

With over 1,100 members and 33 networks around the world, it is difficult to narrow down the very best of the best to present IWIRC's Annual Founders Awards. On Thursday, March 31, 2011, we are pleased to present the following awards:

The Melnik Award for Exceptional IWIRC Member



Tinamarie Feil has been a member of IWIRC since 2001. She is currently spearheading and enhancing IWIRC's international outreach and profile through her work with UNCITRAL on behalf of IWIRC. She was the newsletter editor for several years and is currently an IWIRC

Director. Tinamarie is co-founder and the President of Client Services at **BMC Group**, an international information management and professional services firm. Tinamarie has 20+ years experience directing various aspects of corporate compliance, communications, insolvency case administration, as well as the due diligence process in major merger and acquisition transactions. Tinamarie is a frequent author and speaker. She currently acts as Co-Chair of the American Bankruptcy Institute's Business Reorganizations Committee and is the Task Force Leader for the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation delegation to the United Nations Committee on International Trade Law (Working Group V, Insolvency). She also serves on the Technical Research Committee of INSOL International. Tinamarie is an active member of Turnaround Management Association, the American Bankruptcy Institute, INSOL International, the Association for Corporate Growth and BTG Global Network.

The Ryan Award for Outstanding IWIRC Network

IWIRC Canadian Network was the 4th IWIRC Network and was established in May 1996 by Sheryl Seigel. The Canadian Network is proud to be one of the fastest growing IWIRC networks. Since May 2010, network membership has nearly tripled. The network now includes over 80 women from across Canada. The network hosts several different types of events for networking, professional growth and just relaxing. There is something for everyone: cocktail receptions, casual lunches and events featuring educational components. Over the past year, the network has held events including a cocktail event featuring diamond giveaways, a wine and chocolate tasting and a dinner featuring an esteemed panel comprised of three leading female jurists of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

The Fetner Award for Outstanding International IWIRC Contribution



Deborah S. Grieve has been a member of IWIRC since 1997. She currently serves as Director responsible for Canada on the International Board of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) and is Chair of the Canadian Network of IWIRC. She was the

leader of the initiative to relaunch the network which had become dormant and she has continued to lead a remarkable resurgence in membership. She is a partner in **Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP Restructuring and Insolvency Group**. She has practised exclusively in corporate restructuring and insolvency matters since 1986 and is one of the few practitioners certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a Specialist in Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law.

Deborah has extensive experience in corporate restructurings, including significant cross-border proceedings. Deborah has represented a variety of stakeholders in proceedings involving, for example, Nortel Networks, AbitibiBowater, Air Canada, Stelco, Allied Holdings, Livent, Teleglobe, Philip Services Corp., Laidlaw, Outboard Marine, Canada 3000, Ivaco, Ottawa Senators, Hurricane Hydrocarbons, Saan stores, Progressive Moulded Products, and many others. She also has experience acting in insurance company liquidations including Reliance Insurance Company and others.

Deborah has been involved for many years in international, federal and provincial law associations. She was the Chair and remains engaged on the executive committees of both the Canadian Bar Association - Bankruptcy and Insolvency Section and the Ontario Bar Association - Insolvency Law Section. Deborah is also a member of the Ontario Bar Association Personal Property Security Legislation committee, which studies and proposes submissions for legal reform.

At the request of the office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy of Canada, Deborah has participated as an examiner on the panel that conducts the final oral examinations of prospective trustees in bankruptcy. She was also responsible for the Insolvency Law section of the Business Law component of Ontario's Bar Admission Course, including all lectures.

Deborah speaks regularly on a broad range of corporate restructuring, insolvency and personal property security issues. She recently participated in Insolvency Working Group V, 39th Session, at the United Nations Commission of the International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) on cross-border insolvency issues.