



PRESS RELEASE

**GENERAL JAMES MATTIS TO ADDRESS LEADING IN  
CONFLICT AT CPR 2021 ANNUAL MEETING,  
“Prevent! Resolution without Dispute”**

**New York, NY, December 23, 2020**— The International Institute of Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR) is pleased to announce that former United States Secretary of Defense General James Mattis has joined the roster of distinguished presenters for the CPR 2021 Annual Meeting, held virtually from January 27-29.

Mattis will discuss: “Leading In Conflict and Lessons Learned” during a lunchtime presentation on Thursday, January 28. Dana Bash, CNN’s chief political correspondent, will deliver the meeting’s keynote address on Wednesday, January 27.

Prior to serving as the U.S. Secretary of Defense in 2017 and 2018, Mattis spent 43 years in the Marine Corps. His time there culminated with three years as the Commander of U.S. Central Command, where he oversaw joint efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq and helped shape U.S. policy towards Iran.

Mattis also served simultaneously as the Commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command and the Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation, where he oversaw the transformation of capabilities for the U.S. military and NATO allied forces, respectively.

Mattis is currently a senior counselor at The Cohen Group, a consulting firm that provides corporate leadership with strategic advice in business development, regulatory affairs, deal sourcing, and capital raising activities. In addition, Mattis currently holds the title of the Davies Family Distinguished Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, where he lectures on domestic and international security policy. His newest book, [Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead](#), explores his career and vision of leadership.



In addition to hearing from Mattis and Bash, participants will benefit from the numerous distinguished names in dispute prevention and conflict resolution sharing their thoughts on a variety of topics built around the meeting's theme, "Prevent! Resolution without Dispute." Panels range from "Managing Extraordinary Risk: Creative Approaches to 'Bet the Company' Crises," to "Best Practices for Managing Remotely—Avoiding Workplace Disputes." A musical performance by Austin local and fan favorite of The Voice Season 14, Reid Umstaddt, will close out Day 2. This year's Annual Meeting Advisory Committee is co-chaired by Carlos Hernandez, CEO of Fluor Corporation, and Scott Partridge, General Counsel of Bayer U.S.

For more information and to register for CPR's 2021 Annual Meeting, click [here](#).

#### **ABOUT CPR:**

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

The CPR Institute drives a global prevention and dispute resolution culture through the thought leadership of its diverse membership of top companies, law firms, lawyers, 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 while providing independent 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.

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