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Oklahoma Network

IWIRC Oklahoma recently had its first happy hour event in March at the Study Wine Bar in Oklahoma City.

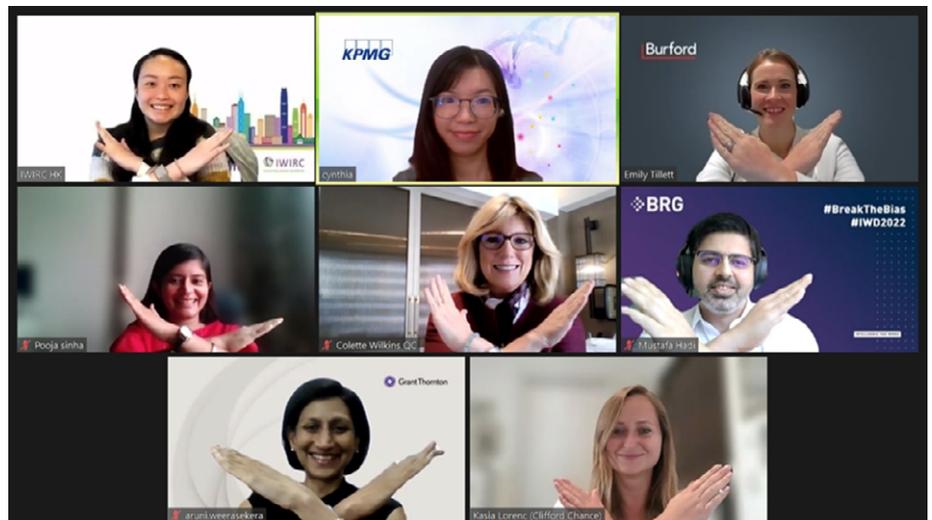
Acting Chair, Lorena Laks, and Acting Treasurer, Carrie McEntire, have been busy rebuilding the Oklahoma network through membership recruiting, event planning, public relations, and much more. Stay tuned!



Hong Kong Network

IWIRC's Hong Kong Network set up a fabulous panel of accomplished women to share their experiences. Marked annually on March 8th, International Women's Day (IWD) provides a useful opportunity to reinforce the fact that everyone has a role to play in forging a more gender-balanced world. This year's IWD campaign theme #BreakTheBias focuses on actions that each one of us can take to level the playing field, starting with understanding and raising awareness of bias, whether deliberate or unconscious.

The panel discussed this year's IWD theme, sharing knowledge and experience of how they have contributed to "Breaking the Bias" and any areas for development which they have identified throughout their career journey.



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New Jersey Network

IWIRC New Jersey held its annual recruiting event, Sip & Swing, on April 20, 2022 at The Clubhouse, an indoor golf facility in Fairfield, NJ. Christina Thompson, CEO and founder of Golf4her.com, brought prizes, gear to buy and new clubs to try. Christina delivered an inspiring and motivating talk about how to get started, etiquette tips, and how golf helped shape her professional career. Members and potential new members then jumped into the state-of-the-art simulators and were more than surprised by how well they could hit the ball! The encouragement and excitement of all who attended was palpable. The IWIRC-NJ Sip & Swing Event shed some much-needed light on why women should play more golf and encouraged those who attended to do so.



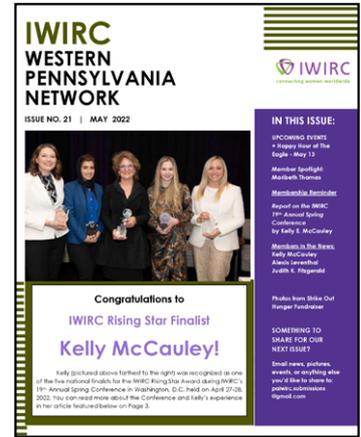
Member Jaclynn McDonnell, who (incidentally) won the longest drive contest, said of the event: "The IWIRC-NJ Sip & Swing Event was a great opportunity for everyone to let their hair down and learn a little more about golf in an approachable and encouraging atmosphere. There is a need for these types of events which provide women with an opportunity to try the game. A huge thank you to all the ladies at IWIRC-NJ for setting up this fantastic event. I can't wait 'fore' the next one!"

Move over boys, the women of IWIRC-NJ play golf too!



Western Pennsylvania Network

Read the Western Pennsylvania Network's most recent newsletter! The May newsletter includes a report on the IWIRC 19th Annual Spring conference, a member spotlight, and member news.



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Dallas Fort Worth Network

DFW IWIRC Evening at the Mavericks Game, March 23, 2022: IWIRC members gathered to watch the Dallas Mavericks defeat the Houston Rockets.



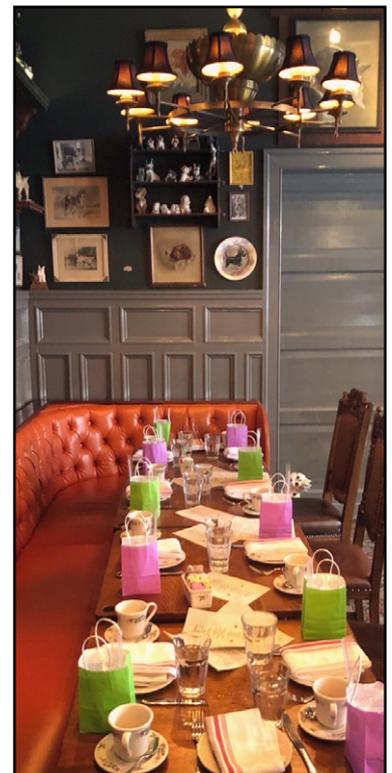
DFW IWIRC's Annual Bestest Party Ever! May 5, 2022: BESTEST Party was back this year with socializing and a fiesta theme with Mexican goodies and drinks!



Greater Philadelphia Network

IWIRC Greater Philadelphia members and friends gathered for Afternoon Tea at the Dandelion in Center City Philadelphia on May 12, 2022. In addition to networking, members enjoyed tea and cocktails, British cheeses, finger sandwiches, and delectable desserts. The Network was delighted to have a great turnout for its first post-pandemic Afternoon Tea and thanks EisnerAmper for sponsoring the event.

IWIRC Greater Philadelphia also partnered with the Network of Women from the TMA Philadelphia/Wilmington Chapter for a joint happy hour on June 28, 2022. It was a beautiful evening at Harper's Garden in Center City Philadelphia.



Carolinas Network

The May 22, 2022 Carolinas Networking Event at Fiddlin' Fish Brewery in Winston Salem was a huge success. We had 18 people attend, including one of our judges, all of the law clerks and summer clerks, as well as counsel from the Bankruptcy Administrator's office and even a few law students.



Minnesota Network

Meet Judge Tanabe – May 24, 2022

On May 24, 2022, the IWIRC MN Chapter in conjunction with TMA NOW hosted an event for newly appointed Judge Kesha L. Tanabe of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Minnesota, along with her clerks, Alex Beeby and Lanna Magnolia. IWIRC and TMA members enjoyed drinks, appetizers and a panel discussion with Judge Tanabe at the Giulia restaurant in the Hotel Emery in downtown Minneapolis. Judge Tanabe was sworn in on January 7, 2022, and she is the first Asian American woman on the federal bench in Minnesota. Amy Swedberg of Maslon LLP moderated the panel discussion in which Judge Tanabe discussed her desire to serve the MN bankruptcy bar, her spirit of advocacy, the experience gained from youth sports and the wonderful collegiality she has enjoyed her first few months on the bench. Judge Tanabe also provided valuable advice for young attorneys seeking to apply for judgeship in the future including promotion of the "Roadways to the Bench" program next scheduled in Minnesota for April 3, 2023.



Mexico Network

IWIRC Mexico had a great event on June 21st, 2022. IWIRC MEXICO with a government agency, called IFECOM, organized a conference in which the principal goal was to encourage professionals in the field of insolvency to actively participate and register as assistants in the administration of justice.

We also officially constituted the Mexico Network pursuant to Mexico law!



Western Canada Network

The Western Canada Network has been very busy so far this year. Since the beginning of the year, our network has gone from just over 40 members to 67 members!

On April 8, 2022, 24 men and women traveled to Lake Louise Ski Resort in Banff National Park for an amazing day of skiing and networking. This had been an annual event until 2017 and we were thrilled to bring it back this year. Pictured is two of our members, Dana and Charla, getting ready to hit the slopes!



On May 18, 2022, over 40 women in Calgary and Vancouver enjoyed a cocktail party and virtual presentation by Marianne Trost on

Maximizing Your Network. SophieGrace, a local women's clothing company, was also on hand to present their collection of mix and match separates for back to work.

On July 6, 2022, we will be hosting our first ever Stampede Kick-Off Breakfast. This event sold out in two days!

Also coming up in August and September, we have golf lessons and a golf day planned – more to come on that event in our next update!

London Network

In May, the IWIRC London network held a 'Yoga with a View' event, kindly sponsored by Dentons. Members of the network enjoyed a yoga session followed by a healthy breakfast and mingling with friends and colleagues. We also recently hosted our 'IWIRC London Network Thursday Fizz' event. The sun was out a breeze was there and members mingled and caught up with one another. A lovely evening in London city glory! On July 6, the IWIRC London Network is very excited to host our 4 year anniversary party. We will also be taking the opportunity to present three awards (Excellence, Future Leader & Champion) to certain of our deserving members recognising their achievements and contributions to IWIRC and to our profession, more widely. For more information or to RSVP, [visit here](#).

Insol London 2022 took place between 26 and 29 June, and it was great to meet many IWIRC members from the UK and overseas throughout the conference and to host a joint Insol/IWIRC breakfast on the last morning.

The Insol/IWIRC breakfast was expertly organised by the London Network event co-chair and committee members: Clare Tanner, Hannah Langley and Louise Jennings - this was no mean feat as the organisation was complicated by the great interest received which meant we were quickly oversubscribed and so the venue room was changed so as many people as possible could join us.

Insol President, Scott Atkins, spoke at the breakfast and it was so pleasing to hear how diversity and inclusion is extremely important for Insol and very high on their agenda.

Another excellent event organised by the London network which provided all the opportunity to network with great guests in a lovely setting!



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