

CPR Featured Panel: Banking, Accounting & Financial Services

The CPR Institute Banking, Accounting & Financial Services Panel includes neutrals with experience in resolving intricate disputes arising among financial institutions.

The panel includes 65 former judges and attorneys with extensive financial background and expertise in resolving disputes that arise in the context of real estate, accounting, mergers and acquisitions, and other types of corporate transactions.

These panelists understand the financial implications of business processes and flows; valuations; buy-sell agreements; financial and securities disputes; forensic accounting; insurance coverage; professional malpractice by accounting firms and others; and formation and governance issues involving partnerships and corporations.

Norman Veasey, former Delaware Supreme Court chief justice and a member of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, is one of the neutrals on CPR's Banking, Accounting & Financial Services Panel. Veasey's experience on the Delaware bench from 1992 to 2004 afforded him the opportunity to sit as a neutral in corporate cases that implicated legal issues concerning banking accounting and financial services.

Other panelists acquired their experience while serving at firms such as Cravath, Swaine & Moore, and financial institutions such as

Credit Suisse, Bank of America and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Under the purview of this panel—one of more than 20 CPR Institute Panels of Distinguished Neutrals—and to further serve the members' needs, CPR also has established a Certified Public Accountants Panel, comprising U.S. CPAs with experience in complex commercial matters. These neutrals' expertise includes forensic accounting, valuation and professional malpractice by accounting firms. Most have served in ADR cases with large claims or had extensive experience auditing or consulting with large clients.

CPR is also currently developing a Hedge Funds Panel and a Municipal Bankruptcies Panel. The Hedge Funds Panel will comprise neutrals with broad experience in complicated investment disputes between hedge funds and corporate investors.

New York-based CPR Panelist Roger M. Deitz will be a Hedge Fund Panel neutral when it is launched. Deitz was formerly in private securities practice and began his career with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He is chairman of the annual New York City Bar Association Securities Arbitration and Mediation Hot Topics program. He is a full-time neutral who has successfully mediated hundreds

of securities disputes throughout the United States and internationally.

The Municipal Bankruptcy Panel will include neutrals with a specific focus on municipality organization and debt restructuring, as well as other government financial dispute resolution. Burrell Ives Humphreys, former judge of the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division, and member of Williams, Caliri, Miller & Otley, P.C., in Wayne, N.J., will be a neutral on the Municipal Bankruptcy Panel.

Humphreys has been involved in major municipality cases, including conducting a grand jury investigation into municipality finances and the Fort Lee (N.J.) Municipality bankruptcy. While on the bench, he also presided over many municipality cases. He is former chair of the New Jersey Bar Association Section on Bankruptcy, and served as trustee and receiver in bankruptcy for many large companies. As a Deputy Attorney General for New Jersey, Humphreys advised the N.J. Division of Local Government, which supervises municipal financing.

For further information about these or other CPR Panels of Distinguished Neutrals please contact Mara Weinstein, Special Projects and Panels Manager at mweinstein@cpradr.org.

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