & Marsal for providing the event space.



Western Canada Network



IWIRC Western Canada hosted the annual "IWIRC on the Vine" conference at the picturesque Fairmont Empress in Victoria, British Columbia from September 24-26, 2026.

The conference was attended by 55 IWIRC members from networks across Canada and the United States. It featured a fireside chat with Dr. Janis Sarra, Hon. former Justice Barbara Romaine and Hon. Judge Mary Jo Heston regarding their career evolutions, challenges they faced as women, the role that mentorship and friendship played in their respective careers and advice for early and mid-career practitioners. The conference also featured a cross-border panel moderated by Sara-Ann Wilson and featuring Debra Grassgreen, Dara Silveira, Kelly Bourassa and Michelle Grant who provided insights and case law updates on forum shopping/ bankruptcy tourism issues and tactical recognition issues between Canada and the United States.

Conference attendees enjoyed a wine tasting and cellar tour at Church & State vineyard and afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress.

A big thank you to everyone who was involved in planning the conference (including Emily Paplawski, JJ Burnell, Elizabeth Dean, Stephanie Drew, Dara Silveira, and Tamar Terzian) and to everyone who attended. Stay tuned for details regarding the 2027 IWIRC on the Vine conference!





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- IWIRC New York
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