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Chioma Adiele recently started a position as a legal secretary at the Civil Law Division of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General.

Leslie A. Berkoff, a Partner and Chair of the Dispute Resolution practice group in the Garden City office of Moritt Hock & Hamroff, has been recently appointed to the American Arbitration Association (AAA) – International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) Council and to the AAA-ICDR International Panel.

Jill B. Bienstock was promoted to Managing Director at PwC, where she will head up the Bankruptcy Consultation & Facilitation Team.

Danielle (Dahni) Barav-Johnson, previously at Jones Day, joined Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP's Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring team as Counsel in March 2021. Recently, she was named one of the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch for a second year.

Sydney J. Darling moved to Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.

Alicia Den Beste has re-joined Epiq as a Managing Director where she is responsible for business development in the claims administration and corporate restructuring division.

Rebecca Earl, Board Member of IWIRC New Jersey, became editor-in-chief of the Bankruptcy Service Current Awareness Alert, a monthly newsletter published by Thomson Reuters that provides analysis of recent bankruptcy appellate decisions.

Ashley Edwards (Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, Charlotte, N.C.) moderated a panel at ABI Southeast Workshop entitled "Infected, Vaccinated or Cured?" regarding the economic impact of COVID-19.

Rosa Evergreen, a partner in Arnold & Porter's corporate restructuring group in Washington, DC, was recognized in Best Lawyers in America 2022 in the categories of "Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law" and "Litigation - Bankruptcy." She was also named in Best Lawyers as one of the "Lawyers of the Year" for "Litigation-Bankruptcy."

Janet Haigler (Haigler Law Firm, Chapin) and **Margaret Westbrook** (K&L Gates, Raleigh) will be inducted into the 32nd Class of the American College of Bankruptcy in October, 2021.

Robbin Itkin was recognized as a visionary in Business of Law: Trends, Updates & Visionaries, a special feature published this week by L.A. Times B2B Publishing.

Denise Kaloudis' work was recognized in Stretto's receipt of the 15th Annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Award.

Demetra Liggins moved to McGuireWoods.

Paula Lucescu was promoted from Senior Executive to Assistant Manager in the London Contentious Insolvency team at Mazars LLP.

Pam McAfee, Carolinas member, was selected as the newest bankruptcy judge in the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Jessica Molano completed her clerkship at the end of August 2021 with the Middle District of North Carolina Bankruptcy Court.

Adine S. Momoh (a founding director and member of the IWIRC-MN Network) Partner at Stinson LLP, is a recipient of the National Bar Association (NBA)'s Top 40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocates Award for 2021-2022.

Kathleen O'Malley (Janvier Law Firm, Raleigh) was elected as Secretary to the Carolinas Network board.

Kelly Rothwell, of the London Network, was promoted to Of Counsel at CMS as of 1 July this year.



Shula Sbarro co-authored the Cayman Islands chapter of a publication issued by INSOL International. The publication includes contributions from 17 countries and focuses on pursuing third party debt claims and seeking recognition of foreign enforcement orders, as well as the associated costs and funding necessary to pursue such claims. She is also about to commence the Foundation Certification in International Insolvency offered by INSOL International.



Tara Schellhorn, Co-Chair of the New Jersey chapter of IWIRC, was selected for the Melnik Award for her exceptional contributions. The members of IWIRC NJ are extremely proud of her and grateful for all she has done for their network.

Pooja Sinha spoke at UNCITRAL- Incheon Law & Business Forum on MSMEs on the topic "A Practitioner's Perspective - SE Asia."

Toni Vanderlaan has joined the Deloitte Restructuring team in Toronto.

Rosa M. Rojas Vértiz, a Mexican attorney, member of the Latin America network, was invited to participate in a webinar held on June 10, 2021, by the University San Ignacio de Loyola in Peru, to speak of required reforms to insolvency laws in Peru.

Cherie Sanderson is now the Director of Accounting at Red Rock Developments in Columbia, SC.

Kelly Waits and **Addie Wyatt** recently wrote an article for the ABI Journal entitled, "Bankruptcy Treatment of Environmental Liabilities: A Refresher and Issues to Consider." [You can read the article here.](#)

For the coming year for the North Carolina Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, **Margaret Westbrook** (K&L Gates, Raleigh) will serve as Chair, **Jennifer Lyday** (Waldrep, Wall & Babcock, Winston-Salem) will serve as Secretary, and **Rebecca Redwine** (Hendren, Redwine & Malone, Raleigh) will serve as Treasurer.



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