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## **Former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer joins CRDI Mediation Panel**

**Detroit, Michigan**--Conflict Resolution Diversity Initiative (CRDI) is pleased to announce the addition of the Honorable Dennis W. Archer to its panel of neutrals. CRDI, the first of its kind in the country, seeks to address the under-representation of minority neutrals in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) matters, by intentionally creating panels of qualified neutrals comprised primarily by people of color. CRDI concentrates on corporations with ADR programs who are committed to increasing diversity.

"I am pleased and excited to join the CRDI panel of neutrals," Archer said. "In addition to serving as a CRDI Panelist, I hope to help CRDI expand its national presence as it continues its vital mission of increasing diversity in the ADR process."

In addition to joining the CRDI roster of mediators, Judge Archer will be a member of Resolute Systems, LLC's national Commercial and Employment Panels. Resolute serves as the administrator of the CRDI program.

"Adding Judge Archer to Resolute's and CRDI's panels of neutrals supports not only our long history of ensuring our pool of neutrals are diverse, but also brings further credibility to the Conflict Resolution Diversity Initiative," says Michael Weinzierl, Vice President for Resolute Systems. "CRDI is an intentional effort to address the very real problem of disproportionate opportunities for people of color to serve as neutrals in ADR matters compared to non-minorities. In particular, as corporate workforces continue to reflect the diverse American population, so should the neutrals called upon to resolve workplace disputes," says Weinzierl.

Judge Archer is Chairman and CEO of Dennis W. Archer PLLC and Chairman Emeritus of Dickinson Wright PLLC, a Detroit-based law firm with more than 270 attorneys, with five offices in Michigan; an office in Toronto, Canada; Nashville, Tennessee; Phoenix,

Arizona; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Washington, D.C. He sits on the corporate boards of Johnson Controls Inc., Compuware Corporation and Masco Corporation.

Judge Archer served two four-year terms as mayor of the city of Detroit (1994-2001) and earned national and international respect for his success in changing Detroit's image and direction.

In 2000, as mayor, Archer was named Public Official of the Year by *Governing* magazine. Archer served on the Board of Trustees of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and was president of the National League of Cities from 2000-2001. He received an Award of Excellence and was named 1998 Newsmaker of the Year by *Engineering News-Record* magazine, a sister publication of *Business Week*. He has been named one of the 100 Most Influential Black Americans by *Ebony* magazine; and one of the 100 Most Powerful Attorneys in the United States by the *National Law Journal*. Archer was named one of the 25 Most Dynamic Mayors in America by *Newsweek* magazine.

Judge Archer received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Western Michigan University and taught learning disabled students in the Detroit Public Schools. Judge Archer earned his Juris Doctor from Detroit College of Law in 1970. He began practicing law thereafter, working as a trial lawyer and a partner in several Detroit firms, serving as associate professor of the Detroit College of Law and adjunct professor at Wayne State University Law School.

In 1985, Governor James Blanchard appointed Archer an Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. He was elected to an eight-year term the following year. In his final year on the bench in 1990, Judge Archer was named the most respected judge in Michigan by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*.

Judge Archer has long been active in the organized bar. He was the first person of color elected president of the American Bar Association (2003-2004) as well as the State Bar of Michigan. He has also served as president of the Wolverine Bar Association and the National Bar Association. Judge Archer is a Life Member of the Fellows of The American Bar Foundation and the National Bar Association, a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers, a Fellow of the College of Law Office Management and Life Member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Resolute Systems has been facilitating ADR cases nationally for over 20 years. Resolute assumed administration of the Conflict Resolution Diversity Initiative in March 2011.

Companies or neutrals interested in learning more about CRDI are encouraged to contact Michael Weinzierl at 800-776-6060.

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