

2022 Woman of the Year
in Restructuring Award Winner

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What is the best part about being an IWIRC member?

The best part of being an IWIRC member is the opportunity to meet and connect with incredible women who share similar professional interests in the fields of restructuring and insolvency. It's not just about networking; it's about creating genuine relationships with people who inspire and support each other on their professional journeys. These connections open doors for learning, collaboration, and mentorship, allowing members to find role models while also contributing to the next generation of professionals with fresh ideas and perspectives.

Additionally, IWIRC offers a unique sense of community, where personal bonds form beyond professional exchanges. Meeting these accomplished women personally enriches the experience, creating a network where we lift each other up and celebrate achievements together. The combination of leadership, shared energy, and mutual encouragement makes IWIRC a powerful space for personal and professional growth.

How has being the recipient of the WOYR Award impacted you and your career?

Receiving the Woman of the Year in Restructuring Award was a meaningful recognition of my career, highlighting the hard work and dedication I've put into various roles as a judge, regulator, and practitioner. Beyond the personal honor, the award served as a platform to share Colombia's journey and progress in improving its insolvency system with a global audience. It provided an opportunity to showcase the innovative steps and reforms we have taken to strengthen the legal framework and support financially distressed companies in the region. The award has broadened my professional reach and allowed me to connect with a larger international community. It reinforced my belief in the importance of knowledge-sharing and collaboration across borders to promote best practices and create more resilient systems. The experience has also inspired me to continue advocating for innovation and growth in the insolvency field.

Susana Hidvegi Arango (continued)

What is next/upcoming for you?

I am excited to continue developing my practice in Colombia, remaining focused on helping businesses and individuals navigate financial distress while promoting sustainable solutions. At the same time, my commitment to academia and mentoring future leaders remains stronger than ever. There is great satisfaction in contributing to the formation of the next generation of professionals who will shape the future of restructuring and insolvency law. In the coming years, I aim to combine my practice with deeper involvement in academic initiatives, fostering the exchange of knowledge and encouraging young professionals to pursue careers in the field. My goal is to create spaces where innovation and growth in the profession are celebrated and supported, building on the foundation of collaboration and shared learning.

Any words of advice you would like to share with our members?

Always seek out your colleagues, whether for advice, support, or simply a shared perspective. We are stronger together, and our collective experience is a powerful tool for overcoming challenges and driving change. Don't hesitate to reach out to others in the community—help is always closer than you think. Building a successful career is not a solitary endeavor. Surround yourself with mentors and peers who inspire you, and be open to learning and giving back in return. By lifting each other up, we create an ecosystem where everyone thrives, and success becomes a shared journey.