20th Anniversary CEDR Awards for Excellence - 2010

Introduction

In the year of its 20th Anniversary, CEDR will hold its excellence awards, looking at the impact that has been made in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management in the UK and Internationally. The CEDR Awards are biennial and this will be the eighth occasion of their offering.

The winners will be revealed at a special Awards Dinner in November 2010, which - over and above recognising success in the last two years since the previous awards - will celebrate the achievements of the last two decades, including some notable announcements, as well as news on CEDR’s latest developments.

Entries

Entries are now invited for the CEDR Awards. Awards will be made to organisations (or individuals) in the UK and Internationally which the judging panel considers (1) demonstrate the best or most creative use or thinking on ADR and conflict management and/or (2) demonstrate professional excellence in ADR and conflict prevention or management.

Awards will be made in the following categories:

1. Awards for significant achievement in the field of dispute resolution (it is anticipated that there will be more than one winner in this category - see below)
2. Award for the most effective management of conflict initiative
3. Award for the best communication or publication
4. The Tony Curtis award for young professionals

In the year of its 20th anniversary, the CEDR Awards judging panel will be composed of judges with both a long-standing connection with CEDR and a solid understanding of ADR and conflict management.

Awards and assessment criteria

Category 1: Awards for significant achievement in the field of dispute resolution

These awards encompass achievements by law firms, businesses and organisations, in addition to innovations of dispute resolution processes and practices and the development of the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution within particular sectors. In order to be eligible for this category it must be shown that activity has taken place within the last two years (since Spring 2008). The activity can take a number of forms, such as projects, programmes, initiatives or cases, providing they can be shown to have had a notable impact in the UK and Internationally.
Due to the wide range of eligibility for this award, it is envisaged that there will be more than one winner in the category, in this instance each award given will recognise and articulate the different achievement that has been made.

A  **Entrants demonstrate creative use of dispute resolution.**
The CEDR Awards judging panel will look for evidence of how the entrants:
(a) demonstrate creativity, innovation and flexibility in the use of dispute resolution (namely ADR)
(b) demonstrate positive outcomes in client/staff/service relationships
(c) actively advocate for the use/proposed use of ADR
(d) demonstrate leadership in the development and implementation of dispute resolution.

B  **Entrants demonstrate professional excellence in dispute resolution.**
The CEDR Awards judging panel will look for evidence of how the entrants:
(a) demonstrate initiative in influencing positive changes in dispute resolution
(b) have made a significant contribution to the delivery of dispute resolution (namely ADR)
(c) incorporate and share learning gained through professional development into their organisation.

**Category 2: Award for the most effective management of conflict initiative**
The activity can take a number of forms, such as projects, programmes, initiatives or cases, providing they can be said to have had a notable impact in the UK and Internationally.

The CEDR Awards judging panel will look for evidence of:
(a) the scope of what has been achieved and how this can be demonstrated
(b) its/their significance and importance to ADR or a sector
(c) how did the achievement or innovation come about.

**Category 3: Award for the best communication or publication award**
Entries will be considered from number of different formats including books, articles, online publications or broadcast items in the UK and Internationally.

The CEDR Awards judging panel will be guided by one or more of:
(a) the extent to which the item has contributed to knowledge of ADR and conflict management either generally or in a particular sector
(b) influenced policy change or behaviour
(c) made a significant contribution to the professional practice of ADR.

**Category 4: The Tony Curtis award for young professionals**
The successful entrant will write an essay, to be at least 1000 words, on the subject of “visions of the future” with regards to the field of ADR, negotiation and/or the management of conflict.
Other than these parameters the essay can take any approach or form.

The CEDR Awards judging panel will be guided by one or more of:
(b) the level of thought applied to the subject of ADR and conflict management
(d) the visionary nature of the essay
(e) that the essay’s content has the potential to make an impact on the field.

Awards timetable

- Monday 9 August 2010: Closing date for entries.
- Monday 13 September 2010: Short-listed entrants notified.
- Second half of November 2010: Announcement of the winners will take place at the Annual CEDR Dinner 2010 to be held in London.

Submission of entries

Entries should consist of no more than 10 A4 sides plus any documents (such as testimonials, press cuttings, etc) in evidence of how the awards criteria are met.

Submissions should be accompanied by a separate sheet giving the following information:
- name of organisation or individual/organisational affiliation
- type of business/service
- size of organisation
- address, telephone, email and fax
- main contact for the award entry and position/title
- alternative contact and position/title

CEDR will confirm receipt of all entries.

Confidentiality

All award entries will remain confidential to CEDR, the Awards judging panel and the organisation concerned. Information will not be used for any other purpose than the Awards without the prior consent of the entrant.

Information and enquiries

All information on the CEDR Awards and dinner will be posted at www.cedr.com/awards.

Enquiries or submissions (or registering of interest in the awards) can be addressed to: Andy Rogers at CEDR, awards@cedr.com, +44 (0)20 7536 6000.