



“I am really delighted that we are giving this award for the first time this year. The Partner of the Year recognizes our volunteer membership that is the lifeblood of our organization, that dedicates itself to our work and our mission and truly are the thought leaders for our organization. We’re very fortunate that we had many terrific choices to make in identifying the person who would receive the award this year but it is also the case that this person is truly deserving of the award. John Buckley is the senior counsel at Williams & Connolly and founder and former head of the firm’s international arbitration practice. On a personal note, this is like a family reunion for me. I began my career at Williams & Connolly and considered myself fortunate enough to have been a mentee of John’s in learning the practice of law and nobody did it better than John Buckley. John, this year, has worked with us in pulling together those Fast Track Rules that I mentioned in our Opening and chairing that committee in helping pull together with other the model to current mediation clause and the model delegation clause as part of task forces that we pulled together to address issues that needed to be clarified for our constituency. John is also on our Construction Rules Committee and has otherwise brought to us support he has brought in from the firm of Williams & Connolly. So, it is a special honor for me tonight to grant the CPR Partner of the Year Award, the first CPR Partner of the Year Award, to John Buckley.”

Allen Waxman

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