CPR Announces Winners of its 35th Annual Academic and Y-ADR Writing Awards

Atlanta—March 9, 2018—The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), a global non-profit organization that advances dispute resolution practices and provides high quality dispute resolution solutions, announced its 35th Annual Academic Awards for Outstanding Scholarship in dispute resolution. The Academic Awards will be presented at a luncheon ceremony on March 9, and the Y-ADR award at a cocktail reception later that evening, at The Whitley Hotel in Atlanta, as part of CPR’s Annual Meeting.

The annual Academic awards criteria focus on processes, techniques, systems, commitment and scholarship, which address the resolution, prevention or creative management of major disputes. The Y-ADR Annual Award for Efficient and Effective Collaboration Between Corporate Counsel and Outside Counsel honors young lawyers who write about efficient relationships between corporate counsel and outside counsel in the context of ADR Proceedings.

Outstanding Professional Articles – The Award for Outstanding Professional Article recognizes articles published by academics and other professionals that advance understanding in the field of ADR. This year, the award was granted to:


Joseph T. McLaughlin Original Student Article Award – The Joseph T. McLaughlin Student Article Award, endowed through the year 2021 in honor of Joseph T. McLaughlin – a former CPR Board member, long-time CPR supporter and prolific advocate for effective conflict resolution practices as a practitioner, academic, writer and speaker – recognizes an article or paper written by a student that was focused on events or issues in the field of ADR.

James Henry Award - The James F. Henry Award, named for CPR’s founder, recognizes “outstanding achievement by individuals for distinguished, sustained contributions to the field of dispute resolution.” Candidates for the award are evaluated for “leadership, innovation and sustaining commitment to the field.”

- Winner: Gerald Aksen, Arbitrator & Mediator

Y-ADR Annual Writing Award – The 2018 Y-ADR Annual Writing Award for Efficient & Effective Collaboration Between Corporate Counsel and Outside Counsel was open to lawyers ages 45 or younger or those who have had fewer than eight years of professional experience in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) practice, including, but not limited to, as counsel, client, arbitrator, mediator, tribunal secretary or law clerk. The Y-ADR award is generously funded by Assurant, Inc., GlaxoSmithKline and White & Case LLP.

- Winner: Alexander G. Leventhal, Associate, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP. “Corporate Counsel are from Mars, Outside Counsel Are from Venus: Building a Successful Attorney-Client Relationship through Communication”

“This year’s submissions for CPR’s Academic and Y-ADR award winners deftly examined the most cutting-edge issues in dispute resolution today, and we were impressed with all of their work,” said Noah Hanft, CPR CEO & President. “We congratulate the winners and hope to see another brilliant year of thought leadership from our colleagues in ADR, who provide us with great hope for the future.”

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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