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# IWIRC NEWSLETTER

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# NETWORK NEWS



## IWIRC Carolinas

On June 10, 2021, the Carolinas Network had their first in-person event after a very long time of not seeing each other. Everyone had fun catching up over some good food and enjoying each other's company. The event was held in Wilmington, NC.



## IWIRC Minnesota

IWIRC Minnesota members connected in person for the first time since the pandemic on May 14, 2021, at a park near downtown Minneapolis. All members received a wine glass with the MN IWIRC logo that was created for the 2020 Leadership Conference. IWIRC Minnesota is planning a remote joint event this summer with the IWIRC Puerto Rico network, which will be open to all IWIRC members.

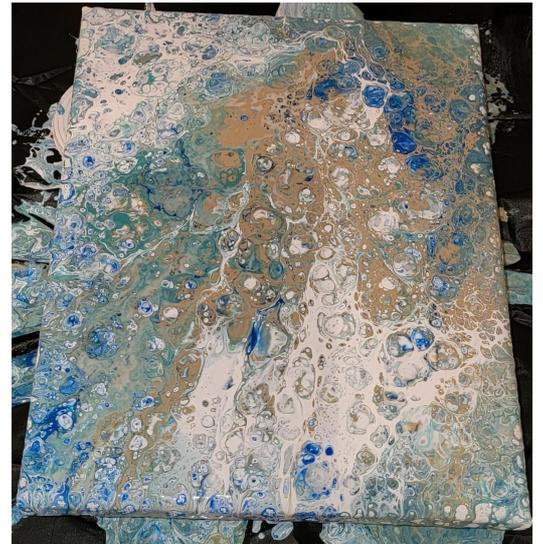


## IWIRC Chicago

This spring, IWIRC Chicago spiced up the mid-pandemic lull with a fun and sensory experience. Members and non-members from various networks across the United States came together on March 10, 2021 for a virtual candle making session hosted by Paddywax Candle Bar. Participants selected their candle holder and scent, and candle making kits were sent to attendees prior to the event. With a bubbly beverage in hand, everyone learned how to create a candle from scratch and also quickly and efficiently empty a finished candle holder for reuse! The best part about the event was the ability to connect with counterparts throughout the United States! Participants included members and non-members from Illinois, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Texas, Wisconsin, Ohio and California. The most popular candle scent was Pink Pepper + Grapefruit. It was a great event to connect with others both near and far!

## IWIRC Michigan

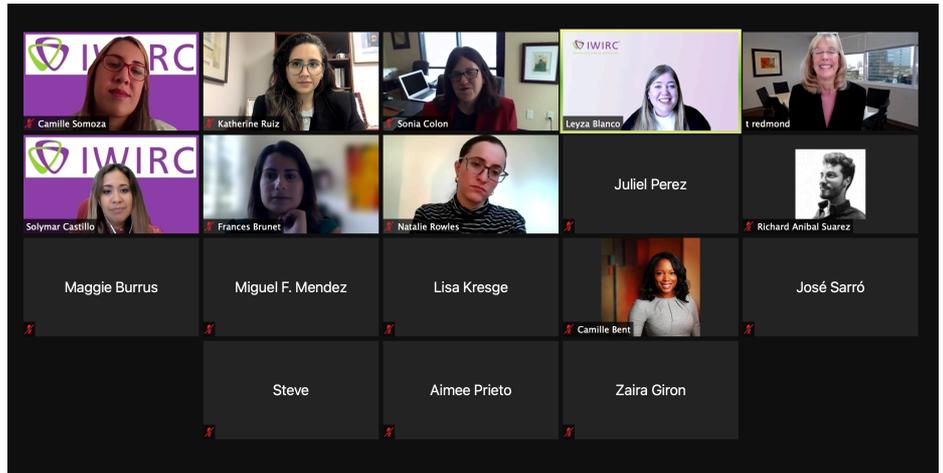
IWIRC Michigan hosted a Paint Pouring Event. You can see some of the creations featured below!



# IWIRC Puerto Rico

## BE VISIBLE AND BE MEMORABLE

On March 25, 2021, IWIRC's Puerto Rico Network hosted a webinar titled Tricks of the Trade: How to Become a Bankruptcy Attorney, as part of a continuing series of mentoring programs for female insolvency and restructuring professionals.



During the hour and a half program, attorneys Sonia Colon and Solymar Castillo, co-chairs ex officio, had the opportunity to interview attorney Patricia Redmond, a shareholder at Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, on different aspects of her career, including how she got her start, common trends during the beginning of her career as an insolvency practitioner (when she was often the only woman in the room), how the insolvency practice has changed for women, and what she would like to see future generations of female attorneys accomplish in their own careers.

When asked what was the best advice she has ever received, Ms. Redmond spoke honestly and uttered four short words: "be visible" and "be memorable". Go out and be seen, be active in your profession, join networks that will positively impact your career, and invest your time doing meaningful work.

One of the highlights of the program was when Ms. Redmond reflected on one of the more memorable moments of her incredible career: when Alfred Angelo, one of United States' biggest bridal chains was going out of business and filing for bankruptcy in 2017. That summer, Ms. Redmond went above and beyond to help hundreds of brides whose bridesmaid dresses, gowns and accessories were locked in darkened storefronts slathered with "Permanently Closed" signs. Working with former Alfred Angelo store managers and employees, as well as fellow attorneys, paralegals, staff and friends, Ms. Redmond gained limited access to closed stores and arranged for customers to pick up gowns and accessories prior to their big day. Reflecting back, Ms. Redmond described her experience as one of the most challenging and rewarding of her career.

IWIRC's Puerto Rico Network was extremely fortunate to engage in such an organic and inspiring program, and hopes the insights shared by Ms. Redmond help shape the careers of future generations.

## IWIRC Dallas/Fort Worth

On Thursday, May 27th, the IWIRC DFW Network held its annual members-only “Bestest Party” with a “dips” theme. This was the Network’s first in-person, post-COVID event with members bringing a favorite dip (or two) and enjoying networking face to face after over a year of virtual events. The event incorporated a charitable element with members donating items to the Dallas Woodrow Wilson High School’s Peace Pantry which helps supplement meals and provide healthy snacks to students.

## Southeastern Regional Event

The Southeastern Regional Virtual Cocktail Hour and Speed Networking Event hosted by the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida and Gulf Coast networks brought together IWIRC members from 7 different networks. It demonstrated one of IWIRC’s biggest strengths and one of the ways it has risen to the challenge of the pandemic – connecting women in different regions who otherwise may never have met. We began with brief messages from each of the sponsoring networks, followed by two breakout rooms sessions and a final main session for goodbyes. The breakout sessions were long enough that each participant got to introduce themselves and chat with other participants for a few minutes. We all admired the fabulous cocktail packages we received in connection with this event (see photos below) and savored the cocktails as we caught up with old friends and met new ones. The participants seemed to very much enjoy this event and to appreciate the opportunity for connection it provided. While Zoom fatigue is real, this is an event we wouldn’t mind repeating.



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IWIRC Houston  

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