

Melnik Award Winner Q&A's

Jennifer McLemore, 2012 Melnik Award Winner

1) What is the best part about being an IWIRC member? The best part of being an IWIRC member is the deep relationships that I have established over my years of membership.

2) How has being the recipient of the [Melnik Award] impacted you and your career? I continue to be a grateful recipient of such recognition and honor in an organization that has already given me so much. In my different service roles with IWIRC, I was given profound opportunities to learn, grow, and challenge myself. To receive an award for those efforts, on top of all of the other benefits I received, was really

overwhelming and humbling. Beyond those initial feelings, getting an award in the name of Selinda Melnik, who was a beacon in our field, literally is stunning. The fun part is, every year, when a new recipient is named, I feel honored all over again. IWIRC is truly lucky to have such continually generous members.

Professionally, the Melnik Award gave me confidence. It is not often in this line of work that someone takes the time to really recognize your effort and its impact. This organization and this award put a spotlight on just that. What an incredible boost to know that I had an impact beyond myself!

3) What is next/upcoming for you? The last couple of years have taught me to be nimble and assess my abilities and skills in an objective light. While bankruptcy trends change, my developed skills are not always obviously relevant. I expect that the next few years will be filled with opportunities to challenge my base skills, to pivot and develop my skills to help new industries in distress, and, I imagine, to develop and hone entirely new skills to keep up with our changing times. Just that... and raising teenagers! My boys are the most rewarding part of my days.

4) Any words of advice you would like to share with our members? Raise your hand, get involved, and find the opportunity in every task you are asked to undertake. IWIRC will give you so much more than you give.

Ladies, Thanks for the opportunity to speak up about this award. I continue to be humbled by the company it puts me in. GO IWIRC!



Jennifer Meyerowitz, 2015 Melnik Award Winner

1) What is the best part about being an IWIRC member? Definitely the people. I love IWIRC because I love interacting with smart, strong, talented and fun professional women from around the globe. No matter how far apart we live or how different our cultures from which we come, IWIRC women share a special bond from sharing similar turnaround experiences, similar work engagements and similar life experiences. The bond and connection with IWIRC women is unparalleled and unique.



2) How has being the recipient of the [Melnik Award] impacted you and your career? First of all, it is such an honor to be a Melnick winner and to be listed among the other incredibly bright, talented and inspiring women that have also won the Melnick award. Secondly, being a Melnick award winner has given me exposure in the industry by promoting me and recognizing me throughout the industry. Finally, being a Melnick Award winner also conveys a sense of responsibility to nominate other deserving women for the award and to be sure to pay the recognition forward.

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3) What is next/upcoming for you? Despite having previously served in various IWIRC leadership roles, I will never fully be done with my service to IWIRC. I will always stay involved and continue to give back to the organization and members that gave so much to me and helped to enhance my career. I will always be available to give ideas, mentorship, advice or counsel wherever needed.

4) Any words of advice you would like to share with our members? IWIRC is an incredible organization with incredible members. While the old saying "you get out of an organization as much as you put into it" is partially true, the real truth with IWIRC is that you get ten times as much from IWIRC as you put into it. Getting involved with IWIRC will enhance your job opportunities, your connections, your education and knowledge, your training and your advancement tenfold. It will positively impact you as a person and your career in ways that you can't even imagine. Get involved and stay involved and you will be rewarded.