NEW YORK — The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), a global non-profit organization that advances dispute prevention and resolution practices and solutions, announced that Ellen Parker, former Principal and Associate General Counsel for KPMG, has joined CPR. Parker will assume a leadership role, assisting the CPR Institute, CPR’s think-tank, in supporting and developing CPR programming and diversifying membership.

Arriving at KPMG in 2003 as Assistant General Counsel and named Principal in 2006, Parker was responsible for handling major litigations and significant regulatory investigations for the firm.

Prior to joining KPMG, Ellen served as the General Counsel and Vice President of Business & Legal Affairs at MTI/The Image Group, Inc., a multi-media entertainment company in New York City, as well as the General Counsel and Secretary for Care Connexions, Inc., an innovative healthcare monitoring and communications company. In these roles Ellen had exposure to a wide range of industries and gained foundational experience in litigation as well as in managing business and legal affairs.

A subject matter expert in conflict resolution, Ellen co-chairs the American Bar Association’s Dispute Resolution Section Task Force on Innovative Conflict Prevention Techniques. She also had co-chaired the CPR Council, the advisory body for the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution. Beyond her professional affiliations, Ellen is a highly engaged member of her community, currently serving as the Board Chair for Urban Word NYC, a non-profit organization that champions the voices of New York City youth by providing platforms for critical literacy, youth development, and leadership.

“Ellen has long been both engaged with and extremely supportive of CPR, and we are thrilled now to welcome her in this more formal capacity,” said CPR President & CEO, Allen Waxman. “Ellen’s sharp legal mind, business acumen and principled leadership and experience addressing complex legal challenges will advance and enrich CPR’s vision of managing conflict to enable purpose.”

About CPR

Established in 1977, CPR is an independent nonprofit organization that helps prevent and resolve legal conflict more effectively and efficiently.

The CPR Institute drives a global prevention and dispute resolution culture through the thought leadership of its diverse membership of top companies, law firms, academics, and leading mediators and arbitrators around the world. The Institute convenes best practice and industry-oriented committees and hosts global and regional meetings to share practices and develop innovative tools and resources. The Institute trains on dispute prevention and resolution, publishes a monthly journal on related topics,
and advocates for supporting and expanding the capacity for dispute prevention and resolution globally.

CPR Dispute Resolution harnesses the thought leadership and output of the Institute to provide ADR services – mediation, arbitration, early neutral evaluation, dispute resolution boards and others – through innovative and practical rules and procedures and through CPR’s Panel of Distinguished Neutrals.