



Justice Ian Binnie To Be Keynote Speaker at CPR's Second Annual Canada Regional Meeting

Conference to Focus on Building Successful Joint Ventures

New York, Aug. 24, 2017 –The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), a global non-profit organization that advances dispute prevention and resolution practices and provides high quality solutions, announced that the **Honorable Ian Binnie**, one Canada's most respected arbitrators and advocates, will be the keynote speaker at the [2nd Annual CPR Canada Regional Meeting](#) to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the Arbitration Place in Toronto.

Justice Binnie served nearly 14 years as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. When he retired in 2011 he was described by *The Globe and Mail* as "arguably the country's premier judge" and by *La Presse* as "peut-être le juge le plus influent au Canada dans la dernière décennie" (perhaps the most influential judge in Canada in the last decade).

During his time on the country's top court, as only the fourth modern Justice appointed directly from the bar, Justice Binnie authored more than 170 opinions, including leading cases in patent interpretation and validity, protection of famous trademarks, media law, commercial disputes, punitive damages, expert evidence, and many aspects of constitutional, criminal and administrative law.

In the early 1980s, he served for four years as Canada's Associate Deputy Minister of Justice and was later appointed Special Parliamentary Counsel to the Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons on the Meech Lake Accord. An elected member of the International Commission of Jurists, he has appeared before the International Court of Justice and various international tribunals in governmental litigation matters, and has acted as Canadian representative in high-profile disputes involving France and the U.S.

"We are thrilled to have Justice Ian Binnie share his sage and strategic advice from the multiple vantage points he has experienced-- litigator, judge and arbitrator-- as the keynote speaker for CPR's second regional meeting in Canada," said Noah Hanft, CPR's President & CEO. "Whether outside practitioner, in-house counsel, arbitrator

or mediator, attendees are sure to come away with valuable insights from our esteemed panel of speakers. It promises to be an interesting and informative day.”

The theme of this Second Regional Meeting is “**The Secret to a Successful Joint Venture: Building an Enduring Relationship.**” In addition to Justice Binnie’s keynote, Professor Joan Stearns Johnsen, University of Florida, Levin College of Law, and CPR Distinguished Neutral, will conduct an interactive workshop on “The Secret to a Successful Joint Venture: Building an Enduring Relationship.” Participants will also engage in interactive panel discussions with distinguished in-house counsel and practitioners from Canada and the United States on current dispute prevention and resolution issues faced by corporations in these two countries.

[Sponsorship opportunities](#) are available.

About CPR: CPR is an independent nonprofit organization that has helped global businesses prevent and resolve commercial disputes effectively and efficiently for more than 40 years. Our membership consists of top corporations and law firms, academic and government institutions, and leading mediators and arbitrators around the world. CPR is unique as: (1) a thought leader, driving a global dispute resolution culture; (2) a developer of cutting edge tools and resources, powered by the collective innovation of its membership; and (3) an ADR provider offering innovative, practical arbitration rules, mediation and other dispute resolution procedures, and neutrals worldwide. For more information, please visit www.cpradr.org.

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