CPR Announces Winners of its 36th Annual Academic and Y-ADR Writing Awards
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Washington, DC— 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 its 36th Annual Academic Awards for Outstanding Scholarship in dispute resolution. The Academic Awards will be presented at a luncheon ceremony on March 1, and the Y-ADR award at a cocktail reception later that evening, at The Fairmont Hotel in Washington, DC, 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 will be 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.

**Founder’s Award** – The CPR Founder’s Award is being presented by Eric Green to James F. Henry, CPR’s Founder. **James F. Henry** was the founder and longtime President of CPR Institute (International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution). Jim led the push for the “Corporate Pledge,” which in the mid-1980s committed more than 4,000 operating companies to consider alternatives to litigation in disputes with other pledge signers. James F. Henry remains one of the most effective and influential leaders in bringing Alternative Dispute Resolution into the mainstream of American legal practice.

**CPR 2019 Diversity Award** – In 2007, the National Task Force on Diversity in ADR created an Award for Outstanding Contribution to Diversity in ADR to recognize a person or organization who has contributed significantly to diversity in the alternative dispute resolution field. Submissions are reviewed by a panel consisting of past winners, along with CPR’s Co-Chairs of the National Task Force on Diversity and CPR’s President. This year, the award will go to **Hon. Timothy K. Lewis.**

**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.

• **Winners: Nicolas E. Lopez,** Director, Legal Affairs & Business Development for Otis Latin America, and **Gustavo Santos Kulesza,** Senior Associate at Barbosa, Müssnich & Aragão - BMA Advogados. “Ten Commandments for Teaming Up in an ADR Proceeding”

“Each year, the submissions for CPR’s Academic and Y-ADR awards grow even more impressive, honing in on the most cutting-edge issues in dispute resolution today,” said Noah Hanft, CPR CEO & President. “We congratulate the winners and look forward to another brilliant year of thought leadership from our awards participants, who exemplify the potential and promise of ADR.”