

FAQs for Panelists

Why is CPR instituting an annual panelist administration fee?

In 2007 CPR instituted an annual panelist administration fee (currently \$340 plus \$100 for each additional panel) to help cover Panels website maintenance and enhancements.

In the last year, we have added two new panels, Healthcare and BioTech. This together with prior enhancements and general maintenance of nearly 600 panelists, take staff and technology time and resources. CPR's Board of Directors has decided that the beneficiaries of these enhancements—our neutrals—should, together with our members, pay for these and future upgrades. This is in line with other neutral providers who charge their panelists.

How was the fee calculated?

We looked at what similar organizations are charging their neutrals and also estimated the time that our Panels Administrator and IT personnel spend on Panels administration and set the fee accordingly.

I am [my firm is] a member; do I have to pay this fee?

Membership is separate from being listed on our Panels. Members receive membership pricing for our meetings, discounts on publications and certain trainings, a subscription to our award-winning newsletter, *Alternatives*, and the ability to access case updates on the website. Members also have access to all of our neutrals' bios via the website and can call on the expertise of our staff for help with research issues.

What benefit do I get from paying the fee?

In the last year, our members - - elite lawyers from top firms and the Fortune 1000 -- have accessed the bios of our neutrals over 9,000 times, averaging more than eleven hits per panelist. Our members tell us that this information is our most valuable resource. In addition, CPR is called upon to provide help with the selection of neutrals dozens of times per year.

What happens if I choose not to pay the fee(s)?

If you choose not to pay the fee, your bio will no longer be available to our members or staff.

How can I be selected as a Panelist?

To be a panelist, you must have the requisite training and experience and then are eligible to be listed on our website as a neutral and to be chosen for cases. The CPR Panels of Distinguished Neutrals comprise nationally and internationally prominent attorneys, former judges, academics and legally-trained executives available to resolve business and public disputes. In evaluating applications to the rosters, CPR considers candidates' education, experience with complex commercial matters, ADR training, ADR experience, references and, where appropriate, substantive experience in a given field. We strive for geographic and other diversity. All CPR neutrals are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards as set out by the governing ethical codes and rules.

Can I get information about access to my bio?

Who and when our members access is confidential information. We can provide general information such as the fact that panelists were most often accessed via their regional panel but the National, International, Technology, Insurance, Energy and Banking Panels all experienced

high visitation. Thus, it is clear that CPR membership, who are in the market to select neutrals look first to the CPR panels.

How do I add/remove myself from a panel?

Only CPR staff can add panelists to a Panel and in some cases candidates will be screened by an industry/practice area committee. To remove yourself from a Panel, deduct the panel amount from your invoice and e-mail dmorehead@cpradr.org requesting that your name be removed from the panel.