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Beth E. Hansen, UTC Aerospace Systems, IWIRC Chair

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the Spring Conference - I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. Kudos to Jennifer Kimble and her team for putting together such a fine event! I know everyone is turning their thoughts towards summer - vacations and relaxation are hopefully in everyone's future in some form or fashion. If your travels take you to places within other Networks, try to make time to reach out to other members at their local venues.

Take this time to recharge - as we are at our best refreshed. Then go out and expand your Network. The next person you introduce yourself to may change your life - professionally, personally or both.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Leadership Conference in July in New York City; until then - have a great summer!

Beth

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Website Testimonials Needed: Tell Us What IWIRC Means to You

Testimonials Due July 1, 2015!

"This is a community of women that understands my life. Both my successes and my struggles. I can find a mentor and be a mentor."

Carianne Basler, *AlixPartners*
Chicago Network

"IWIRC is a tool which allows for professional women to build lasting relationships of the kind that generate opportunities for networking, professional growth, transcending friendships and last but not least, fun."

Leyza Blanco, *Gray Robinson*
Florida Network

When IWIRC's revamped website was created in 2010, members were asked to send us their "testimonials" about why IWIRC was special to them. We received some very powerful comments, but it is time to do a refresh and we would love to hear from YOU! Please send us what you tell people who are interested in joining, what IWIRC means to you and we will publish them on the website with your name, firm, city and state. Please send them to Shari Bedker at sbedker@iwirc.com no later than **July 1, 2015**.



1500 in 2015!

If you are not a member or need to renew, now is the time!

Our 1,500th member will receive a complimentary second year of membership as well as a prize package filled with valuable IWIRC branded items!

Current members are encouraged to promote IWIRC membership in their networking circles. The Network with the 1,500th member receives a \$500 bonus to be used towards upcoming Network events.

Please [click here](#) to join IWIRC!

Third Annual IWIRC at the Shore Conference – Even a Blizzard Didn't Stop the Fun

The Third Annual IWIRC at the Shore conference was held on March 5 and 6, 2015 at the Borgata Hotel, Casino and Spa in Atlantic City, New Jersey. IWIRC members from the six target chapters of New York, New Jersey, Greater Philadelphia, Delaware, Greater Maryland and Washington DC as well as IWIRC members from across the country braved 8+ inches of snow in order to take part in two days of networking, educational events and fun.

The conference began Thursday afternoon with a networking spa event. At this event, conference attendees had the opportunity to engage with old and new friends while enjoying a delicious lunch buffet and cocktails as well as taking full advantage of all of the spa's state of the art amenities. Following this event, attendees kicked off the night's events with a welcome cocktail party at the Society Club, the high rollers club at the Borgata. Thereafter, attendees enjoyed a multi-course dinner at the famous Knife & Fork Inn, one of the oldest installations in Atlantic City that originally served as an exclusive men's drinking and dining club and defied the law during Prohibition by openly serving liquor.

Following breakfast on Friday morning, attendees took part in two CLE/CPE presentations: (i) "Alternatives to Bankruptcy" presented by panel members Marjorie Kaufman, Susan Klein, Evelyn Meltzer, Steve Mitnick, and Tara Schellhorn and (ii) "Ethical Issues Concerning Networking, Marketing and Business Generation" presented by Harriet Greenberg, Brya Keilson, Cheryl McKissack, Jennifer Meyerowitz, Amanda Steele and Mally Steves. The conference ended with a luncheon networking opportunity.

Evelyn Meltzer served as Chair of the conference. Melissa Hager, Brya Keilson, Ali Kelly, Jennifer Knox, Michelle Morris, Leigh-Anne Raport, Tara Schellhorn, Lori Simpson, Kristen Siracusa and Amanda Steele served on the planning committee.

Plans are already underway for next year's conference. Stay tuned for details.



IWIRC at the Shore Planning Committee

For more photos visit the [Delaware Network's Facebook Album](#).

2015 IWIRC Board of Directors Nominations

Nominations are due **June 12, 2015!**

BECOME A MEMBER OF IWIRC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IWIRC will be holding elections for six At-Large Director positions on the IWIRC international Board this summer. These positions are for a two-year term (October 2015-October 2017). Candidates must be members of IWIRC and be willing to undertake projects to further the mission and goals of IWIRC. If elected, At-Large Directors are required to participate in regular telephonic meetings and attempt to make a few of the three annual in-person meetings of the IWIRC Board.

If you would like to nominate someone (including yourself), please send the name, contact information and a brief statement in support of the candidate (a few hundred words max) to Shari Bedker, Administrative Director, at sbedker@iwirc.com by **June 12, 2015**.

Nominations **must** include the following:

- Name, professional affiliation, address and e-mail address of nominee.
- A statement containing information about why the nominee will make a good At-Large Director including, for example, how long the nominee has been a member of IWIRC, the nominee's contributions to a Network and/or at the international level, and the specific skills the nominee will bring to the Board. Please do NOT submit a nominee's professional CV. The statement will be included on the ballot to enable the members to assess the candidates. (Statements may be edited for length if necessary.)

**** A nomination that does not meet the above requirements WILL NOT be included on the Ballot.****

Once all nominations are received, the Board will circulate a slate of candidates to all IWIRC members. Voting will begin mid-June and run for approximately 8 weeks.

This is a great opportunity to contribute to IWIRC at an advanced level and be part of a global team of dynamic women insolvency professionals. Nominate today!

A Penny for Your Thoughts

SELFIE CHALLENGE! There will be prizes!

What is your best IWIRC selfie (individual or group)?



Can you top this? (Spring Meeting Scavenger Hunt, 2015)

Send your selfie picture and a brief description/story to the IWIRC Newsletter Director, Lauren Friend McKelvey at Lauren.McKelvey@ofplaw.com. Her favorite response(s) will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter and the winner(s) will win a SECRET IWIRC PRIZE (it's so secret, we don't even know what it is yet!).

Network Corner: Tips from the Hong Kong Network

Catherine Read, *Walkers* and **Eloise Fardon**, *Stephenson Harwood*, Co-Chairs, and **Alex Welch**, *FTI Consulting*, Vice-Chair



Ideas for membership growth

Over the past 2-3 years, the Hong Kong Network has been on a drive to increase its membership numbers, which had sat at around 40 paid-up members for a number of years. With a mailing list of over 500 professionals and attendance at key events of over 100 people, it was clear that there was a live target market for new members, but that there was little incentive for new members to join IWIRC, unless they wanted to be on the Board. The commencement of a number of initiatives to drive new membership has seen the Network's membership nearly double to date.

These initiatives include:

- The introduction of two new events a year that are open to members only.
- Reduced fees for Asia-Pacific members to correspond to the different market and pricing models in the region. Including reminders about the benefits of being a full member on the majority of correspondence.
 - For the most sought after events, which included a large charity ball and black tie dinner, priority ticket release has been offered to members. Both



Eloise Fardon



Catherine Read



Alex Welch

these events have sold out and so it has proven beneficial to be a member in order to obtain tickets.

Successful introduction of a Social Media presence

During 2014, the Network launched a social media strategy and established a Facebook page. In order to build a social media following, a policy was implemented to provide guidelines to:

- content management
- how complaints would be dealt with
- the objectives of the social media drive

A system for managing the frequency and type of content to be posted was devised, including a monthly roster for each board member to provide content. Over the past year, the Network's social media following has grown to over 70 men and women and is continuing to attract new followers all the time! Some of the most popular posts have reached over 900 people.

Please like the [IWIRC Hong Kong Facebook](#) page so you can keep up to date with the Network's latest news and events!



*Chinese New Year
Dim Sum lunch at
Dragon-I,
February 2015*





Eloise Fardon, Cathy Hseih, Nate Tayler (LinkedIn, speaker at a Breakfast Bites seminar in 2014 – event for members only), Catherine Read, Joyce Lau

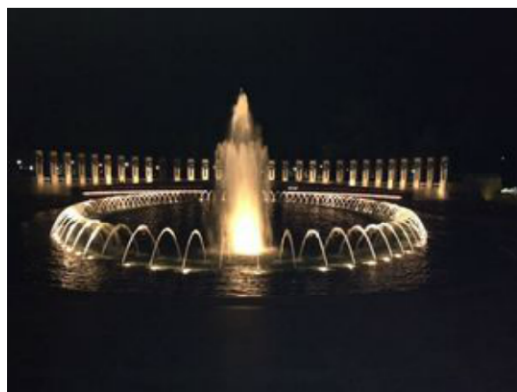


Eloise Fardon, Alison Harbert (Nomura, speaker at our Breakfast Bites in 2014 – event for members only), Catherine Read

IWIRC's 12th Annual Spring Conference – In Pictures

We've all heard the old adage "A picture is worth a thousand words." So, instead of writing a thousand words we've decided to recap IWIRC's Annual Spring Conference in pictures (and a few words too).

On April 15 and 16, 2015, over 150 IWIRC members from around the world gathered in Washington, DC, to connect, learn, network, and enjoy the United States' Capital City...





Left: The Conference kicked-off with views of the Washington Monument on the rooftop of Arnold & Porter, LLP, which once again hosted and sponsored the Opening Reception, along with Epiq Systems. The Opening Reception was also supported by IWIRC's Washington, DC, Greater Maryland, and Virginia Networks.



Right: On Wednesday, Conference attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner at DC hot-spot Zaytinya. Yes, that's 17 dishes . . .



Above: On Thursday, April 16, an interactive expert panel discussed "Prepping for the Pitch." **Melissa Hager**, Morrison & Foerster LLP, **Josie Parisi**, BDO Canada, **Teresa Kohl**, SSG Capital Advisors (moderator), **Holly Felder Etlin**, AlixPartners LLP, and **Denise Dell-Powell**, Burr & Forman.



Above: Cori Flam Meltzer, CFM Mediation, enthralled the audience with her presentation "Who Says It's A Man's World? How Women Can Take Charge of the Conversation," during which many in the audience participated the conversation about women in the restructuring field.



*Left: Karen Fellowes, DLA Piper, accepted the Ryan Award for outstanding IWIRC Network on behalf of the **Western Canada Network**.*

Right: Jennifer Meyerowitz, ZMA Consulting Group, was awarded the Melnik Award for exceptional contributions by an IWIRC member.





Left: IWIRC members enjoyed a guided tour of the Newseum as an intermezzo event on Thursday afternoon.

Below and Right: IWIRC members explored DC in competitive Scavenger Hunt as one of the intermezzo events on Thursday afternoon.



For more pictures of the Spring Meeting, visit IWIRC's webpage [here](#).

For full videos of the programming, visit IWIRC's YouTube page [here](#).

Meet the 2015 Founders Awards Winners

IWIRC is pleased to introduce the recipients of its 2015 Founders Awards. The honorees received their awards on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at IWIRC's 12th Annual Spring Meeting in Washington, DC.

The Melnik Award



Jennifer Meyerowitz

Jennifer Meyerowitz, Founder, Attorney & Consultant at ZMA Consulting Group, was awarded the Melnik Award for exceptional contributions by an IWIRC member. Jennifer, the immediate past-Chair of IWIRC, served as the Chair of the Georgia Network for 2 years and was instrumental in the creation of the Georgia Network in 2003. In addition, she provided valuable contributions in her tenures as IWIRC Vice-Chair and IWIRC Membership Services Director. Jennifer has conceived of and driven strategies that have led to the expansion of IWIRC, both in the US and internationally, guided the organization's vision, and has been a mentor and teacher to the IWIRC membership.

The Fetner Award



Justine Lau

Justine Lau, a Senior Associate at Mayer Brown JSM in Hong Kong, received the Fetner Award for exceptional contributions by an international IWIRC member. Justine is an At-Large IWIRC Director and past Chair of the Hong Kong Network. Justine's drive and commitment have resulted in the growth of IWIRC in Australia while she champions IWIRC in the Pac-Rim region. Furthermore, through her leadership, the Hong Kong Network expanded its educational programming and networking events resulting in increased membership and sponsorship.

The Ryan Award



Mary Buttery

The **Western Canada Network** was the recipient of the Ryan Award for outstanding IWIRC Network. The Western Canada Network has grown to include active chapters in three major cities. Despite the large geographic region the Network covers, over 1 million square miles, Western Canada has successfully grown its membership to approximately 100 members through compelling and frequent educational and social programming. The Network has accomplished all of this in just 4 years, under the leadership of the Network Founders, **Karen Fellowes** and **Mary Buttery**.



Karen Fellowes

"IWIRC is so grateful for the contributions of our 2015 awards recipients," said **Beth Hansen**, IWIRC Chair. "Jennifer and Justine have worked tirelessly and are dedicated members who have helped not only the organization but mentored membership as well. We laud the Western Canada Network for its accomplishments of Network growth and expansive educational and social programs for our members in that region."

Nominate a Rising Star

IWIRC Rising Star Award Nominations Accepted June 9-August 21, 2015

In furtherance of IWIRC's mission, which is devoted to enhancing the professional status of women in the insolvency and restructuring profession, IWIRC has established an award for individuals who are the "Rising Stars" of IWIRC. IWIRC wants to recognize and honor the "Rising Stars" of the organization for their contributions to IWIRC. The Rising Star nominees may be attorneys, bankers, turnaround advisors, claims and noticing agents, academics or other restructuring industry professionals who are actively engaged in the restructuring industry, are located anywhere in the world, and who have shown dedication and commitment to IWIRC on the local, national and/or international level.

All nominees for the IWIRC Rising Star Award must be members of IWIRC. However, IWIRC membership is NOT a requirement to make a nomination. Nominations may be received from firms, companies, partners, associates, IWIRC Networks, IWIRC members, organizations or otherwise.

The IWIRC Rising Star Award will be presented to the woman who...

- Has eight years or less experience in the insolvency & restructuring industry
- Has been actively involved in promoting IWIRC – locally, nationally and/or internationally either through an IWIRC Network or IWIRC Board leadership, committee participation, securing sponsors, planning programs, spearheading events, etc.
- Has inspired, created, led and/or served on a Board of an IWIRC Network or committee
- Has shown exceptional leadership
- Has made an extraordinary contribution to IWIRC and/or an IWIRC Network
- Has gone above and beyond ... and made a difference to the mission of IWIRC

We are looking for individuals that are relatively new to the restructuring industry who have made a marked difference with their involvement and achievements in IWIRC at the local, national and/or international level. Please feel free to think out of the box on this. We welcome all entries. Please consider those women who have consistently demonstrated a commitment to enhancing IWIRC and your local Network.

Five Semi-Finalists will be announced in early September of each year. All five Semi-Finalists will be invited to attend the Annual IWIRC Fall Conference where the winner of that year's IWIRC Rising Star Award will be announced. The IWIRC Rising Star award recipient and all of the other Semi-Finalists (along with their supporting firms, companies, partners, organizations) will be recognized and presented with awards honoring their contributions and support of IWIRC.

For more information click [here](#).

Fun Fact

The top three Networks with new members since February 20th are: Chicago with eight, Cayman Islands with seven, and Western Canada with six!

Did you Know . . .

IWIRC has a YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/IWIRC>

Check it out to find great videos like:

- *[Why Should I Join IWIRC?](#)*
- *[IWIRC Spring Conference 2015 - Planning the Pitch](#)*
- *[2014 IWIRC Spring Conference - Social Media Panel](#)*
- *[Sarah Frankel, you're my hero](#)*

Network Happenings

Atlantic Canada

IWIRC's newest Network is off to great start!



On March 12, 2015, the Atlantic Canada Network held a recruitment drive and it was a great success. Thank you to all the women who were able to attend.



After the CAIRP FORUM held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 4, 2015, the Atlantic Canada Network had a meet & greet to unwind.

Chicago Network

On March 5, 2015, IWIRC Chicago's members rolled up their sleeves for the seventh annual cooking party at the Chopping Block, located in Chicago's historic Merchandise Mart. Upon their arrival, many guests were surprised to be greeted by Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel, who mingled with the public on the Merchandise Mart's first floor, in anticipation of his April 7 runoff election. Participants began the evening with a cocktail reception and appetizers, followed by an interactive cooking experience in a state-of-the-art kitchen. Talented chefs instructed the members, who then proceeded to peel, chop, mix and fry the night away, as they simultaneously enjoyed relaxing conversation and an open bar. These efforts produced a bountiful array of Bourbon Street café-style food: crawfish cakes with red pepper rouille; spinach salad with pickled red onion and creole dressing; shrimp and andouille sausage etouffee; dirty rice and beans; and bananas foster bread pudding. At the end of the meal, guests divvied up the leftovers and shopped (at a special discount) for quality cookware, bakeware and gourmet products from the Chopping Block's retail store, while looking forward to next year's cooking lesson.

The event co-chairs were **Melissa Olin, Andrea Gonzalez and Carol Sales.**



Georgia Network

Dining and Donating

The IWIRC-Georgia Network co-sponsored the opening night reception at the 41st Annual Seminar of the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute ("SBLI") on March 26, 2015 at the InterContinental Buckhead in Atlanta, Georgia. As one of the premier educational seminars for bankruptcy professionals in the southeast, the conference drew judges, attorneys, and restructuring professionals from across the southeast, all of whom were invited to attend the reception and enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres outside in the fresh Spring air.

After the reception, the IWIRC-Georgia Network coordinated a networking opportunity with IWIRC members from Networks across the southeast. Approximately two dozen individuals registered for the Dine Around Networking Event held on the opening night of the conference. Attendees enjoyed an evening of food, drinks, and great conversation in two of Atlanta's finest restaurants.

Also in connection with the conference, the IWIRC-Georgia Network held a toiletry donation drive for the Atlanta Day Women's Shelter. Participants and members donated a variety of travel-size items ranging from antibacterial wipes to designer shampoos and lotions. In addition to the toiletry items, SBLI contributed approximately 100 messenger-style bags left over from the conference.

The IWIRC-Georgia Network collected numerous toiletry items for the Atlanta Day Women's Shelter.



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Art and Memories

In the month of April, members of the IWIRC-Georgia Network decided to take networking in a different direction, gathering at Decatur Glassblowing to learn the art of glassblowing as well as try their hands at the craft. This unique event allowed eighteen members to create a souvenir glass-blown paperweight as well as lasting memories with their fellow insolvency professionals.

Upcoming Events

Coming up on August 22, the IWIRC-Georgia Network will team up with Habitat for Humanity for a Women's Build. The Women's Build allows the members of the IWIRC-Georgia Network to empower women while serving a great cause. More details will be forthcoming on this exciting service opportunity.



IWIRC-Georgia Network members enjoy a unique glassblowing networking event.

Greater Maryland Network

Greater Maryland Network Annual Meeting Held and New Board Confirmed

On March 10, 2015, sixteen members of IWIRC gathered for the Greater Maryland Network Annual Meeting. Graciously hosted by the law firm of Miles and Stockbridge, members gathered to vote on the slate of officers and directors, discuss events for the upcoming year and catch up with each other after a long cold winter.

The fourteen in-person attendees added their voice to those of the early voters and unanimously affirmed the proposed slate. The 2015/2016 Greater Maryland Network Officers and Directors:

Joyce Kuhns, Saul Ewing LLP - Immediate Past Chair

Susan Klein, Gordon Feinblatt LLC - Chair

Laura Bouyea, Venable LLP - Chair Elect

Maria Chavez-Ruark, Saul Ewing LLP - Secretary

Lisa Poulin, Deloitte CRG - Treasurer

Jovi Bohan, Stout Risius Ross, Inc. - Director, Co-Chair Membership Committee

Jessica Woods, Venable LLP - Director, Co-Chair Membership Committee

Angela Shortall, Protiviti Inc. - Director, Co-Chair Communications Committee

Kristen Siracusa, Miles & Stockbridge P.C. - Director, Co-Chair Communications Committee

Susan Jaffe Roberts, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP - Director, Co-Chair Events Committee

Lisa Stevens, Yumkas, Vidmar & Sweeney, LLP - Director, Co-Chair Events Committee

Deborah Devan, Neuberger, Quinn, Gielen, Rubin & Gibber, P.A. - At-Large Director

Linda Donhauser, Miles & Stockbridge P.C. - At-Large Director

Catherine Hopkin, Tydings & Rosenberg LLP - At-Large Director

Lori Simpson, Law Offices of Lori Simpson, LLC - At-Large Director



As Immediate Past Chair, Joyce welcomed Susan to her new role with the gift of a gavel, perpetrating the fiction that there is way to actually control this crowd! On behalf of the Network, Susan presented Joyce with an engraved glass plaque acknowledging Joyce's contribution to the Greater Maryland Network and the gratitude of the board and all of the members for her continuing dedication.

A Welcome Evening of Relaxation and Conversation

The Third Annual Spa Event was another smashing success. On April 9th, about a dozen IWIRC Greater Maryland Members gathered at About Faces Spa in Canton to enjoy a little bit of wine, a few snacks, some laughter and a whole lot of pampering!

ABI 33rd Annual Spring Meeting in DC

Susan Roberts (Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP) participated in panel focused on Chapter 11 plan confirmation hearings at the ABI Spring Meeting in DC. The panel demonstrated commonly litigated legal issues, evidentiary documentation requirements, and how to present and cross-examine experts using a mock hearing format. As counsel for the creditors committee, Susan was successful in her attempt in persuading the mock judge to deny the plan confirmation. ABI also featured a video of Susan advertising her panel and the ABI Spring Meeting on the ABI Spring Meeting webpage. After the conference, Susan and fellow Network members were able to relax and enjoy a beautiful spring evening in Washington at the reception hosted by **Lisa Poulin** and her firm Deloitte CRG at the W Hotel.



Susan Roberts (Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP) and **Bradley Sharp** (Development Specialists, Inc.) presenting at the ABI Spring Meeting



Susan Roberts, **Jovi Bohan** (Stout Risius Ross, Inc.) and **Maria Chavez-Ruark** (Saul Ewing LLP) at the Deloitte CRG Reception

Nineteenth Annual BBA Spring Break

The Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland gathered in historic Annapolis, Maryland for the Nineteenth Annual BBA Spring Break Weekend on May 1 -2, 2015. Several of the Greater Maryland Network members made substantial contributions to the success of this venture.

Laura Bouyea (Venable LLP) and **Kristen Siracusa** (Miles & Stockbridge P.C.) and their panel helped keep us all current with: "Recent Case and Rule Developments in Business Bankruptcy Cases."

Deborah Devan (Neuberger, Quinn, Gielen, Rubin & Gibber, P.A.) participated on the panel "Estimating Claims and Section 1111(b) Elections."

Gabrielle Duvall (Linowes and Blocher LLP) added a lighter note to the 8:45 a.m. Saturday morning panel: "Preparing the Expert Witness." Helping the audience understand the do's and don'ts of working with a financial expert and providing the most effective representation to your client while doing so.

Patricia Jefferson (Miles & Stockbridge, PC), Professor Michelle Harner, and the Hon. Wendelin Lipp's panel gave us a first look at the American Bankruptcy Institute Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11, in particular the recommended provisions to help make small and mid-sized company Chapter 11 proceedings more affordable and efficient.

High Tea at Reynolds Tavern

At the conclusion of BBA Spring Break Weekend, IWIRC members and non-members joined together for great networking and lovely high tea at Reynolds Tavern on May 2, 2015. It was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with members of our insolvency community that are not regularly able to attend the Network events and enjoy the spirit of historic Annapolis.



Joining for tea at Reynolds Tavern: **Angela Shortall** (Protiviti Inc.), **Becky Herr** and **Mary Park McLean** (Counsel to Chapter 13 Trustee, Nancy Grisby), **Lisa Stevens** (Yumkas, Vidmar & Sweeney, LLC,), **Corinne Donohue** (Yumkas, Vidmar & Sweeney, LLC,), **Susan Klein** (Gordon Feinblatt LLC)



Corinne Donohue struggles with a difficult decision!

31st Annual Conference of the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors - June 3-5, 2015

Several IWIRC Greater Maryland Network Members are scheduled to speak at this conference in Philadelphia.

On Friday June 5, at 9:30 a.m., **Linda Donhauser** (Miles & Stockbridge, P.C.) and her panel discuss "Anything But Bankruptcy! Trends and Issues Involving Non-Bankruptcy Alternatives" - exploring various options to the Chapter 11 and 7 when considering small and mid-sized troubled companies.

At 11:00 am, **Maria Ellena Chavez-Ruark** (Saul Ewing LLP) and her panel of business and academic leaders discuss several of the key recommendations of the Final Report and Recommendations of the American Bankruptcy Institute Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11, specifically those recommendations that seek to encourage earlier chapter 11 filings and disclosures by debtors, to reduce litigation by resolving circuit splits on key legal issues and ambiguities in current practice under the Code, and to help small and middle-market companies better navigate the chapter 11 process.

Following lunch, at 1:30 p.m., **Jovi Bohan** (Stout Risius Ross, Inc.), **Susan Klein** (Gordon Feinblatt LLC) and **Susan Roberts** (Whiteford Taylor & Preston LLP) discuss on "Voidable Transactions: Consequences and the Law."

Financial Advisors Panel – June 9, 2015

The IWIRC Greater Maryland Network will host a panel discussion on the effective use of a Financial Advisor. Financial Advisors Panel - Views from the trenches: Optimizing the value of your FA – how to recognize best practices and avoid common pitfalls - will be hosted by Venable LLP at their Baltimore office on June 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Panelists include **Jovi Bohan** (Stout Risius Ross, Inc.), **Lyn Brown** (L.E.W. Brown & Associates), **Lisa Poulin** (Deloitte CRG) and **Angela Shortall** (Protiviti Inc.). The panel will be open to members and non-members and will focus on cash collateral needs, DIP financing, substantive consolidation, plan feasibility, valuation issues and recent cases. A light dinner will be provided prior to the presentation and the evening will end with dessert and an opportunity to network. More information and an opportunity to register can be found [here](#).

New Jersey

The IWIRC New Jersey Network was pleased to honor the appointment of the Honorable Vincent F. Papalia to the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey. Judge Papalia filled the vacancy in Newark in January.

The reception took place at the Greenbrook Country Club in North Caldwell, NJ. Attendees included IWIRC Members and many sponsors.



New York

Ladies' Night: Bringing Poker Skills to the Negotiating Table Part II

Saima Meyer, Kurtzman Carson Consultants and **Cristine Pirro**, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

We were proud to host our second Ladies' Poker Night on February 18th. Members learned the art of poker from a team of professional players and then practiced the skills they learned in an all-IWIRC tournament. The night involved networking, cocktails, dinner, and a lot of laughter. The event's excellent turnout resulted in a boisterous tournament, leaving **Melissa Hager** and **Erica Richards**, both from MoFo, with prizes from Equinox Fitness!



Personal Branding: How to Set Yourself Apart

Janice Grubin, LeClairRyan and **Tanya Meerovich**, FTI Consulting

IWIRC NY hosted its inaugural Personal Branding Event on April 30th. Our panel consisted of five financial and legal professionals:

- **Melanie Cyganowski**, a former bankruptcy judge and now member of Otterbourg P.C.,
- **Gina Gutzeit**, a Senior Managing Director of FTI Consulting Inc.,
- **Deirdre McGuinness**, a Managing Director of Kurtzman Carson Consultants,
- **Nina Ross**, a Managing Director of Societe Generale, and
- **Jamila Justine Willis**, an associate at DLA Piper LLP

Our panelists engaged attendees in a free-wheeling discussion on a wide range of topics focusing on creating and sustaining your personal brand. Topics included reputation building through internal and external networking, the role of mentoring, achieving success under 40, and thought leadership. This event was thoughtful and inspiring.

If you missed it, never fear! Keep an eye out for the opportunity to meet in a small lunch or breakfast group with one of these remarkable women from May through November. And for more information, check out the Personal Branding features in our quarterly newsletters throughout the year.

Northern California Network

The IWIRC Northern California Network is pleased to congratulate three of its members who shared their expertise as panelists at the 2015 ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting, held in San Francisco on April 16-18.

Shawn Christianson (Buchalter Nemer) and **Debra Grassgreen** (Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones) spoke on a panel entitled "Who Will Be There To Shut Out The Lights" that dealt with alternatives to Chapter 11 in winding down and dissolving business entities and enterprises.

Ellen Friedman (Friedman & Springwater) spoke on a panel entitled "Deals Aren't Over at the Closing: The High-Stakes Game of Managing Ongoing Client Contracts and the Legal Errors That May Result" that addressed the problems that arise in longer term commercial contracts and the advice that lawyers can give to protect their client and minimize the risks of legal error.

Singapore Network

The Singapore Network held IWIRC SG Spring Drinks 2015 at the Catalunya Bar and Restaurant. The event was attended by a number of professionals from the restructuring and insolvency sectors.



Rachel Albanese



Laura Bouyea



*Maria Ellena
Chavez-Ruark*

Member News

Law360 has selected senior counsel **Rachel Albanese** (Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP) to serve on its editorial advisory boards. As the publication notes, "The purpose of the editorial advisory board is to get feedback on Law360's coverage and to gain insight from experts in the field on how best to shape future coverage."

Laura Bouyea (Venable LLP) was admitted to practice in Delaware on December 10, 2014 and was recently elected Chairperson of My Sister's Place Women's Center Leadership Council effective July 1, 2015. My Sister's Place, a division of Catholic Charities, provides three meals a day and access to services such as case management, education and job training to women in Baltimore City.

Maria Ellena Chavez-Ruark (Saul Ewing LLP) was appointed to the board of directors for the Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's mission is to promote the establishment, growth, prosperity and retention of

Hispanic businesses in the State of Maryland. Maria is the co-chair of the Mentoring Program Committee for the American Bankruptcy Institute. The program launched in February and is intended to connect active and recently graduated business and law students to professionals who have bankruptcy and insolvency experience and will provide guidance to mentees on career and professional development. Anyone interested in serving as a mentor may register at <http://mentor.abi.org/>. Maria gave a presentation on April 14 to the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland and the Chesapeake Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association called "Baker Botts, L.L.P. v. ASARCO, L.L.C.: Allowance/Disallowance of Fees Incurred in Defending Fee Applications in Bankruptcy Court." After presenting on the case, Maria led an animated discussion on whether professionals employed under the Bankruptcy Code may recover their legal fees and related expenses incurred in defending their contested fee applications.

IWIRC Florida Board member **Denise Dell-Powell** has been appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. During her two year term, Dell-Powell will work with the Commission to recognize and support women of all ages to achieve their fullest potential. She will meet quarterly with the other members of the Commission to address a broad range of issues, including economic opportunity for women, women's health, women's role as care-givers, violence against women and the unique challenges women face.

Corinne Donohue (Yumkas, Vidmar & Sweeney, LLC) was a panelist and spoke on "Employment and Benefit Issues: Rejection of Employment Contracts & Effect on Non-Compete Clauses – Bankruptcy Code § 365" at a Walter Chandler American Inn of Court meeting.

Rosa Evergreen, IWIRC DC co-chair and a partner at Arnold & Porter LLP, was recently included by Chambers USA as an up and coming bankruptcy and restructuring professional in the District of Columbia. Rosa's firm, Arnold & Porter LLP, also co-hosted a joint networking event with ABI, TMA and IWIRC DC and Greater Maryland Networks. The networking event was held on May 27, 2015 on Arnold & Porter's rooftop.

Paula Galbraith, Sponsorship Chair of the Chicago Network, joined Ken Novak and Associates, Inc. as a Senior Director.

On June 5, **Janice Grubin** (LeClairRyan) will be on a panel at the upcoming 31st annual ARIA Conference. She will speak on "Marketing Strategies for Restructuring Professionals in a Volatile & Competitive Market: What to Do, What to Avoid, and What Works."

Elizabeth L. Gunn (Immediate Past Chair of the Virginia Network) was appointed Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia and serves as the Bankruptcy Specialist for the Department of Social Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement representing the Division in courts throughout Virginia and the country.

Suzana Krstevski Koch joined the Financial Litigation Unit of the United States Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Ohio as an Assistant United States Attorney. Suzana was a partner at Brouse McDowell in Akron, Ohio where her practice focused on bankruptcy and commercial law. Suzana is a 2015 Ohio Super Lawyer through a peer- and achievement-based review conducted by the research team at Super Lawyers, a service of Thompson Reuters legal division.



Denise Dell-Powell



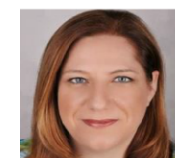
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Teresa Kohl

On June 5, **Teresa Kohl** (SSG Capital Advisors) will be on a panel at the upcoming 31st annual ARIA Conference. She will speak on "Ethics: Conflicts, Crossing the Line, and Other Issues."

Michelle McGreal (Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP) was selected as one of Law360's Rising Stars Under 40.



Michelle McGreal

Lauren Friend McKelvey (Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, PC) has been named a 2015 Rising Star for Bankruptcy: Business by both Washington DC and Virginia Super Lawyers. On May 21, 2015, Lauren presented at the Northern Virginia Bankruptcy Bar Association on the topic of "Trustee Strong-Arm Powers Under Section 544 of the Bankruptcy Code." Lauren also has a forthcoming article in NABTalk: Journal of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees on the same topic.



Kimberly Rayborn

Kimberly Rayborn of the IWIRC-Georgia Network has joined Busch White Norton, LLP in Atlanta as a senior associate. She continues to focus her practice on default services.

Erin Kennedy Ryan, former Chicago Network Communications Co-Chair, is now corporate counsel at The Sherwin-Williams Company, in Cleveland, OH. Erin will be greatly missed by the Chicago Chapter and we wish her well in her new career!



Erin Kennedy Ryan

Kristen Siracusa (Miles & Stockbridge P.C.) and **Linda Donhauser** (Miles & Stockbridge P.C.) published an article, in April, 2015, entitled "Credit Bidding: Secured Creditor Beware" in the Bankruptcy Strategist.



Kristen Siracusa

Lisa Yonka Stevens (Yumkas, Vidmar & Sweeney, LLC) was a Moderator and Panelist. She spoke on "Hot Topics in Commercial Law" before the Anne Arundel Bar Association Bar Weekend at the Hotel Hershey in March 2015.



Lisa Stevens

Anne Rasho Vanderkamp, Chair of the Chicago Network, was promoted from Senior Vice President to Managing Director at Mesirow Financial Consulting. She was also selected by the M&A Advisor as a winner of the 6th Annual 40 Under 40 Emerging Leaders Awards.

Barbara Yong, Membership Co-Chair of the Chicago Network, is speaking about Asset Protection and Pre-Bankruptcy Planning at the ABI Central States Bankruptcy Conference in Traverse City, Michigan.



Anne Vanderkamp

Upcoming Network Activities

Did You Know . . . All IWIRC members are welcome at all IWIRC events around the world? Don't forget to check the event schedule before you travel!

Monday, June 01, 2015

Northern California Network

[IWIRC - Virtual Discussion with DE Network - Networking Doesn't Help Women](#)



Barbara Yong

Tuesday, June 02, 2015
Northeast Ohio Network
NEON/IWIRC Membership Event

Thursday, June 04, 2015
AIRA 31st Annual Bankruptcy & Restructuring Conference

Tuesday, June 09, 2015
New York Network
3rd Annual IWIRC NY Golf Camp

Tuesday, June 09, 2015
Greater Maryland Network
Financial Advisors Panel: Views From the Trenches

Tuesday, June 09, 2015
New Jersey Network
IWIRC - New Jersey: Viewing of "Girl Rising"

Wednesday, June 10, 2015
New Jersey Network
IWIRC Coffee & Networking | 2015 TMA Mid-Atlantic Regional Symposium

Wednesday, June 10, 2015
Ontario Network
IWIRC Ontario 5th Annual Golf Day

Thursday, June 11, 2015
Delaware Network
Cocktail Reception prior to the Opening Reception at the Central States Bankruptcy Workshop

Friday, June 12, 2015
Hong Kong Network
IWIRC Hong Kong 10 Year Anniversary Black Tie Dinner

Wednesday, June 17, 2015
Southern California Network
Cocktail & Canapé Class

Wednesday, July 15, 2015
New York Network
IWIRC 2015 Leadership Summit

Thursday, July 23, 2015
Louisiana Network
Join the Louisiana Network of IWIRC for a Spa Weekend in New Orleans!

Thursday, August 13, 2015
Northeast Ohio Network
2015 Great Lakes Regional Golf Clinic

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The Newsletter relies on contributions from IWIRC's Networks and members. We are always looking for the following content:

- Network events.
- Member news, such as job transitions, promotions, awards, speeches and publications.
- Substantive articles regarding bankruptcy and insolvency topics and/or business and professional development topics. We will re-print articles published in another publication with permission from that publication.

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