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Members and Friends of IWIRC NY,

Happy New Year!

As we kick off this momentous year, there is so much to reflect upon. It is hard to believe that we are almost two years into this pandemic! A lot has changed since spring 2020, yet IWIRC NY's mission remains the same: to provide a platform to help to support and promote women in the restructuring industries.

In 2021, we held seven fun and interactive virtual events. In September, we held our first in-person event in since March 2020, which was a success!

For 2022, IWIRC NY is joined by three new board members and together we plan to bring our members more helpful and fun events, and hope we have opportunities to see many of you in person!

We also want to thank our amazing 2021 sponsors! If you are interested in becoming an IWIRC NY sponsor or learning more about the benefits of sponsorship, please contact our 2022 Sponsorship Co-Chairs: [Lily Liang](#) and [Maeghan McLoughlin](#).

Best,
Jasmine Ball & Shirley Luo
IWIRC NY Co-Chairs

Become a Member

Joining IWIRC NY is easier than ever.
[Sign up](#) and select New York as your primary network.

Get Involved

Interested in joining an IWIRC NY subcommittee?
Do you have member news to share? [Drop us a line](#).

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Virtual Galentine's Day Cookie Decorating Workshop

February 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (ET)

Join the gals of IWIRC NY for a virtual Galentine's Day cookie decorating workshop! We'll learn how to decorate a delicious set of themed cookies led by Jacqueline Terrel, the Owner of Tudor House Cookies, while sampling some of Terrel's famous signature cookies.

All supplies will be provided, no experience necessary and all skill levels welcome. Attendees will also get the chance to catch up with their favorite gals while also snacking on these tasty treats!

Register [here](#).



Substantive Event: Interrupting Bias—How and Why We Should Level the Playing Field

December 13, 2021

Sharmeen Khan and Alissa Nann—
Substantive Events Co-Chairs

On December 13, 2021, the Delaware, New Jersey and New York networks of IWIRC hosted a joint webinar: “Interrupting Bias - How and Why We Should Level the Playing Field”. Over 100 IWIRC members from across the three networks (and beyond) registered, and 69 people attended the webinar. Diversity CLE and CPE credit was provided to participants who completed the webinar.

IWIRC member Monica Blacker, of BAX Advisors, LLC, presented an engaging discussion on a timely topic, challenging participants to think about their individual biases, workplace bias, and ways to interrupt bias on an individual and institutional level. While there is no easy solution, the goal of diversity and inclusion is something IWIRC encourages its members to work toward every day. We thank Ms. Blacker for this terrific presentation!



Substantive Events

Subcommittee Members

- Nancy Bello
- Jessica K. Bonteque
- Katina Brountzas
- Uchechi Egeonuigwe
- Shanté George
- Charvi Gupta
- Sharmeen Khan (Co-Chair)
- Lilly Liang
- Samantha Martin
- Summer M. McKee
- Alissa Nann (Co-Chair)
- Carina Oriel
- Iva Qendro
- Jen Quinlan
- Daniela Raz
- Samantha Ruppenthal
- Lara Sheikh
- Jessica Weitzman

Substantive Event: Resilience for the Modern Professional

October 19, 2021

Sharmeen Khan and Alissa Nann—

On the evening of October 19, 2021, the New York and Chicago IWIRC networks teamed up for a joint virtual event to help members find resilience in the (so we then thought) post-pandemic world.

Speaker Minette Norman, a former software industry executive turned career coach, led members of both networks through strategies for finding work-life balance, empathy and self-grace in the “new normal” hybrid virtual world in which we now live.

Attendees were able to share valuable insights and learn tools to avoid burnout.



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Michele Michaelis and team were honored with the Turnaround Management Association’s 2021 Large Company Turnaround/Transaction of the Year Award for advising the Unsecured Creditors in the Tuesday Morning Corporation Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.

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Introducing our Newly Elected IWIRC NY Board Members!

Thanks to all who participated in the election process for the 2022 IWIRC NY Board. Congratulations to the winners — especially the new joiners. If you are interested in getting more involved in IWIRC NY, please email info@iwircny.com.



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Thank you to our outgoing Board Members Samantha Martin, Isabel Arana de Uriate, and Samantha LeBlanc for their generous time and commitment to IWIRC NY!

Kathleen Lauster

Fairfield Capital Advisors , Managing Director



The success of our Chapter is due in no small part to the contributions and enthusiasm of our incredible members. In celebration of that fact, each quarter, we recognize an “IWIRC NY Shining Star” to introduce you to exemplary members of the IWIRC NY community.

This issue we celebrate Kathleen Lauster, a member of our Communications Sub-Committee. Congratulations, Kathleen!

Professional Background: Kathleen is a Managing Director and heads the Capital Advisory & Restructuring practice. Kathleen guides clients in capital raising, M&A strategy and financial restructuring. Her focus in industrials, business services, consumer products, and other hard assets, along with restructuring and special situations, leverages her deep financial background and extensive industry relationships to create accelerated access to investment capital and perform value-added investment banking advisory. Kathleen has over 20 years of global financial services experience, working for and advising firms in Europe and the U.S. Her clients have ranged from early-stage ventures to Fortune 500 firms. Prior to joining Fairfield Partners, Kathleen served as a Managing Director of Restructuring and Corporate Finance at Silver Leaf Partners, LLC. Before that, Kathleen was a Senior Vice President within Houlihan Lokey’s Financial Restructuring and Real Estate Strategic Advisory Practice.

IWIRC Involvement: I officially became a member of IWIRC three years ago, after attending several events as a guest. What I recognized in those first few events I attended were what a dynamic group of supportive women IWIRC possessed. In an industry where women can still find themselves unfortunately underrepresented, I really cherished the sisterhood – both the ability to connect with peers and the chance to “pay it forward” via mentoring junior executives. I have been an active member of the Communications Committee for a year now.

Most Memorable IWIRC Moment: My most memorable events are the in-person ones, which I have sorely missed this past couple of years. I loved the summer evening cruise, and the one of my earlier educational events at the National Arts Club. While the virtual events have been well-planned and much appreciated, I look forward to transitioning back to in-person where we can recreate new memories.

How did you get into restructuring? I began my career as a commercial lender in my hometown, Detroit. Very early on, I found myself as the most junior officer of the Workout Group, where I fell in love with Restructuring and Distressed Advisory. After completing graduate school, I joined Houlihan Lokey at the start of the global financial crisis. I was fortunate to advise a number of high profile clients facing distress in the U.S. and Europe. At Fairfield Capital, I transitioned back to my middle market restructuring roots and couldn’t be happier assisting privately held companies and small cap public companies source capital solutions and reorganize for a better future.

Name the best concert you’ve ever attend. Without a doubt my favorite concerts have always been at Jazz Fest in New Orleans. I’ve attended many times, and while I truly enjoy seeing favorites like Lenny Kravitz and Van Morrison, I’ve also enjoyed popping by the small stages and getting introduced to new music.

What are you looking forward to in the coming months? Hopefully – seeing more of all of you. In person!

Congratulate your fellow IWIRC NY members on their recent accomplishment!

Give yourself some shine! Email us your accomplishments for inclusion in our next newsletter.

Honors & Speaking Engagements

- [Carrienne Basler](#), Managing Director at [AlixPartners](#), is speaking at the [PLI Distressed Debt, Restructurings and Workouts 2022 Program](#) on January 27, 2022.
- Congratulations to [Carlyn Taylor](#), Global Co-Leader of FTI Consulting's Corporate Finance & Restructuring segment, on being named ABF Journal's 2021 Legend Icon. Read about Carlyn's impressive career trajectory and her commitment to colleagues, clients and the firm [in this article](#).
- FTI was named Firm of the Year in seven categories at the annual [Who's Who Legal Awards](#) – including Restructuring & Insolvency Advisers Firm of the Year, and Consulting Firm of the Year.
- [EisnerAmper](#) is pleased to announce that Adeola Akinrinade, a Director in its Financial Advisory Services Group, has been named a [2021 “Emerging Leader” by The M&A Advisor](#).
- EisnerAmper was recognized by [Turnarounds & Workouts Magazine](#) as an Outstanding Turnaround Firms of 2021. Adeola Akinrinade, along with her colleagues, were recognized for bankruptcy and restructuring work with various institutions across multiple industries from healthcare to distribution.

Promotions & New Roles

- [Prime Clerk](#), a Kroll Business, is pleased to announce the promotions of Christina Pullo as Managing Director and head of Prime Clerk and Saima Meyer as Managing Director and head of Business Development.
- [Erin Diers](#) was promoted to partner at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP.
- [AlixPartners](#) promoted Helen Zhang as Director, and Daniella Negron, Kirsten Turnbull, Joy Ibanga, Margarita Kucherenko and Michelle Meyer as Senior Vice President in the Turnaround and Restructuring Services group.
- FTI Consulting recently announced its 2022 Class of Senior Managing Director promotions – including [Amanda Wu](#) from our Corporate Finance & Restructuring segment in New York. We are delighted to recognize that 10 women rose to SMD level this year!
- [FTI Consulting](#) opened the doors to its brand new office space in Midtown Manhattan at the end of 2021, upon completing a near zero-waste relocation. The new office, at 1166 Avenue of the Americas on the 15th Floor, was designed with sustainability and collaboration in mind, and brings 650+ of the firm's professionals together under one roof. To celebrate the grand opening, FTI Consulting partnered with Million Mangroves to plant one mangrove tree for every New York employee. Mangroves store up to 4x more carbon than rainforests, making them a highly effective climate solution.
- FTI Consulting [entered into a definitive agreement](#) to acquire BOLD., a leading restructuring and transactions advisory firm. The acquisition is expected to close during the first quarter of 2022.

Welcome to IWIRC NY's New Members

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Dundon Advisers LLC

Susan Ciancanelli

A&G Real Estate Partners

Michael Cohen

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AlixPartners

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Richard Tannenbaum

Reed Smith LLP

Julia Winters

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP

Adrienne Woods

The Law Offices of Adrienne Woods, P.C.

Drop a line personally welcoming these new members by using the hyperlinks on their names.

Need to renew your membership or become an IWIRC NY member? We want to see you here in our next newsletter—Register or renew [HERE](#) today.



Happy New Year from DLA Piper

To the women who lead, the role models, the dreamers and doers, the creatives, the thinkers, the visionaries, the entrepreneurs and those who continue to make a difference. Cheers to you and all you have accomplished.



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- Beth Friedman
- Margarita Kucherenko
- Lily Liang (Co-Chair)

16th Annual NYIC/AIRA Joint Bankruptcy & Restructuring Event

January 19

NYIC/AIRA

[Register Here](#)

PLI Distressed Debt, Restructuring and Workouts

January 27

PLI

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Virtual 15th Annual Women in Achievement Awards

February 15

NYIC

[Register Here](#)

Wharton Restructuring and Distressed Investing Conference

February 25

[Register Here](#)

Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court

February 26-28

ABI

[Register Here](#)

IWIRC at the Shore

March 3-4

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9th Annual Women of Leadership Summit

March 24

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Elyssa Kates



Ferve Khan

We proudly support **IWIRC NY** and are pleased to announce that **Elyssa Kates** and **Ferve Khan** have been elevated to Counsel at the firm.

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We now have a combined total of 595 followers on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter, and it's not too late for you to join the fun. Being a "friend" of IWIRC NY on social media has become more rewarding than ever! Continue to look out for more giveaways to upcoming events on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter!



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