

## **Wide Bridge, Inc. CEO and Co-Founder Alina V. Plaia Awarded Investor Relations Charter**

**December 12, 2018, Irvine, California** - Wide Bridge, Inc. (WBI), a premier provider of investor relations and financial advisory services, is proud to announce that Alina Plaia, Company's CEO and a co-founder, has been awarded an Investor Relations Charter (IRC®) credential by the Certification Council of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI) - a global elite professional association of corporate officers and investor relations consultants.

Investor relations (IR) professionals are charged with a high degree of responsibility and accountability within any organization, as they significantly impact company's perception through communications standards, industry, financial and regulatory knowledge, and their professional conduct. Being the world's oldest and largest professional association in IR industry, NIRI has been a strong advocate for emphasizing the significance of Investor Relations Officers (IROs) and defining a norm for IR aptitude requirements. NIRI now has more than 3,300 members representing over 1,600 publicly traded companies worldwide. Among those, thus far, there are now a total of 167 IRC holders worldwide, across North America, South America, Eastern Europe and South-East Asia.

IRC certification program has been commenced by NIRI in order to establish a worldwide standard for a professional competency and further advance the practice of investor relations. Earning the IRC demonstrates that the professional possesses the necessary knowledge and real life expertise in ten key IR functions that professionals are highly accountable for to the organizations they represent: IR Strategy Formulation, IR Planning, Implementation and Measurement, Corporate Messaging Development, Investor Marketing and Outreach, Corporate Financial Reporting and Analysis, Business Insight, Strategic Counsel and Collaboration, Capital Markets and Capital Structure, Corporate Regulatory Compliance, and finally, Corporate Governance.

"We are extremely pleased and proud to have an IRC-certified\* professional now among our IR experts. Alina has been with the company since 2009 and always brought unparalleled knowledge and wisdom of navigating capital markets and regulatory landscape to all of our clients," - stated Galina Blest - Sokolovskaia, President of Wide Bridge, Inc. "We are grateful to NIRI for establishing such a demanding standard for the IR profession and believe that earning the IR Charter is a testament to the quality and level of expertise delivered by our company in multitude of key areas responsible for the livelihood of each enterprise."

\*To be eligible to earn and maintain the IRC credential, candidates must meet educational and professional experience requirements, adhere to the IRC Code of Conduct and to NIRI's Code of Ethics, pass the IRC exam, and participate in ongoing professional development activities

