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**Chioma Adiele** recently completed her LLM program at Western University, with a focus on Restructuring and Insolvency Law. Her paper titled DIP Financing in Canada in Light of the Recent Amendments to the CCAA can be read [here](#).

**Otavio Balbino**, along with Flavia Millard and Renata Barros, succeeded in persuading a Brazilian Senator to revise a proposed bill to modernize Brazil's bankruptcy law. The bill - with their revision - has now passed into law and their technical guidance will facilitate the work of bankruptcy trustees throughout the country.

**Angela Barkhouse** published a thought leadership piece regarding fraud and corruption in the pandemic and the importance of asset recovery. Read it [here](#).

**Lisa G. Beckerman** was appointed as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan.

**Leslie Berkoff**, a partner at Moritt, Hoff & Hamroff LLP, has been named as one of Long Island Business News' (LIBN) Top Power 25 In Law for 2021. The award acknowledges the inspiring impacts these attorneys have made in the lives of their clients, to the region's legal community and to the advancement of the profession. Read more [here](#).

**Jane H. Downey** from the Moore Taylor Law Firm, P.A. in Columbia, SC received a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rating. Ms. Downey is the Past Chair of the Carolinas Network as well as an IWIRC At Large Director.

**Jodi Dubose** and her husband, Jamie Dubose, welcomed daughter Laurel Josephine in July 2020. Jodi is an attorney in Stichter Riedel Blain & Postler, P.A.'s Pensacola, FL office.

**Tatiana Flores**, who serves as Communications Director for IWIRC Brazil, was elevated to counsel at Lefosse Advogados in São Paulo.

**Janet B. Haigler** of Haigler Law Firm LLC, Chapin, South Carolina will be inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in October 2021 at its meeting being held in Indianapolis.

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**Peggy Hunt** (Rocky Mountain Chapter) was recently appointed as a Director of the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation.

**Sejal Kelly** joined Omni as the Vice President of Administrative Services. She has over 15 years in the turnaround and insolvency world and has advised mid- to large cap companies across diverse industries. Sejal plays an active role in the corporate restructuring community as a member of ABI and IWIRC, previously serving in various positions at IWIRC.

**Susan Poll Klaessy** has been named to the 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers list – a distinction limited to just 5 percent of the state’s lawyers.

**Heather Milazzo** was recognized by CoStar as a Power Broker, receiving the award for 2020. [Read more here.](#)

**Nyana Abreu Miller**, Latam Director, was promoted from Associate to Counsel at Sequor Law. [Read more here.](#)

**Tara E. Naful** of Beal LLC in Columbia, SC has been recognized by the American Bar Association as a 2020 Pro Bono Leader for her volunteer work for South Carolina Free Legal Answers.

**Georgiana Nertea** has been with Sherwood Partners, Inc. since December 2016. She was promoted to Managing Director in January 2021.

**Michelle Pickett and Monique Sassi** wrote an article entitled "Retail Rebound: How Retailers in Canada Should Plan for Post-COVID Consumerism." [Read it here.](#)

**Christina Sanfelippo** of Cozen O'Connor recently co-authored an article centering on the Small Business Reorganization Act (SBRA). It led off a series on the SBRA, One Year Later, coinciding with the anniversary of the act's effective date - February 19. [Read more here.](#)



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**Monique Sassi** was promoted to Partner in the Restructuring & Insolvency Group at Cassels.

**Alexandra CC Schnapp** (Law Clerk for Chief Judge Wendy L. Hagenau, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, N.D. Ga.) recently moderated an Ethics and Professionalism CLE hosted by the Georgia Bar Bankruptcy Section. Panelists discussed the business case for diversity in the legal community and how firms and other organizations can attract and retain talent with policies that effectively foster diversity and inclusion.

Several IWIRC Brazil members were invited to speak at IBAJUD (partner institute)'s celebration for International Women's Day: **Rosely Cruz**, founder of IBAJUD and an IWIRC Member opened the event. **Leyza Blanco, Hon. Monica Di Piero and Liv Machado** spoke about issues affecting women in the legal industry. **Juliana Bumachar** talked about women in leadership. **Maria Tereza Tedde and Prof. Sheila Cerezetti** discussed about female entrepreneurship and careers. **Daniela Tapxure** led the discussions on domestic violence and its impacts. **Livia Gavioli and Maria Fabiana Santana** spoke about innovation. **Beatriz Faneca** gave the closing speech. The event was coordinated by **Hon. Anglizey Solivan**.

IWIRC Brazil's members participated – free of charge – in INSOL LatinAmerica's webinar, hosted by **Liv Machado** and with the participation of **Judge Susana Hidvegi-Arango, Leyza Blanco, Sheila Cerezetti and Rosa Rojas Vértiz**.



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