

## Fetner Award Winner Q&A's



### Eloise Matsui, 2019 Fetner Award Winner

- 1) **What is the best part about being an IWIRC member?**
  - The friendships I have made with fellow insolvency & restructuring practitioners in my home town of Hong Kong as well as across the globe.
- 2) **How has being the recipient of the Fetner Award impacted you and your career?**
  - Being recipient of the Fetner Award was a great opportunity for me share my achievements and contributions to the wider R&I community and also to my colleagues. It was recognition that all the time and effort I had contributed to IWIRC did not go unnoticed. Receiving the award was great for building my internal profile within the law firm I was working at (when I received the award) which was really important because at the time I was working towards partnership promotion.
- 3) **What is next/upcoming for you?**
  - I recently made a career shift from being in private practice as a lawyer to working as an investment manager in the litigation finance industry. I am looking forward to building my profile in the funding industry and developing my financial skill set. From an IWIRC perspective, I will be Vice Chair of IWIRC in 2025 and look forward to helping implement the strategic priorities identified in IWIRC's strategic plan in order to help improve our wonderful organisation.
- 4) **Any words of advice you would like to share with our members?**
  - Don't hesitate to volunteer and get involved with IWIRC. Whether that is joining your local network board or a committee or organising an event, joining an international committee or nominating for the international board. IWIRC is truly an organisation where you get more out of it the more you put in.



**Karen Fellowes, 2017 Fetner Award Winner**

- 1) **What is the best part about being an IWIRC member?**
  - The best part of being an IWIRC member is the empowerment and inspiration which comes from being part of a growing, successful international community. I really believe we are making a difference.
- 2) **How has being the recipient of the Fetner Award impacted you and your career?**
  - I remember I was notified that I had won the Fetner when I was on holidays and feeling a bit disconnected to my work and career. I didn't even know my network had nominated me! Receiving this award was a huge boost and helped re-energize my love for this work.
- 3) **What is next/upcoming for you?**
  - I am having the time of my life this year as IWIRC Chair – what an honour and opportunity to lead this organization through strategic planning and its first Leadership Summit in Asia.
- 4) **Any words of advice you would like to share with our members?**
  - My advice would be to nominate, nominate, nominate - for every award you can. That includes self-nomination. It costs nothing but shows kindness, respect and honour – which are priceless.