

## MONICA PODGORNY APPOINTED TO THE ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE - INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

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We are pleased to announce that Monica Podgorny, an associate in McMillan LLP's Regulatory and Business Law groups and the Organization of Women in International Trade (OWIT)-Ottawa's Director of Outreach, has been appointed to the OWIT- International Executive Board.

OWIT is an international professional organization whose mission is to promote international trade and the advancement of women in business.

Monica now holds the position of Executive Officer of Chapter Support of OWIT-International and is the primary resource for all of OWIT's 28 chapters around the globe. Through this position, Monica will increase inter-chapter connectivity to reinforce the value of being part of a global network.

Monica has been instrumental in growing OWIT-Ottawa's network internationally and establishing OWIT-Ottawa as a recognized leader in international trade in Canada's national capital region. OWIT-Ottawa has leveraged its location at the centre of Canadian international trade initiatives and policies to become known as the quality "one-stop-shop" for networking, education, mentoring and resource sharing with a loyal and growing following of international trade corporate professionals and entrepreneurs, government officials, foreign ambassadors and diplomats, non-governmental leaders and academia. Through her international network and leadership, Monica secured OWIT-Ottawa's role as host of OWIT's Annual Fall International Meeting, which was held at McMillan's Ottawa office for four days in September 2014.

McMillan had the honour of welcoming 35 international delegates to Ottawa and gained considerable exposure to international trade lawyers, consultants and business executives. This conference included a public reception at Chateau Laurier, with Monica as Master of Ceremonies and keynote remarks being made by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of International Development. Government press release available here. By all accounts, the meeting was a great success and earned OWIT-Ottawa the award of OWIT Chapter of the Year.

