



IWIRC & III



PRESS RELEASE

January 28, 2021, Stanardsville, VA -The International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) and the International Insolvency Institute (III) have joined together to host and sponsor, **Women at the Forefront of International Insolvency Symposium**. A first of its kind, the Symposium will feature 35 women who are experts in insolvency law from 20 different countries. Judges, academics, attorneys and financial advisors have come together for this unique and engaging program. The program is open to all those interested in the topics being presented.

The Symposium will consist of 6 substantive panels during the week of March 1-March 5. In honor of International Women's Day, the Symposium culminates with a very special leadership panel featuring seven women who are current or immediate past chairs of leading insolvency organizations. IWIRC and III are pleased to provide a platform for these women to share their knowledge and experiences. The panelists include Leyza Blanco, IWIRC Chair, Sequor Law ; Debra Grassgreen III President, Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl & Jones LLP; Julie Hertzberg, INSOL International President, Alvarez & Marsal ; Hon. Barbara Houser, ABI President U.S. Bankruptcy Court; Hon. Laurel Isicoff, NCBJ Immediate Past Chair, U.S. Bankruptcy Court; Melissa Kibler, American College of Bankruptcy President, Mackinac Partners,LLC and Piya Mukherjee, INSOL Europe Immediate Past President, Horten.

This program highlights the depth and breadth of the knowledge of women in the insolvency industry. Per **Debra Grassgreen**, III President, "The International Insolvency Institute is pleased to cosponsor this Symposium with IWIRC. The Symposium promises to provide valuable insights into pressing issues from the unique perspective of leading women Judges, Academics and Practitioners in our field."

The panel topics include:

- When in Rome: A Comparative Look at Fiduciaries Around the Globe
- What Colour is Your (Rescue Financing) Parachute?: Examining the Hues in SE Asia
- Contentious Insolvency and Cross-Border Enforcement Actions
- Analysis of New Insolvency Legislation in Europe
- Follow the Money: Bankruptcy as a Tool to Fight Fraud and Recover Assets
- Judicial Women Around the World Discuss the Current Status of Litigation in Courts
- International Women's Day: Leadership Panel

All proceeds of the \$50 admission fee (complimentary for judges, academics and press) will be donated on behalf of IWIRC and III to a global organization that focuses on improving the lives of women around the world.

"The opportunity to partner with III and Debra Grassgreen to provide top notch international programming led by a panel of women dovetails directly to IWIRC's core mission, to connect and promote women worldwide," **Leyza Blanco**, IWIRC Chair commented, "The opportunity to make a donation to a similarly driven global organization benefitting women is icing on the cake and reflects our collective understanding that with great power comes great responsibility."

For more information on the event, please [visit this link](#) or contact Shari Bedker,



ABOUT IWIRC

IWIRC is committed to the connection, promotion and success of women in insolvency and restructuring worldwide. For more than 25 years, across the board room, courtroom and the continents, our diverse relationships make IWIRC the premier organization for women in the restructuring and insolvency professions. IWIRC networks are located in Asia, Europe, North America and South America. We welcome development of new networks in these or new regions. Be Inspired. Be Informed. Be Connected. For more information, please contact Administrative Director, Shari Bedker, sbedker@iwirc.com or visit www.iwirc.com

ABOUT III

- A non-profit, limited membership organization
- An invitation only membership of the most senior, experienced and respected practitioners, academics, judges and financial industry professionals in the world
- Dedicated to improving international cooperation in the insolvency field
- Focused on promoting greater international cooperation and coordination through improvements in the law and in legal procedures
- Continually studying, analyzing and providing solutions to problems in cross-border insolvencies and reorganizations
- Awarded special consultative status to United Nations Agencies

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