



CPR Announces Keynote Speakers for 2018 Annual Meeting, "Perspectives in ADR - Dispute Resolution in an Increasingly Fractured World"

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New York – Feb. 26, 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, has announced the three keynote speakers for its upcoming [annual meeting](#), "Perspective in ADR – Dispute Resolution in an Increasingly Fractured World," March 8-10 at the Whitley Hotel in Atlanta: **Honorable Layn Phillips, Ambassador Andrew Young and Robert J. Grey Jr.**

Every year, meeting panelists and participants include an outstanding group of general counsel, leading practitioners, noted academics and jurists, and expert international arbitrators and mediators. The event is an educational opportunity to explore the roles of inside counsel and outside counsel and ways they can best collaborate to improve dispute resolution processes and practices around the world.

On **Day 1**, March 8, renowned mediator and CPR board member, Honorable Layn Phillips' keynote will address *Mediating Conflict Set in Stone -- The Confederate Monuments Debate*. Moving beyond the hypothetical, this live keynote mediation session will tackle the highly controversial and sensitive subject of Confederate monuments, including Georgia's own Stone Mountain. This keynote provides a rare opportunity to witness a virtuoso mediator in action, skillfully applying tools of ADR to a real-world dispute involving entrenched positions and deeply-felt convictions.

A former United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, Judge Phillips presided over more than 140 federal trials in Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas during his tenure on the bench. He also sat by designation on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in Denver, where he participated in numerous panel decisions and published multiple opinions. As a result of his trial work, Judge Phillips was elected into the

American College of Trial Lawyers. He has the dual honor of being named by Law Dragon as one of the “Leading Judges in America” and one of the “Leading Litigation Attorneys in America.”

To add energy and authenticity to this special mock mediation, the parties to the mediation will be played by leaders of the Atlanta community, including: Sheffield Hale, President and CEO of the Atlanta Historical Society and Derreck Kayongo, CEO of the Center for Civil and Human Rights and Icey Johnson a respected Atlanta Public Schools educator.

CPR’s keynote speaker for **Day 2**, March 9, is Ambassador Andrew Young, an American politician, diplomat and activist, who will take a look back at ADR over the years, as well as where we find ourselves today—internationally, domestically and locally, in Atlanta, where he served as Mayor.

Beginning his career as a pastor, Ambassador Young was an early leader in the Civil Rights Movement, serving as executive director of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and was a close confidant of Martin Luther King Jr. Ambassador Young later became active in politics, serving first as a U.S. Congressman from Georgia then U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Since leaving political office, Ambassador Young founded the Andrew J. Young Foundation, established to promote more just and prosperous communities in the U.S. and globally by developing and supporting new generations of multiracial leadership.

CPR’s keynote speaker on **Day 3**, March 10, Robert J. Grey Jr. will address important issue of diversity in ADR, examining what progress has been made and what still needs to happen in order for the practice of ADR to optimally move forward. Mr. Grey served as president of the American Bar Association from 2004 to 2005. Previously a partner with the Richmond, Virginia-based law firm of Hunton & Williams, Mr. Young was named executive director of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, an organization created in 2009 to advance diversity in the legal profession. He was later confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a member of the board of the Legal Services Corporation.

“Much has happened in the world of dispute resolution since our last Annual Meeting, directly impacting our members’ business and legal affairs, and we are excited to dive deeply into these issues,” said Noah Hanft, President & CEO of CPR. “Our illustrious keynote speakers, Layn, Andrew and Robert, are trailblazers in their own right and are sure to provide valuable insights into these developments and our roles as leaders in the profession.”

For more information on CPR’s Annual Meeting, visit: www.cprmeeting.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

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