# CPR’S COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

## BEST PRACTICES

**Arbitration Committee:** This committee is a resource for corporate counsel, lawyers, academics and practitioners seeking rigorous analysis of issues and development of practical tools related to improving the quality of domestic and international arbitration.

Chair is Jennifer Glasser of White & Case LLP. Vice-Chair is Viren Mascarenhas of King & Spalding LLP. Secretary is Surya Gopalan of White & Case LLP.

**Dispute Prevention Committee:** This committee brings together creative transactional lawyers and dispute-oriented counsel to create next and best dispute prevention mechanisms aimed at preserving business relationships by identifying conflict early and preventing it from ripening into full-blown disputes, and driving adoption of a dispute prevention culture across industries.

Co-Chairs are Gregory Gallopoulos of General Dynamics Corporation and Noah Hanft of AcumenADR LLC.

**Employment Disputes Committee:** This committee includes in-house employment counsel, corporate defense attorneys, counsel from the plaintiff’s bar and neutrals who are interested in improving the management and resolution of employment disputes.


**Mediation Committee:** This committee focuses on issues related to enhancing the quality and effectiveness of mediation practices domestically and internationally.

Co-Chairs are Manjorie Berman of Krantz & Berman LLP and Steven Bierman of Bierman ADR LLC.

**Technology Advisory Committee:** This committee is a hybrid between an Industry Committee and a Best Practices Committee. It focuses on disputes in the technology industry, the uses of technology in the broader economy, and potential resulting disputes. The committee also advances the incorporation of dispute prevention practices for technology companies.

Co-Chairs are Cynthia Randall of Microsoft Corporation, Apoorv Agarwal, Ph.D. of TextIQ, and Thomas Walsh of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP. Secretary is Tim Chen of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP.

## INDUSTRIES

**Banking and Financial Services Committee:** This committee develops and considers innovative approaches to resolving disputes among financial institutions.

Chair is Deborah Reperowitz of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP. Secretary is Hannah Sholl of Visa Inc.

**Construction Advisory Committee:** This committee consists of in-house counsel, attorneys, and leading neutrals who converse to analyze and establish benchmarks that address issues of critical importance to the construction industry.

Chair is Sarah Biser of Fox Rothschild.

**Energy, Oil & Gas Committee:** This committee analyzes and disseminates information on issues critically important to business practices in this field. It has assembled a blue-ribbon international panel of energy neutrals in sub-specialties ranging from alternative energy sources to nuclear specialties.

Co-Chairs are Karl Stern of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP and Alberto Ravell of ConocoPhillips. Vice-Chair is Andy Moody of Baker McKenzie. Secretary is Alex Leventhal of Quinn Emanuel.

**Healthcare and Life Sciences Committee:** This committee creates dispute resolution seminars for the industry and has assembled an industry specific panel of neutrals who are experts in healthcare and life science-related disputes.

Co-Chairs are Connie Matteo of Pfizer Inc. and Jonathan Wasserman of Hogan Lovells. Secretary is Sam Zimmerman of Hogan Lovells.

**Insurance Committee:** This committee explores ways to effectively use mediation, arbitration and other processes when resolving disputes in which insurance coverage either is the subject, or by its presence otherwise affects the parties’ interests and conduct.

Co-Chairs are Peter Loughlin of Assurant, Inc. and Jeffrey Bowen of Burns Bowen Bair LLP. Secretary is Andrea Ramos of Holland & Knight LLP.

## TASK FORCES

**Government & ADR Task Force:** This task force educates corporations on the government’s use of ADR, encourages increasing use of ADR in private-public disputes (especially in non-traditional areas), develops new ADR solutions for these disputes and bridges the gap between government and business by facilitating mutual sharing of ADR best practices.

Chair is Pete Swanson of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. This task force is open to both CPR members and non-members.

**Diversity in ADR Task Force:** This task force devises practical strategies to increase the participation and inclusion of women, persons of color, members of the LGBTQ community, persons living with disabilities, and other under-represented groups in mediation, arbitration and other dispute prevention and resolution processes around the world.

Co-Chairs are the Honorable Timothy Lewis (Ret.) of Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis LLP and the Honorable Shira Scheindlin (Ret.) of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP. This task force is open to both CPR members and non-members.

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