

FEATURED PANEL: CPR'S NATIONAL PANEL

CPR's National Panel is the most elite of its nearly two dozen specialty panels and comprises CPR's most distinguished neutrals. These panelists are nationally recognized for their success and experience across the ADR spectrum. Neutrals are selected to this panel only after a rigorous peer review process, and must possess exemplary arbitration and mediation skills and have amassed years of tangible experience to be listed on this specialty panel.

This illustrious panel includes former general counsels, judges, professors and other notable attorneys, all of whom are experts in resolving complex disputes through ADR.

Alberto R. Gonzales served as the 80th Attorney General of the United States from 2005–2007. Before entering public service, Judge Gonzales practiced business law for thirteen years at the Houston office of Vinson & Elkins. In 1995, he resigned his law partnership to serve as General Counsel to the Governor of Texas. After three

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years, the Governor appointed Judge Gonzales as Texas Secretary of State. He was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court in 1999 and elected by the citizens of Texas to serve a full six-year term in the



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November 2000 general election. He served in the White House as Counsel to the President from 2001–2005. Presently he holds the Doyle Rogers Distinguished Chair of Law at Belmont University and is Counsel at the Nashville law firm of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP.

Judge Gonzales writes, “With my experience as the nation’s chief law enforcement officer, I am able to provide guidance on corporate compliance matters and internal investigations. I bring a unique combination of law enforcement and national security expertise on matters relating to federal, state and local governments. With my expertise in oil, gas and energy acquisitions, partnership and general corporate law, and real estate transactions, I am also able to provide expert counsel on virtually all complex business matters.”

Louise LaMothe started her full-time ADR practice in 1999, after a 25-year career as a well-respected commercial litigator in Los Angeles. She brings a strong background in all types of commercial practice, including securities and antitrust litigation, and many years of experience in all facets of dispute resolution. She has served on numerous three-person arbitration panels, many of which she has chaired, and has served as arbitrator in many class arbitrations. She is also experienced in mediation of a broad variety of commercial disputes, both domestic and international. In addition to her



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long-time service on CPR’s National Panel, she has been a member of the Los Angeles Regional panel since 1996 and is on CPR’s Employment Disputes Panel-West.

Ms. LaMothe is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and an International Mediation Institute–certified mediator. She was also elected a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators in 2003 and is serving her second term as a Director of the College. She is a past Chair of the ABA’s Section of Litigation and former member of the ABA House of Delegates. She serves throughout California from her base in Santa Barbara. More information about Ms. LaMothe’s practice is available at her website, www.dispute-solutions.com.

Thomas J. Brewer is a longstanding member of the National Panel. Based in Seattle, Washington, he has been serving as an arbitrator in commercial cases since 1985, has been a full-time ADR neutral since 2000, and is a member of CPR’s International/Cross-Border, Energy, and Life Science panels, as well as the National Panel. Of his ADR experience he states, “I think most parties looking for an arbitrator want someone who will hear both sides fairly,



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manage the case efficiently, work hard to understand the evidence, and then decide the case in a thoughtful written award. Most parties would probably add as well that they want someone who’s not afraid to make a decision, who will apply and follow the law, and who will not simply split the baby. I’ve been trying my best to do this for the past twenty-eight years (over 700 hundred arbitrations so far, in a broad range of domestic and international commercial cases).

Sophisticated parties want decision makers who have both the prior experience and the ability to weigh complex issues and sort them out in a rigorous, principled way. CPR’s National Panel is an excellent resource for parties and counsel trying to locate such people, and I’m delighted to be part of it.”

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—*Julia Gryaznova, CPR Legal Intern* ■