



## GREATER MARYLAND NETWORK NEWS FOR MAY 2018

### Upcoming Events

#### Annual Spa Event

Clear your calendar – once again, the Greater Maryland Chapter will be holding its annual spa event at About Faces, Canton on **Wednesday, July 25, 2018** starting at **5 p.m.** for a mini-spa treatment and networking event. We will have sandwiches, dessert and wine to enjoy as you relax and chat with your fellow IWIRC-Greater Maryland members.

Please choose from the services below and email your first and second choice to Cat Allen at [cguastello@gmail.com](mailto:cguastello@gmail.com) as soon as possible (and by no later than Friday, June 15, 2018). There are a limited number of spots for each option, so get your selection in early!

Mini-facial \$65	30 Minute Massage \$60
Classic Manicure \$23	Express Pedicure \$35
Shampoo & blow out \$35-40	

Once again this year, we will be collecting donations of diapers, clothing, toys and equipment for children ages 0-5 years to be given to Sharebaby. Sharebaby is a Baltimore based charitable organization that collects and distributes diapers, clothing and other basic goods to families in need through community-based organizations. If you would like to donate by check, please make the check payable to Sharebaby. <http://www.sharebaby.org/>

#### Crypto World: How Well Do You Understand Blockchain, Business and Law?



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Come join your colleagues to explore emerging cryptocurrencies and blockchain technologies that will impact how your clients do business successfully today and tomorrow. Programming will

benefit practitioners with little or no understanding of cryptocurrency, as well as those practitioners with an advance understanding of the “Crypto World.”

The event will take place at Venable LLP’s offices located at 750 E. Pratt Street, Suite 900, Baltimore, Maryland, on **June 27, 2018**. Networking will begin at **5:30 p.m.** with dinner provided by the Greater Maryland Network, and the program commences at **6 p.m.** Admission is **free!**

This panel will address:

- A technical and pragmatic explanation of the underlying technologies;
- The creation of security interests, and other uniform commercial code considerations;
- Regulatory frameworks;
- The interplay of “smart” contracts;
- Issues involving cryptocurrency valuation and assignment in the insolvency context;
- How new cryptocurrencies are handled in the context of preferences, fraudulent transfers, and disputes regarding property of bankruptcy estates.

The **Greater Maryland Network of the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC)** and the **Consumer Bankruptcy Section of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA)**.

Registration ends on **June 25, 2018** and can be accessed at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/crypto-world-how-well-do-you-understand-blockchain-business-and-law-tickets-45668891885>

Or by visiting the Greater Maryland Network’s webpage located at:

<https://www.iwirc.com/networks/greater-maryland/news>

## Recent Events and Networking

### Night at the Museum

On Thursday, April 26, 2018, members gathered for a private tour of the Walters Art Museum “***Fabergé and the Russian Crafts Tradition: An Empire’s Legacy.***” The guided tour of various objects connected to the Faberge collection and involved stories about myth and mystery, bling and tragedy, and a bunch of great stories of fortunes made and lost. People walking over the border at midnight . . . and even carrying a few treasures away in their suitcases. Guests were treated to a view of two of the fifty Faberge eggs created in Russia in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

This year, the Greater Maryland Network co-hosted the event with the Women’s Bar Association for Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Carroll County. A light fare reception was held from 5:45-6:30 p.m. at the Museum’s café and then the 70-minute tour commenced after that.



## Fundraiser and Educational Event: Tina's Wish

The Greater Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, Connecticut and Chicago Networks joined together on April 12, 2018, for a virtual regional event supporting Tina's Wish. Miles & Stockbridge P.C. in Baltimore hosted the Greater Maryland chapter's gathering of members and non-members alike to connect through video chat to hear keynote medical speaker Dr. Doug Levine, of the NYU Langone Cancer Center.

Members enjoyed networking and cocktails as well, and were given information about Tina's Wish as well as an opportunity to make a charitable contribution to the foundation. Tina's Wish is the short name of the Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research, which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding groundbreaking scientific research for the prevention and early detection of ovarian cancer. The organization's slogan is: "Know Early. Know Hope.® This is our mission." (<http://tinaswish.org/>).



(From Left): Kate Manning, Clayton Buescher and Thomas Trela Susan Griiser (Salisbury University); Marylee Robinson (SRR); Kristen Siracusa Eustis (Miles & Stockbridge); Laura Bouyea (Venable); Cat Allen (U.S. Bankr. D. Md.); Jessica Dillon (Venable); Lisa Stevens (Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin); Angie McDonough (Protiviti)

### **6th Annual IWIRC at the Shore Conference – March 1 to 2, 2018**

The annual conference was held on March 1 and 2, 2018 at the Borgata Hotel, Casino and Spa in Atlantic City, New Jersey. For the sixth year, IWIRC members from across the globe as well as from the five sponsor networks of New York, New Jersey, Greater Philadelphia, Delaware and Greater Maryland gathered for two days of networking, educational events and fun.

Events for the 2018 conference included a spa networking lunch event, welcome reception, gourmet dinner, after-party, educational panels and farewell luncheon. One of the favorite memories of the event was the entire after-party experience. It was a night to remember complete with a photo booth, strolling magicians and mind readers, and a D.J. who pumped up the volume for those wishing to dance the night away.

### **Greater Maryland Network’s Annual Business Meeting – March 6, 2018**

On March 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., the Greater Maryland Network conducted its Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors and elected the 2018-2019 Board and Officers that appear at the end of this newsletter. Members gathered at this event at the offices of Miles & Stockbridge P.C., 100 Light Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland, where they enjoyed networking, cocktails, dinner, and then got to work during the business meeting.

Outgoing co-chair Laura Bouyea (Venable) was honored with special gifts from the IWIRC membership as well as from current co-chair Lisa Stevens (Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin LLC). Each guest read from a special place-setting image that contained a famous quote about “coloring the world,” and started planning the coming year as well as reflecting on the successful 2017-2018 year.

## IWIRC's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Conference – April 18 to 19, 2018

On April 18 to 19, 2018, Greater Maryland members convened with colleagues from across the globe at IWIRC's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Conference at the Marriott Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

IWIRC's National Programs Committee organized another fantastic Spring Conference on April 18-19, 2018, in the heart of beautiful Washington, D.C. In addition to educational panels and a ceremony recognizing IWIRC's 2018 Founders' Awards and Woman of the Year recipients, members enjoyed the opening reception at Arnold & Porter's offices in Washington, D.C., where drinks were served and members took advantage of the beautiful roof-top terrace overlooking D.C. Members then strolled over to Carmine's Italian restaurant, where good conversation and an excellent meal was enjoyed by all.

### Member News and Notes

**Angela L. Shortall** (3Cubed Advisory Services, LLC) recently joined 3Cubed Advisory Services, LLC as a Director. Angela will continue to provide financial advisory services to fiduciaries, creditors, committees, debtors and debtors-in-possession, assisting each of her clients in finding the best possible path through their unique challenges. Angela's new email is [ashortall@3cubed-as.com](mailto:ashortall@3cubed-as.com)

On June 27, 2018, **Joyce Kuhns** (Offit Kurman) and **Cate Hopkin** (Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin) will be a moderator and panelist, respectively, at the Cryptocurrency Panel event that is described above in the "Upcoming Events" section.

Chambers USA has named **Maria Ruark** (Saul Ewing), **Linda Donhauser** (Miles Stockbridge), **Cate Hopkin** (Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin), **Patti Jefferson** (Miles Stockbridge) and **Lisa Tancredi** (Gebhardt Smith) as leading attorneys in the Bankruptcy/Restructuring category for Maryland by in its 2018 legal rankings. Maria and Linda were named as Band 1 attorneys and Cate, Patti and Lisa were named as Band 3 attorneys. There were no other female attorneys named in this category, so the Greater Maryland network is very proud to claim 100% of the female attorneys ranked in Chambers USA this year!

**Corinne Adams** (Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin) will speak at the ABI Mid-Atlantic conference in Hershey, PA on "Consumer and UST Issues: Bankruptcy Billing, Bundling and the Upright Decision."

WhatsUp? Media selected **Lisa Y. Stevens** (Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin) as an Anne Arundel County 2018 Leading Lawyer. Well done, Lisa!

Congratulations to the following members who were named a 2018 Maryland Super Lawyer for inclusion in the Bankruptcy: Business list: **Maria Ellena Chavez-Ruark** (Saul Ewing), **Linda V. Donhauser** (Miles & Stockbridge), **Catherine K. Hopkin** (Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin), **Lisa**

**Tancredi** (Gebhardt & Smith), **Joyce A. Kuhns** (Offit Kurman), and **Cynthia Leppert** (Neuberger Quinn Gielen Rubin & Gibber).

Congrats to 2018 Maryland Super Lawyer Rising Star's **Corinne Donohue Adams** (Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin), and **Jodie Buchman** (Silverman Thompson Slutkin White) who were selected for inclusion in the Bankruptcy: Business category and **Kristen Siracusa Eustis** (Miles & Stockbridge), who was selected for inclusion in the Creditor Debtor Rights category.

Let's try to get even more on the list next year! Be sure to recommend your colleagues and fellow IWIRC members at [https://www.superlawyers.com/for\\_lawyers.html](https://www.superlawyers.com/for_lawyers.html)!

On **May 4 to 5, 2018**, the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland hosted its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBA Spring Break Weekend in Annapolis, Maryland. Several members of the Greater Maryland Network were panelists at this event:

- **Lisa Y. Stevens** (Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin), along with her co-panelists, presented "Issues Arising in Cases Filed By LLCs or Their Members"
- **Maria Chavez-Ruark** (Saul Ewing) and **Patricia Jefferson** (Miles & Stockbridge), along with their co-panelists, presented "Selling Free and Clear of 'Interests'"
- **Marguerite DeVoll** (Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald) and **Marissa Lilja** (Tydings & Rosenberg), along with their co-panelists, presented "Recent Case and Rule Developments in Business Bankruptcy Cases"

## NEW TO THIS ISSUE! Member Spotlight



**Laura Bouyea** (Venable)

Starting with this issue, the newsletter will include a member spotlight each month. The inaugural "Member Spotlight" member is **Laura Bouyea** (Venable), the Greater Maryland Network's immediate past co-chair.

**Proudest professional moment:** My proudest professional moment was being offered a position as an associate in Venable's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Group because I knew that there would

be no better springboard for my legal career. I was correct. In the 13 years since I joined the firm, I have had the opportunity to touch almost every aspect of bankruptcy, representing debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees, bankruptcy trustees and liquidating agents in all aspects of bankruptcy. Venable also has been very supportive of my pro bono and volunteer work, which includes involvement in the House of Ruth, the Maryland Food Bank, My Sister's Place Women's Center, and V-LINC, a non-profit organization serving people with disabilities.

**Biggest professional hurdle:** The annual decline in business bankruptcy filings since 2009 has certainly been a challenge. The decline in filings quickly made it apparent that it would make sense to supplement my bankruptcy work with a state court creditors' rights practice. This ended up being a blessing in disguise, as this has since provided the opportunity to litigate in state courts across the country. My focus in state court has been on single asset real estate and has included commercial foreclosures and receiverships, lender liability actions and guaranty actions.

**Work history:** After graduating from the University of Richmond and before starting law school, I spent one year working for Arthur Andersen as an auditor. I sat for and passed the CPA exam during this time and was able to gain exposure to the retail, manufacturing, service and healthcare industries as well as to state and local government. While attending law school, I worked for Deutsche Bank in their mutual fund compliance group with a focus on the Investment Company Act of 1940. After law school, I clerked for the Honorable James F. Schneider, the then Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, for two years. I then joined Venable where I've been for the past 13 years.

**Favorite pastime(s):** I love volunteering in the community and spending time with my family including my husband, Mike, and our three children, Abby (11), Hayden (9) and Brennan (9 months). I relive my own days in Girl Scouts as the leader of Abby's Junior Girl Scout Troop. I also try to find a little time to exercise myself, completing 1-2 triathlons in each of the last 5 years. Our family loves to explore new cities and to relax lakeside in North Hero, Vermont and Lake Placid, New York. We are trying to decide which of the 46 peaks of the Adirondacks we should try to conquer as a family this summer.

**One thing my other IWIRC members don't know about me:** I grew up a diehard sports fan and grew up attending playoff baseball and football, the Olympics, the NCAA basketball tournament, college football bowl games, and the World Figure Skating Championships. My favorites were the last baseball game to be played at Memorial Stadium, the first baseball game to be played at Camden Yards, Cal Ripken's last game and the finals of the women's gymnastics team competition at the 1996 Summer Olympics (Kerry Strug's famous vault to clinch the gold for the United States).

## Volunteer & Pro Bono Opportunities

If you would like to be included on IWIRC's Speakers' Bureau, be sure to fill out the application and submit it for consideration. The application is included at the end of this newsletter.

The Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service has been unable to keep up with the current volume of low-income individuals in need of bankruptcy representation. MVLS has several clients in need of

volunteer bankruptcy attorney representation. Interested attorneys should contact **Michelle Swift**, MVLS Pro Bono Program Manager at (443) 451-4068.

The Pro Bono Resource Center (PBRC) also has multiple training and pro bono opportunities for lawyers. There are live training courses coming up in November for Veterans Benefits and Criminal Expungement, as well as ongoing online training courses in nearly twenty different areas including consumer bankruptcy, family law, copyrights, mediation, immigration, Medicaid, tax sale prevention and tenant advocacy. Please contact board member **Cate Hopkin** at chopkin@tydingslaw.com if you are interested in volunteering or obtaining training through PBRC. PBRC is a statewide nonprofit organization that provides support, training, and advocacy for volunteer attorneys and legal services organizations, and incubates pro bono projects which give free civil legal help to low-income Marylanders.

## Join a Committee

Interested in getting more involved in the Greater Maryland Network? Then look into one of our three committees – Events/Programs Committee, Nominating/Membership Committee, and Communications Committee. Contact the co-chairs of any of them to learn more about committee life. Contact information for all Greater Maryland Network members can be found on the website: IWIRC - Maryland Members Information.

***If your name is missing from the committee list or if you are listed on the wrong committee, please notify Jessica Dillon (jdillon@venable.com) or Lisa Y. Stevens (lstevens@yvslaw.com)***

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## IWIRC Speakers Bureau Application

Individuals interested in joining the IWIRC Speaker's Bureau must provide the information requested on this page and agree to the terms and conditions for Speakers Bureau membership. Please return your completed application to:

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IWIRC  
Fax: 703-802-0207  
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**Professionally, I am a/an:**

- Attorney
- Accountant/Auditor
- Banker
- Financial Advisor
- Trustee
- Judge
- Professor
- Government Employee
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a bio of 500 words or less**

**Please indicate the topic or topics on which you are competent to speak:**

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**Please indicate the industry area(s)\* on which you are competent to speak:**

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\*Industry areas listed are the standard NAICS classifications. For more information on these classifications, click [here](#).

**Please indicate the program format(s) in which you are willing to participate:**

- In-person panel discussion
- In-person individual presentation
- Debate
- Internet/Webinar
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## **Terms & Conditions**

### **IWIRC Speaker's Bureau Associate Member candidates must:**

- Maintain a current international IWIRC membership and be a member in good standing.
- Possess the ability to prepare and make public speeches.
- Have a record of accomplishments indicative of maturity and leadership.
- Agree to all terms and conditions of Speakers Bureau membership.
- Provide the information requested above.
- Acknowledge and agree that the IWIRC Speakers Bureau is provided as an educational and informational resource by IWIRC; that membership in the IWIRC Speakers Bureau does not create an agency relationship; and that IWIRC will bear no liability for any loss arising from or incurred by an IWIRC Speakers Bureau member in relation to any speaking engagement offered by an IWIRC Speakers Bureau visitor.
- Acknowledge and agree that the speaker's content is the speaker's own and does not represent or reflect the views or opinions of IWIRC.

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