



CPR ANNOUNCES NEW Y-ADR STEERING COMMITTEE FOR 2017

Natalie Reid of Debevoise & Plimpton joins Alberto Ravell of ConocoPhillips to co-chair prestigious dispute resolution leadership group

New York, July 24, 2017—The International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR) announced a new Young Attorneys in Alternative Dispute Resolution (Y-ADR) Steering Committee for 2017, increasing the number of members from 20 to 29.

Based in the US, Europe, Canada and Brazil, half the Y-ADR Steering Committee are in-house counsel, the other half are outside practitioners.

Natalie Reid, Partner, at Debevoise & Plimpton joins sitting co-chair **Alberto Ravell**, Senior Legal Counsel at ConocoPhillips to co-chair the Y-ADR Steering Committee. **Dana MacGrath** of Sidley Austin LLP, after many years of serving as Chair, is stepping down, but will serve as Chair Emeritus.

“I’m delighted to join Alberto in chairing this impressive group, which reflects CPR’s distinctive combination of in-house and law firm membership, its commitment to cutting-edge initiatives on dispute resolution, and its contribution to developing the next generation of leaders in the field,” said Ms. Reid. “It’s an honor to succeed Dana, and a pleasure to continue to work with her and our CPR colleagues on this Committee.”

“It has been a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve as chair of Y-ADR and to work with such talented young lawyers on the Y-ADR Steering Committee from all over the world,” said Ms. MacGrath. “I wish Alberto Ravell and Natalie Reid the best as co-chairs in taking Y-ADR to the next level, and I look forward to working with them on new Y-ADR initiatives.”

The new Y-ADR Steering Committee has a mix of new members and continuing members. The new members of the Y-ADR Steering Committee who have been appointed for a two-year term through June 2019 include:

- **Nicolas Lopez**, Director, Legal Affairs, Business Development for Latin America, Otis Elevator Company, Brazil
- **Mee Choi**, Senior Litigation Counsel, Aegis Insurance Services, NJ
- **Katie Wilcock**, Counsel (London), Bechtel OG&C, UK
- **Nicole Appert**, Managing Counsel, GE Power, Switzerland
- **James McCarrie**, Provider Litigation Attorney, Aetna, PA

- **Thalita Jorge**, Legal Counsel, BP Biocombustiveis/BP Biofuels, Brazil
- **James Pike**, Assistant General Counsel, Fluor, TX
- **Christina Hollander**, Counsel, Visa, CA
- **Natalie Reid**, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP, NY
- **Tomas Vail**, Associate, White & Case, LLP, UK
- **Pavlos Petrovas**, Associate, Hughes Hubbard & Reed, LLP, NY
- **James Freeman**, Counsel, Allen & Overy LLP, UK
- **Gustavo Kulesza**, Associate, BM&A, Brazil
- **Derek Soller**, Partner, Baker & McKenzie, LLP, NY
- **Kiran Gore**, Senior Associate, Three Crowns, DC
- **Peter Buckley**, Partner, Fox Rothschild, LLP, PA
- **Brian Briz**, Partner, Holland & Knight, LLP, FL

Current members of the Steering Committee who will continue to serve through 2018 are:

- **Bridget Lankford**, Senior Counsel, GSK
- **Tom Miles**, Legal Counsel, Shell
- **Alberto F. Ravell**, Senior Counsel - Arbitrations, ConocoPhillips Company
- **Juliano Pescuma Rodriguez**, Brazil, Latin America and Canada Sr. Litigation Manager, HP
- **Karyn Sullivan**, General Counsel, Labatt Breweries of Canada, Anheuser-Busch InBev
- **Patrick W. Pearsall**, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP
- **David L. Earnest**, Associate, Sherman & Sterling LLP
- **CJ Mahoney**, Partner, Williams & Connolly LLP
- **Viren Mascarenhas**, Counsel, King & Spalding LLP
- **Luis Peretti**, Associate, Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados
- **Lee Rovinescu**, Associate, Freshfields Bruchkhaus Deringer LLP
- **Sarah McEachern**, Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

The Y-ADR program promotes the full spectrum of dispute resolution mechanisms with the younger generation of lawyers – those who are 45 years old and younger or those with fewer than eight years of professional experience in international ADR practice. Through periodic seminars and other initiatives, Y-ADR participants gain an insider’s look at the role of dispute resolution processes and practices in corporations and multinational organizations. More importantly, they have an opportunity to network with in-house counsel and experts in the field. Y-ADR Steering Committee is the leadership group for Y-ADR. The Steering Committee is composed of young in-house counsel and practitioners at leading corporations and law firms around the world. CPR’s Y-ADR Steering Committee members are selected through a competitive process, and new members serve for a two-year term.

The program sponsors the [Y-ADR Annual Writing Award](#) for Efficient and Effective Collaboration Between Corporate Counsel and Outside Counsel, sponsored by CPR members Assurant, GlaxoSmithKline and White & Case LLP. The winning entry is published in Alternatives, and the author(s) are formally recognized at the CPR Annual

Meeting.

To access a full listing of current Steering Committee members: [Y-ADR Steering Committee and its Members](#).

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