

IWIRC Ireland Newsletter 2022 in Review



A Word from the Board

IWIRC is the first international professional association dedicated to enhancing the professional status of women in all disciplines of restructuring and insolvency. We came together a few years ago with a shared desire to build a network which embraces those values and to create greater networking opportunities for women in restructuring and insolvency and in April 2021 we established IWIRC Ireland. The network was created in the midst of a global pandemic bringing its own challenges, however, as we emerged from the constraints of Covid the network began to grow and develop. Since its establishment over one year ago, the network has garnered considerable interest and support from professionals in the market and the judiciary.

Whilst the aim of the network is to promote diversity in the profession, as evidenced by the success of our recent events, IWIRC Ireland, is not gender exclusive and we are pleased that so many of our male colleagues are among our biggest supporters and participants in IWIRC Ireland initiatives.

Supported by a strong steering committee comprising members from accountancy and law backgrounds (who have worked hard over 2022 to grow the network and to contribute to the network's success), IWIRC Ireland has gone from strength to strength. Over the last 12 months IWIRC Ireland has hosted and contributed to a

variety of events including our **Be Inspired** panel event in April, "Leading the way for change", our **Be Informed** webinars including our annual look back on key developments in restructuring and insolvency and our **Be Connected** events such as our Thursday & Festive Fizzes and Afternoon Tea.

A key objective of IWIRC Ireland is to collaborate with other networks within the industry. This year IWIRC Ireland worked with a number of insolvency organisations such as INSOL Europe and Ireland for Law, the Irish Government's International Legal Services Strategy on educational and technical events. In March we hosted the Business Law section of the Florida Bar in Ireland for a **Be Connected** event in Trinity Library and in conjunction with members of the judiciary we arranged a **Be Informed** tour of the Four Courts and overview of our legal system.

2022 has been a stellar year for IWIRC Ireland, we are delighted with our success to date and we remain committed to growing the network in the coming year. We have an exciting year of events planned for 2023 and we look forward to your continued support and involvement in the year ahead.



(L-R) Niamh Cacciato, Kate Magee, Frances Flynn, Sharon Mullins



IWIRC Mission



Be Inspired

IWIRC promotes professional at all stages of their careers, from new to seasoned professionals.



Be Informed

IWIRC and its networks provide countless webinars, conferences and meetings where members can be informed about the latest topics and updates in the field. In addition, IWIRC is the "go to" resource for knowledgeable, diverse experts for speaking engagements across multiple professional organizations in the field of restructuring and insolvency.



Be Connected

IWIRC is a global organization with regional connections and local networks to make the most of business development and referrals for its members.

IWIRC Ireland Events 2022

1. Be Informed | 2021 Year In Review | 9 December 2021

Róisín Peart (Matheson), Zara West (Pinsent Masons) and Áine Murphy (McCann Fitzgerald) presented an enlightened round-up of the year's events to a virtual audience of 108 IWIRC members, friends and colleagues working in restructuring and insolvency in Ireland.



2. Be Informed | IWIRC Europe in Dublin | 3 and 4 March 2022

Judith Riordan (Mason Hayes & Curran) participated in a break out session with members from IWIRC Europe as part of INSOL Europe's 40th Annual Congress hosted in Dublin and themed "Back to the Future". The next morning, IWIRC Ireland members had the pleasure of meeting our IWIRC Europe counterparts for breakfast and a networking session.



3. Be Inspired | Business Law Section of the Florida Bar | 15 and 16 March 2022

IWIRC Ireland met with delegates from the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar and members of the IWIRC Florida Network at The Long Room in Trinity College Dublin for a networking evening. The next day, our visitors were treated to a tour of The Four Courts where they were met by Mr Justice Quinn and Mr Justice O'Moore, who provided an informative insight into the operation of the Courts and an overview of the Irish legal system.



4. Be Inspired | Panel Event kindly hosted by PWC | 28 April 2022

At our first large scale in-person event, members were delighted to hear from our esteemed panellists Anne O'Dwyer, Managing Director at Kroll Ireland, Kelley Smith, Senior Counsel, Niamh Moloney, Professor of Law at the London School of Economics and Dr Catherine Day, Former Secretary General of the European Commission. Our MC was broadcaster and television presenter, Caitriona Perry. Panellists provided an insight into their careers and the challenges and achievements that have ultimately paved the way for their success. We were heartened by the huge attendance by members and non-members, male and female. Huge thanks to PWC for their kind support and to Ciara Higgins, Brigid Daly and Lucy Kidd (all PWC) for curating the event.





5. Be Informed | Webinar: Crypto in Disputes in conjunction with Dublin International Disputes Week 2022 | 16 June 2022

Niamh Cacciato (William Fry) and Róisín Peart (Matheson), together with George Agathangelou (Grant Thornton Cyprus), Peadar Hogan (KPMG) and Anthony Thuillier, BL, enlightened an audience of c. 120 viewers on the topic of Ireland as a Jurisdiction for Crypto-Asset Recovery. As part of the inaugural Dublin International Disputes Week 2022, speakers delivered a varied talk touching on theory of block chain, as well as practical steps to be taken by practitioners dealing with these novel assets.

6. Be Inspired | IWIRC Brazil welcome Fernanda Fadul | 23 June 2022

IWIRC Ireland steering committee member Fernanda Fadul (PKF O'Connor, Leddy & Holmes) was hosted by IWIRC Brazil in Rio de Janeiro to learn about Brazil's first cross-border insolvency case and share her experience of insolvency and restructuring procedures in Ireland.



7. Be Inspired | IWIRC Afternoon Tea kindly hosted by KPMG | 26 August 2022

Our first in-person steering committee meet-up was hosted by Ciara Carabini and KMPG who welcomed us to Platform X, KPMG's impressive innovation hub. Steering committee members enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fabulous hospitality while they caught up, drank tea and brainstormed strategy for Q4 2022.



8. Be Connected | IWIRC Europe Networking Breakfast at INSOL Dubrovnik | 8 October 2022

Several IWIRC Ireland members travelled to Dubrovnik, Croatia to attend INSOL Europe's second Annual Congress of the year, themed "Resilience in the face of Adversity". While there, our members took to opportunity to meet with their IWIRC Europe counterparts for their second networking breakfast of 2022. IWIRC Ireland members in attendance were Kate Magee (Grant Thornton) and Niamh Cacciato (William Fry).



9. Be Connected | "Thursday Fizz" kindly hosted by Ogier Leman LLP | *17 November 2022*

We kicked off our first IWIRC Ireland members' after work drinks, which we like to call "Thursday Fizz". We look forward to welcoming all members to future "Thursday Fizz" events, which we intend to convene bi-monthly in 2023. Sincere thanks for Dee Murphy and Ogier Leman for hosting us.



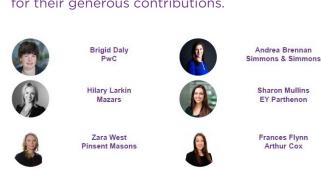
10. Be Connected | "Festive Fizz" kindly hosted by McCann FitzGerald LLP | 1 December 2022

Our penultimate event of the year marked the beginning of the Christmas season as IWIRC Ireland welcomed 90 attendees for a glass of bubbles with food and refreshments. Castle Strings created a wonderful atmosphere at the event. Well done to Áine Murphy (McCann FitzGerald LLP) for her hard work and organisational skills in pulling off this event.



11. Be Informed | 2022 Year In Review | 15 December 2022

IWIRC Ireland's year-end event was a look back on key restructuring and insolvency developments and included topics such as (i) SCARP, (ii) EU Preventative Restructuring Regulations, Early Warning Tools and Directors' Duties, (iii) UK and Irish Case Law and (iv) a look forward to 2023. Our speakers were delighted to welcome 90 attendees on the day. Many thanks to Brigid Daly (PWC), Hilary Larkin (Mazars Ireland), Zara West (Pinsent Masons), Andrea Brennan (Simmons & Simmons), Sharon Mullins (EY Parthenon) and Frances Flynn (Arthur Cox) for their generous contributions.



Directory of Steering Committee Members

Below are contact details for IWIRC Ireland steering committee members. If you have an interest in joining IWIRC Ireland or wish to collaborate, feel free to reach out to our committee members. A special welcome to our **4 new steering committee members** who joined us in 2022.



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As 2023 is expected to be a busy year in restructuring and insolvency, join IWIRC Ireland to #Belnspired #Belnformed #BeConnected.

How to get involved:

- Join as a member: https://www.iwirc.com/networks/ireland.

 Remember to select "Ireland" as your preferred network
- Become a corporate sponsor
- Not just for women, our male counterparts are welcome too.
- Contact us at iwircireland@gmail.com

