

News story: Appointment of a practising solicitor member to the Insolvency Rules Committee

The Lord Chancellor has announced the appointment of Zip Jila for a tenure of 3 years.

Zip Jila has been appointed as a practising solicitor member to the Insolvency Rules Committee (IRC) from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2020.

Zip Jila has worked in the financial restructuring team at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP since 2009, most recently as Counsel, and has advised a wide range of clients on complex insolvency and restructuring matters. She is a member of the International Insolvency Institute NextGen Leadership programme, a guest lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Cambridge University, and a member of the Insolvency Lawyer Association and R3. Zip has received the Super Lawyers Rising Star award 3 years in a row, and has authored publications on various restructuring topics. She is a member of a number of organisations including the Johnian Society Committee and the Local Governing Body of Guildford High School for Girls.

IRC is an advisory non-departmental public body which operates under section 413 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Its purpose is to be consulted by the Lord Chancellor before government makes any rules under section 411 (company insolvency rules) or section 412 (individual insolvency rules) of the Act.

Non-judicial appointments to IRC are made by the Lord Chancellor in consultation with the Chancellor of the High Court on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice.

Appointments to IRC are regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. This appointment has been made in line with the Commissioner's Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies.