



**CPR to Honor ExxonMobil and Eugene Silva
with Inspiring Innovation Award**

Award to be presented at CPR 2018 Annual Meeting in Atlanta

New York (January 16, 2018)—The International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR) is pleased to announce that it will honor **ExxonMobil** and **Eugene Silva**, Counsel, International Disputes Group, with the Inspiring Innovation Award in recognition of ExxonMobil’s innovative nature in the use of international arbitration to solve the unique legal challenges the company faces given the global nature of their operations.

The Inspiring Innovation Award will be presented at a dinner program on Thursday, March 8 as part of the first day of CPR’s 2018 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. This award recognizes a corporation and/or individuals whose work in the field of ADR demonstrates a combination of innovative thinking and excellence in execution. Nominations for this award are received from the community of corporations, law firms and other organizations or individuals who are involved in ADR.

In his role as a member of the International Dispute Group of ExxonMobil legal department, Mr. Silva has devised new ways to use the arbitration process to meet the commercial objectives of the company’s international business units. Mr. Silva and his colleagues know ExxonMobil faces unique legal challenges given the global nature of their operations—issues that span from standard commercial disputes to legal challenges that are often matters of first impression and may have industry-wide ramifications.

“From the implementation of new, bespoke approaches to the arbitration process, such as those that promote efficiency through consolidation and time saving procedures, to the interaction with policy makers on investor rights and arbitral rules, the work done by Mr. Silva and ExxonMobil is necessarily expansive, innovative and unique,” said CPR President & CEO, Noah Hanft.

“Gene personifies the spirit of innovative ADR,” said Sashe Dimitroff, Partner at Baker Hosteller LLP and a member of the nominating committee. “The International Disputes Group at ExxonMobil has a deep understanding of the complex subtleties of international disputes, and as a result they pioneer solutions that are both commercially and practically sound, particularly on matters of first impression.”

CPR’s [2018 Annual Meeting](#) will be held on March 8-10 at the Whitley Hotel in Atlanta.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information and to register, contact Beth Corman at bcorman@cpradr.org.

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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