

TMA Weekly Report

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Chapter President Spotlight Allen Kadish, TMA New York City

What's your favorite aspect of being chapter president?

In the New York City chapter there is a real sense of community despite it being the largest chapter and located in the largest metropolis in the country. The turnaround professionals in the New York restructuring community can rightfully claim a unique friendliness and sense of belonging. I experienced this first-hand when I suffered a personal loss several years ago, and my friends at TMA-NYC were super-supportive, responding in a way that showed me we are one tight community.



Allen Kadish is a partner at DiConza Traurig Kadish LLP.

What makes your chapter different?

We are a full-time operation with frequent chapter, NOW and NextGen networking, social and educational events and activities, pro bono opportunities, academic pursuits, and committee and board meetings. There is no shortage of ways to get involved. The largest TMA chapter is...the busiest.

How did you get involved in TMA?

I am a Chapter 11 and crisis management lawyer and have been for more than 25 years. TMA is a premier professional organization within the New York restructuring community, and hundreds of professionals participate in the chapter and its various events. A friend recruited me to join the Programming Committee several years ago. I made more and better friends and contacts within the chapter, and became more and more involved.

What's the most exciting/interesting trend or event happening in the turnaround and restructuring industry?

One of our best skills as restructuring professionals is our ability to adapt to new circumstances. Each new client or case presents a new industry, new circumstances, and a new set of challenges and players. Restructuring professionals adapt quickly, manage each new crisis and craft each set of creative solutions. These skills typify our roles as professionals in the current environment of uncertainty in the profession. We are uniquely qualified to adapt to and champion volatility. We love to live on the edge!

Is there an upcoming chapter event you'd like to mention?

One of our premier events held each autumn is our [annual Italian Wine tasting event](#). This year's event will be held on September 17th at Italian

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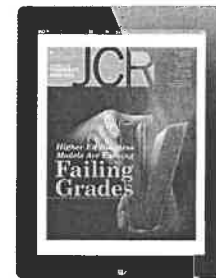
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Wine Merchants' Studio del Gusto near Union Square. The event always sells out early. Picture an evening of casual networking with friends, old and new, among specially selected Italian wines, dinner delicacies, and fine desserts. *Bere del buon vino! Mangiare cibo delizioso! Buon divertimento con gli amici!*

What would someone who only knows you professionally be surprised to learn about you?

One, I am a co-founder and continuing board member of WorkOUT Professionals, a network of LGBT restructuring professionals. Formed about five years ago, WorkOUT provides networking, fellowship, and mentorship opportunities among LGBT restructuring professionals, and has steadily grown to over 100 members. And two, in the 1990s, I co-owned a restaurant in New York's East Village "when the East Village was the East Village." "85 Down - An American Bistro" was an evening and late night gathering spot for local entrepreneurs, musicians, writers, actors, academics, family and friends, and hip restructuring professionals.