



## **CPR Kicks Off the New Year with Key Council and Committee Changes**

New York (Jan. 17, 2018)—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 several key committee leadership changes on the CPR Council, as well as the Mediation and Intellectual Property Disputes Committees.

**Ellen Parker**, Associate General Counsel at KPMG LLP, will replace **Michael Moore** as co-chair joining existing co-chair **Mark Baker** of the CPR Council. Mr. Moore will remain on the Council, as a member. CPR's Council plays an integral role in the seamless interaction of in-house counsel, law firms and academics to spearhead innovation in commercial conflict management. The Council intersects with CPR's standing committees that engage in all business sectors and works with the committees to enhance CPR's ability to develop new programs and tools that address member needs.

On the Mediation Committee, new co-chair **Grace Speights** of Morgan Lewis joins existing co-chairs **Erin Gleason Alvarez** of Gleason Alvarez ADR and **Rick Richardson** of GlaxoSmithKline. Ms. Speights defends clients against employment discrimination claims—particularly class claims—and claims of discrimination in public accommodations. She also counsels on best practices for corporate diversity initiatives. The Mediation Committee consists of CPR members worldwide and explores issues related to enhancing the quality and effectiveness of corporate mediation practice, both domestically and internationally. The Committee also works to identify qualified neutrals to serve on CPR's Panels of Distinguished Neutrals.

**William Honaker** of Dickinson Wright is the new chair of the Intellectual Property Disputes Committee, replacing **John Murnane** of Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto, who is stepping down after many years of dedicated service. Mr. Honaker has extensive knowledge and expertise in all aspects of patent, trademark, trade secret and copyright matters, including litigation in a broad range of technologies/industries. The IP Disputes Committee works to discern where and how ADR is best deployed in relationships concerning patent, trademark, copy-right and know-how.

“Our committees—particularly their innovation and collaboration to develop new programs and tools that thoughtfully and practically address members’ business needs—are at the core of what make CPR truly unique,” said Noah Hanft, President and CEO of CPR. “The year ahead promises to be especially vibrant, with several new leadership positions recently filled and many additional events, products and initiatives in the pipeline.”

**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](http://www.cpradr.org).

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