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# NETWORK NEWS



## Singapore Network

### Coastal Clean-Up

To commemorate IWIRC's 30th Anniversary, IWIRC Singapore members gathered at Siloso Beach Sentosa, Singapore on July 15, 2023 for a coastal clean-up. Some participants went out onto the water in kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, while others combed through the sandy shores of Sentosa on foot. What did they find on the pristine beaches? A total of 10kg of micro-trash! They found a significant amount of tiny plastic fragments, paper and cigarette butts. It is a reminder for all of us that every little effort to take care of our environment counts.





# Singapore Network

## Singapore Insolvency Conference 2023

The Singapore Insolvency Conference 2023 is an annual flagship conference in Singapore for all restructuring and insolvency practitioners. IWIRC Singapore supported the sold out event by hosting the networking drinks and its board members actively participated in the conference as moderators, panelists and as emcee.

IWIRC Singapore is also honored to be invited to the proposed formation of the Regional Restructuring and Insolvency Organisations Forum at the conference where like minded organisations within Asia Pacific come together to collaborate and enhance the Restructuring and Insolvency practice.





## Gulf Coast Network

After starting its 30th anniversary celebration with a cooking-themed weekend retreat in April, the Gulf Coast Network wrapped up its special anniversary events on August 24, 2023, by volunteering with Feeding the Gulf Coast, an organization that for 40 years has provided nourishing meals and food staples to struggling families, seniors and other individuals in the Alabama-Mississippi-Florida Gulf coast region, which is the same region covered by the Network. In 2022, the organization distributed nearly 29 million meals along the Central Gulf Coast! Gulf Coast Network members gathered with other volunteers to pack food boxes for senior citizens at Feeding the Gulf Coast's warehouse near Mobile, Alabama, allowing them to both serve the community and reconnect with each other – a true win-win!





## Brazil Network

The Brazil Network is pleased to announce that they hosted their 5th annual IWIRC Brazil Conference on August 24th and it was an amazing event. The Conference this year had the following inspiration: IWIRC – Harnessing Women’s Strength for 30 Years.



Among the brilliant speakers, they had the pleasure of welcoming some remarkable international speakers and IWIRC members, including Hon. Judge Laurel Isicoff, Olya Antel and Leyza Blanco. As the key note speaker and panelist, Leyza Blanco spoke about the importance of sponsorship and the benefits of IWIRC. It was an inspiration to all!

They had six panels with updated topics, including discussions about new laws published in Brazil (e.g.: the liquidation of investment funds) and practical issues arising from the UNCITRAL Model Law after Brazil remodeled its law two years ago.



At the end of the Conference, IWIRC Brazil made a tribute to Hon. Judge Maria Cristina Zucchi (IWIRC Brazil Member) for all her work for women and regarding Insolvency in Brazil.

Following the Conference, the Judge’s Association of São Paulo hosted a lunch to honour the Hon. Judge Isicoff and all IWIRC Brazil board members were invited. After the lunch, the group visited the Court of Appeal of São Paulo (the Palace of Justice – Court of Appeal São Paulo) where they met with the Presidente of the Court of Appeal Of São Paulo, Des. Dr. Ricardo Mai Anafe.

In November, they also hosted a regional happy hour in Belo Horizonte.





## New Jersey Network

On August 29, 2023, the IWIRC-NJ Chapter held its annual Board Retreat at the beautiful Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell, NJ. After a delicious lunch, the Board reviewed the past year's accomplishments, discussed the future of IWIRC, and brainstormed how to better achieve IWIRC's goals in the coming year. As with all of their meetings, it was evident during the annual meeting that the NJ Board is a close-knit group of friends, united in their mission to advance women the profession. However, notions of comradery vanished when the Board later stepped on the pickleball courts for some (friendly) competition. The evening capped off with IWIRC-NJ's Summer Happy Hour – where members and sponsors ate, drank, and networked as the sun set on Mountain Ridge's picturesque landscape.





## Minnesota Network

On August 21, members of the Minnesota Network gathered for lunch and boating. The event started with a lunch at Cov Wayzata, followed by a three-hour boat trip around Lake Minnetonka. Participants enjoyed delicious food, good conversation, and beautiful summer weather. Thank you to event sponsors ASK LLP, Maslon LLP, and Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP and to the participants for making this a great event!





## Mexico Network

IWIRC Mexico successfully brought together an exceptional group of women dedicated to the field of insolvency, strengthening friendships in pursuit of continuing IWIRC's mission for the last 30 years. Through shared stories, they fostered an atmosphere of mutual support. They experienced significant engagement, fostering a community where female empowerment and leadership are pivotal pillars within our organization.





## India Network

As part of IWIRC's 30th Anniversary in 2023, IWIRC India Network, in association with Rural Medicare Centre, New Delhi successfully concluded the free health camp for women.

They thank everyone who helped in making this event successful. Also, special thanks to all the IWIRC members who attended the event in person.

The give back event was followed by celebratory lunch event for IWIRC members.





## Cyprus Network

The IWIRC Cyprus network held two meet and greets, hosted by Grant Thornton Cyprus at their Nicosia office (11 October) and Limassol office (18 October).



## Midwest Network

IWIRC Midwest celebrated its 30th Anniversary event on October 18th with a spa day, dinner, and charitable presentation and donations to Newhouse in Kansas City. Newhouse is a domestic violence shelter. They also provided a sponsorship to ABI Midwest Bankruptcy Institute as part of their 30th Anniversary Event, which was held on October 19th and 20th. They had about 20 people in attendance at dinner and around 10 people join them for the spa day. It was a great event!





## Northern California Network

Last month, members of the Northern California network enjoyed an evening touring San Francisco's Conservatory of Flowers.

They had an amazing time learning the rich history of the Conservatory and the flowers and plants it features.

To get updates on all the exciting news and events of the season, follow [their new page on LinkedIn](#).



## Oklahoma Network

Members of the Oklahoma Network, Meg Sine, Carrie McEntire, and Lorena Massey (L-R), enjoyed watching the Oklahoma City Dodgers and promoting breast cancer awareness at "Pack the Park Pink."





## Japan Network

IWIRC Japan hosted its network breakfast on October 30, 2023 at Sarabeth's Tokyo. It was their first in-person event since the pandemic. The 14 attendees included new members and non-IWIRC members (IWIRC friends!). They enjoyed talking about restructuring, work, and our daily lives. IWIRC Japan wishes to expand its network to not only lawyers but also accountants and business professionals in the restructuring industry.



## Michigan Network



The IWIRC Michigan Network hosted an event to connect, featuring traditional fall activities in Pure Michigan. Attendees were invited to enjoy breakfast together and wander through the Corn Maze at Crane Orchards, to shop locally in downtown Saugatuck, and to dine together in a private residence with a delectable meal prepared by a private chef.



## Michigan, DC, and Virginia Networks

The Michigan, DC, and Virginia Networks of IWIRC co-sponsored with NABT, a Happy Hour during the NABT Annual Conference held in Washington, DC. This event was held at the National Press Club, which is a professional and social club for working journalists and communications professionals that has been a Washington institution for more than a century. Many attendees of the Annual Conference attended this Happy Hour event and shared time connecting with other insolvency professionals.





## Europe Network

The IWIRC Europe Network celebrated 30 years of IWIRC by hosting a boat cruise honouring women in the bench during the INSOL Europe conference.

Judge Elsbeth de Vos kicked off the cruise down the canals with an inspiring speech of how we have excellent representation of women in the judiciary and challenged us to strive for parity in the wider restructuring and insolvency profession.

The boat was packed with IWIRC members from many different countries, several members of the judiciary from around the world and the president of INSOL Europe. We are delighted to have such a close relationship with INSOL Europe and are grateful for their continued support!





## Southern Africa Network

**Southern Africa Network to Join Matter as Amicus Curiae**  
[Leave to Appeal](#) has been granted, and IWIRC Southern Africa Network's board, with the support of IWIRC's board, will join as amicus curiae (friend of the court) in the matter of **WESCOAL MINING (PTY) LTD ANOTHER v MKHOMBO NO AND OTHER (2023-079991)**. All parties cited in the case consented to IWIRC Southern Africa Network NPC being joined as amicus curiae to the appeal. The original IWIRC Southern Africa Network letter seeking the application for leave to appeal can be seen [here](#). For updates, check under the 'News' section of the Network's webpage on the IWIRC website. The application is due December 1, 2023.





## London Network

### The Great Returners Programme

The London Network is hosting a new programme for anyone who is or will be returning to work from an extended period of leave. The programme provides 6, one-hour coach-facilitated sessions over the course of the next year (all held remotely) and aims to normalise challenges faced when returning from a period of absence and provide a platform to share wisdom, gain support and resourcefulness and a space in which members can learn about themselves. Looking forward to the next session in the New Year!

### New Crew Lifesize Monopoly Event

IWIRC London's "New Crew" committee hosted a fun evening playing Monopoly Lifesized in an exciting and interactive team version of the world's famous game, followed by drinks and nibbles.





## London Network

### **IWIRC London Conference 2023 - in collaboration with Reorg**

The IWIRC London network was delighted to host its in-person conference once again this year in collaboration with Reorg. The half day conference featured four topical sessions with panellists drawn from the judiciary and legal, advisory and funds sectors and was followed by a drink reception. This sell-out event attracted over 200 delegates!



### **Thursday Fizz**

Another brilliant Thursday Fizz! It was great to host an informal get-together and catch up wonderful members and friends.



### **'New Crew' Drinks**

IWIRC London "New Crew" committee hosted another fun and relaxed networking event to connect and promote New Crew members and more junior Restructuring & Insolvency professionals.



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IWIRC Midlands 

IWIRC DC  

IWIRC New England  

IWIRC Delaware 

IWIRC New Jersey 

IWIRC Europe 

IWIRC New York  

IWIRC Greater Maryland 

IWIRC Northern California 

IWIRC Greater Philadelphia 

IWIRC Ontario 

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