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Carolinas Network

The Carolinas Network hosted a “Pints and Potential” in February at the Charlotte Beer Garden, with several new members in attendance, including Heather Culp and David Conaway (Pictured right).

The Carolinas Network hosted a dessert, cocktails and personal finance networking event in February in Raleigh, NC (Pictured below).



India Network

Read the India Network's most recent newsletter! The newsletter covers events and initiatives undertaken by IWIRC India Network, and legal updates and articles by IWIRC India members in the field of Restructuring & Insolvency. [Click here to read the newsletter.](#)



Chicago Network

The IWIRC Chicago Network hosted its annual Champagne High Tea on December 10, 2021, in-person at The Langham in downtown Chicago to celebrate the holidays. More than 50 attendees enjoyed reconnecting – many for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic – over champagne, tea, and delectable pastries. Guests also enjoyed an enchanting musical performance by the Chicago Children's Choir and raised funds for the Choir through a wine toss. The Chicago Network looks forward to many more exciting events in 2022!



London Network

Be Connected: IWIRC London Christmas Party 8 December 2021

In December, the IWIRC London network met for a festive tippie at Coq D'Argent. It was a wonderful evening on the spectacular rooftop, which was transformed into a winter-warming alpine themed terrace. It was great to catch up with so many members and friends of IWIRC London over festive cocktails. The event also raised funds for IWIRC London's chosen charity, Solace Women's Aid.



Be Informed: Looking Over the Cliff Edge: Part 2 | 23 February 2022

On 23 February 2022, the London Network was delighted to host a first hybrid in-person and virtual event for Part 2 of our discussions on looking over the cliff edge. This event focused on the effect of the new proposals to deal with Covid rent on real estate and the restructuring market in light of the temporary measures in the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 coming to an end and the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Act 2022 coming into force.

The London Network thanks our excellent panel of speakers, Melanie Leech CBE (CEO, British Property Federation), Ros Goode (Principal and Managing Director, Avison Young), Lesley Males (Director, Avison Young), Carolyn Jones (Civil & Commercial and Online Mediator) and Fiona Freeman (Managing Director, FTI Consulting), for their insights and such an interesting discussion. It was amazing to see so many people attending in person and to be able offer both in-person and virtual networking to our attendees. Special thanks to FTI Consulting for hosting this fantastic event.



Be Inspired: International Women's Day with Alice Stephenson | 24 March 2022

Alice Stephenson, Founder and CEO of award winning law firm Stephenson Law, has made it her mission to platform the human side of law and to tackle, head on, the stereotypes that exist for professional services. Alice delivered an informative and interactive session where she shared experiences of her career and challenges she has faced when trying to tackle stereotypes in the profession and for women at large.

Many thanks to Grant Thornton for sponsoring this brilliant event.



Western Pennsylvania Network

Read the Western Pennsylvania Network's most recent newsletter! The March newsletter includes a Reflection on International Women's Day, a member spotlight and member news. [Click here to read the newsletter.](#)



Cayman Islands Network

The stunning gardens of the National Gallery were the venue for the Cayman Islands Network Break the Bias panel and networking event. Over 120 attendees enjoyed a stellar panel comprising guest speakers, Lady Arden of Heswell, Justice Ramsay-Hale and Sophia Harris, expertly moderated by Rachael Reynolds QC. The panel provided a lively and inspirational discussion of women's progression and unconscious bias in the workplace and their guests' own experiences of these issues as they forged their own paths to becoming industry leaders. As Lady Arden reminded us all, women are going to do it differently and we should all take pride in these differences! Thank you to the fantastic speakers, sponsors, the beautiful venue and all IWIRC members and friends in attendance for making this event such a resounding success.



Mexico Network

On April 5, IWIRC Mexico hosted an event to celebrate the creation of its network, the 50th IWIRC Network. The event featured speaker Ileana Moreno Ramírez Executive Secretary of Creación de Nuevos Órganos del Consejo de la Judicatura Federal.



Tenth Annual IWIRC at the Shore

By Lara Sheikh, Practical Law (Thomson Reuters)

IWIRC at the Shore met live and in-person at the Hardrock Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City for its Tenth Annual conference on March 3-4, 2022. As the first regional IWIRC conference when it began 10 years ago, IWIRC at the Shore has a devoted following of consistent attendees that grows each year as new members join. It has become an annual ritual for



IWIRC members from across the Eastern seaboard networks of Delaware, Greater Maryland, Greater Philadelphia, New Jersey, and New York, and a smattering of other networks, including Georgia, Mountain / Desert, New England, Southern California and Wisconsin, to convene over delicious food, drinks, entertainment, spa time, dancing, and bankruptcy talks. The conference serves as an important incubator for up and coming talent to speak on cutting edge restructuring topics with senior professionals and bankruptcy judges. Many of our speakers have moved on from the conference to speak with confidence at National IWIRC and ABI conferences.

Where else can you spend a day networking over lunch in a relaxed spa setting with time for a walk on the Boardwalk; followed by an evening of



cocktails, dinner party, and after-party complete with a DJ, games, and prizes. The next morning included 3 substantive panels on cutting edge bankruptcy topics including Insurance Protection; Cybersecurity; and Preparing Witnesses for Depositions and Trial. This year,

we were honored to have Hon. Maria Elena Chavez-Ruark from the Maryland Bankruptcy Court, Hon. Christine Gravelle from the New Jersey Bankruptcy Court, and Hon. Lisa Beckerman from the Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Court join the conference as panelists and conference attendees. IWIRC at the Shore ends with lunch amongst restructuring women crossing all levels of experience from law students, first year associates, mid-levels, counsels, partners, financial advisors, bankers, Bankruptcy Judges, and law clerks.



Thank you to the New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Greater Philadelphia, and Greater Maryland networks and Cooley, EisnerAmper, Gavin Solmonese, Teneo, EY Parthenon, Kirkland & Ellis, Practical Law (Thomson Reuters), Weil Gotshal, 50 Words, Ashby & Geddes, BakerHostetler, Carl Marks Advisors, CBIZ, Duane Morris, Foley & Lardner, FTI, JW Infinity Consulting, KCC, Miles & Stockbridge, Sidley, SM Financial Services, Stradley Ronon, Togut, Segal & Segal, White & Williams, Womble Bond Dickinson, Riker Danzig, and the Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors for their sponsorship of the conference.

And, a special thank you to the organizing committee members Adeola Akinrinade, Kim Brown, Margarita Ginzburg, Patricia Jefferson, Angela Mastrangelo, Julie Murphy, Roberta Harkavy Propper, Tara Schellhorn, and Jolene Wee, led by Conference Chair, Blanche Zelmanovich and Vice Chair, Ericka Johnson.



The Tenth Annual conference felt like a long-awaited reunion of friends and colleagues. For those who weren't able to join this year, we missed you! And, will hope to see you at the next conference.

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