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Members and Friends of IWIRC NY,

We cannot believe we are already saying goodbye to 2022! We had a very busy year, especially in the fourth quarter. Our wine tasting event combined with an educational panel on mastering business development in the restructuring world was a fun night with many of our members. Check out event highlights with photos in this newsletter!

We also capped off the year with our first in-person holiday party for our sponsors since the start of the pandemic. We want to thank our sponsors again for their dedicated support to IWIRC NY.

Finally and most importantly, we welcomed our new board members for 2023-2024 with Adeola Akinrinade, Jessica Bonteque and Kay Wang joining us. You will be hearing more from each of them in the coming year.

We look forward to an exciting 2023! We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of IWIRC and we are transitioning from our emailed quarterly newsletter to posts on LinkedIn. Please follow us on [LinkedIn](#) to stay up to date on upcoming events, members news, event recaps, and other developments!

Warm regards,
Rachel Chesley & Shirley Luo
IWIRC NY Co-Chairs

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

IWIRC NY's Autumn Pairing Event: Mastering Business Development and Wine Tasting

November 16, 2022

IWIRC NY hosted a well-attended in-person event pairing wine tasting with a panel discussion on the art of Business Development in the fields of restructuring, business advisory and lending. Participants first heard from our engaging and distinguished panel on what works best for them in developing business and then learned about our wine selections from our wine partner. Finally, participants had an opportunity to network (and, we hope, develop business!).



IWIRC NY Sponsor Holiday Party **December 6, 2022** **Butter Midtown**

On December 6, the IWIRC NY board hosted its annual holiday party as a “thank you” to our sponsors for their generous support throughout the year. This event was put on hold during the last two years, and we were very happy to have the opportunity to gather again! IWIRC NY’s extensive programming would not be possible without our sponsors’ funding and participation. We kicked off the holiday season right by feasting on delicious food with old and new friends. A wonderful time was had by all!



Introducing our Newly Elected IWIRC NY Board Members

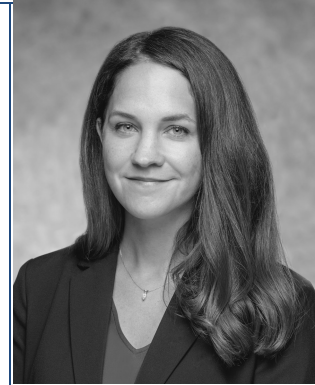
Thanks to all who participated in the election process for the 2023 IWIRC NY Board. Congratulations to the winners — especially the new joiners. If you are interested in getting more involved in IWIRC NY, please email info@iwircny.com.



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Thank you to our outgoing Board Members Lily Liang, Shirley Luo, and Alissa Nann for their generous time and commitment to IWIRC NY!

Alissa Nann Foley & Lardner



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 Alissa Nann, our former IWIRC NY Substantive Events Co-Chair. Congratulations, Alissa!

Professional Background: I am Of Counsel in the Bankruptcy & Restructuring Group at Foley & Lardner, where I have been practicing since 2014, after working at several other firms, and a clerkship with Judge Chapman. We (the Foley team) call ourselves the “mutual fund of bankruptcy” because we do a little bit of everything: debtor-side, creditor-side, trustee and other fiduciary representations. Lately, I have spent much of my time on insolvency-related cross-border fraud cases.

IWIRC Involvement: I have had the pleasure of serving on the IWIRC NY board for 5 years, as the Substantive Events Co-Chair, and have been a member of our network for over 6 years.

What’s your most memorable IWIRC moment or event? My most memorable IWIRC moment was the first time I attended IWIRC at the Shore. I had never been to an all-female conference, nor one that included a spa day as a networking event – my mind was blown. It is genius and everyone should attend!

If you could have any superhero power, what would it be? The ability to time travel.

Name your favorite vacation spot you’ve been to and your bucket list vacation spot that you haven’t. Tough call, but I think South Africa. I went with a group of friends for New Year’s one year, and we spent time in Cape Town and then went on safari at Kruger National Park. Such a beautiful country! My bucket list is long but includes Budapest and the Maldives.

Who is the most famous person you’ve ever met? Jay-Z after he performed at Carnegie Hall. I “met” him on the stairs at the 40/40 Club after party and told him I liked his chain. Bey was at the top of the stairs – I was so close to “meeting” her as well!

Congratulate your fellow IWIRC NY members on their recent accomplishment!

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

- Congratulations to AlixPartners' Anne Vandekamp and Jen McConnell who will join the 2023 International IWIRC [Board of Directors](#).
- AlixPartners 2023 Disruption Index shares insights on responding to the new realities of demographics, deglobalization, climate change and technological acceleration. Read the full report here: [2023 AlixPartners Disruption Index | Growth Leaders](#)
- Congratulations to IWIRC NY members, [Jamila Willis \(DLA Piper\)](#) and [Erin Diers \(Hughes Hubbard\)](#) on their recognition by ABI on its 2022 list of 40 Under 40 Honorees.



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Cheers to you.

Cheers to all the women in our restructuring community setting the bar and rising to the challenges presented in 2022. We raise a glass to you and look forward to shared successes in the new year!

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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.



Raise Your Glass to 30 Years of IWIRC—Wine Tasting Event (Virtual)

January 26

IWIRC US Regional Programming Committee

[Register Here](#)

TMA Distressed Investing Conference (Las Vegas)

January 31

TMA

[Register Here](#)

ABI Caribbean Insolvency Symposium (Cayman)

February 6-8

ABI

[Register Here](#)

16th Annual Women in Achievement Awards

February 8

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IWIRC at the Shore (Atlantic City)

February 23-24

IWIRC

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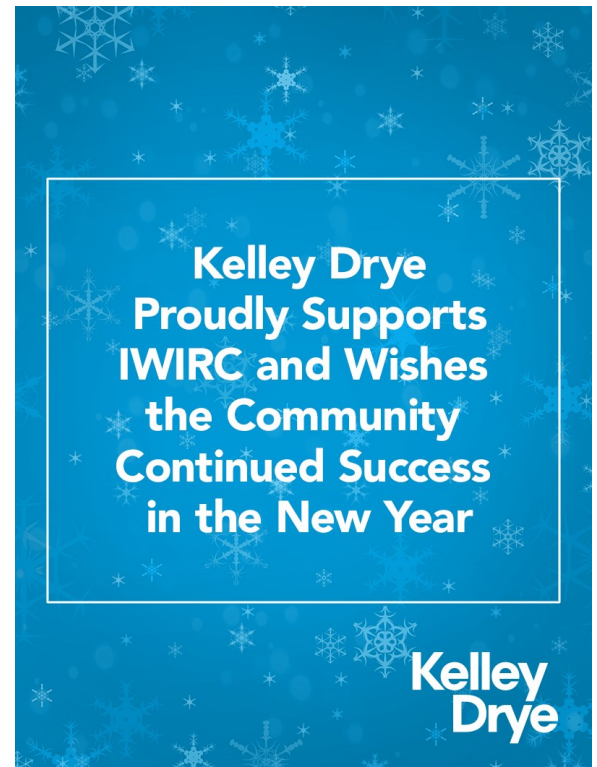
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