



## **Hon. Timothy Lewis (Ret.) to Receive CPR's 2019 Diversity Award**

*The former federal judge, and current Co-Chair of Schnader's ADR practice, to be recognized for his lifelong commitment to diversity in ADR, including his role as co-chair of CPR's Diversity Task Force*

New York (February 21, 2019)—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 international arbitrator **Hon. Timothy Lewis (ret.)** will receive CPR's 2019 Award for Outstanding Contributions to Diversity in ADR. The award will be formally presented at [CPR's Annual Meeting](#), taking place Feb 28 – March 2, 2019, in Washington, D.C., during a luncheon ceremony on March 1.

The winner was selected by a panel that comprised, among others, Judge Lewis' fellow Co-Chair of CPR's Diversity Task Force, Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin (Ret.) of Stroock & Stroock & Levand; and CPR President & CEO Noah J. Hanft.

"I am deeply honored to receive this unique recognition from my esteemed peers at CPR," said Judge Lewis. "I am a proud participant in CPR's outstanding work, and I share the organization's commitment to promoting necessary change and ensuring equality of opportunity in our profession. The annual Diversity Award and CPR's reform initiatives are vitally important to shed light on inconvenient truths and make real progress through concrete actions to open the ADR selection process for all who have been historically excluded and, unfortunately, still are."

Timothy K. Lewis is Of Counsel at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, where he serves as Co-Chair of the ADR Practice Group. He is an arbitrator in national and international complex commercial matters and a mediator, appellate counselor and litigation strategist to leading corporations. Before joining Schnader, he was a federal judge on the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

A former member of CPR's Board of Directors, Judge Lewis is a CPR Distinguished Neutral and the Co-Chair of CPR's Diversity Task Force, a group whose mission is to devise practical strategies to increase the participation and inclusion of women, minorities and other diverse individuals in mediation, arbitration and other dispute prevention and resolution processes.

“Judge Lewis is a true leader in the effort to ensure that diversity is a goal that is achieved in the world of ADR and throughout the legal profession,” said fellow CPR Diversity Task Force Co-Chair, Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin (Ret.). “He is courageous, outspoken, committed and tireless in his determination to achieve true equality. But, most importantly, like any great leader he is inspirational. He recently told me ‘I will never stop fighting this battle – until my last breath – because this is my cause and must be our cause.’ He has inspired me and I know he has inspired so many others with these words. I am proud to call him a friend, a mentor, and a role model. I cannot imagine a more deserving recipient of this prestigious and important award.”

CPR’s Task Force developed a [corporate commitment to diversity](#) and a two-year mentoring program in collaboration with LCLD and FINRA, which includes a shadowing component designed to further diversity among neutrals chosen to mediate or arbitrate by large corporations, and Judge Lewis was one of the first to volunteer to be a mentor for that program..

“CPR is deeply committed to the cause of advancing opportunities and, more importantly, actual selection rates, for women and minorities in ADR and law,” said CPR President & CEO, Noah J. Hanft. “There is no person more deserving of this recognition than Judge Lewis. He has taken on this issue with his powerful intellect, dedication and unparalleled passion and we in the ADR community benefit every day from his commitment.”

## About CPR

Established in 1977, CPR is an independent nonprofit organization that helps global businesses prevent and resolve commercial disputes effectively and efficiently.

- **CPR Dispute Resolution** is an ADR provider offering quality, efficiency and integrity via innovative and practical arbitration rules, mediation and other dispute resolution services and procedures—as well as arbitrators, mediators and other neutrals, worldwide.
- The **CPR Institute**, the world’s leading ADR think tank, positions CPR uniquely as a thought leader, driving a global dispute resolution culture and utilizing its powerful committee structure to develop cutting edge tools, training and resources. These efforts are powered by the collective innovation of CPR’s membership—comprising top corporations and law firms, academic and public institutions, and leading mediators and arbitrators around the world.

Each element of this unique organization informs and enriches the whole, for the benefit of our members and users.