

# The Initiative

## For Corporate Responsibility and Investor Protection

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### UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSTS CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVE'S KICK-OFF EVENT

**Concord, NH (March 15, 2006)** – Three prominent national figures from government, finance and the law will inaugurate New Hampshire's newly formed Initiative For Corporate Responsibility and Investor Protection.

The event, the first in a series of high-level forums, will be held in conjunction with the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire Tuesday, April 4.

The Initiative's kick-off forum will focus on how to keep the nation's corporations on an ethical path. Speakers are former United States Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, former Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt, and retired United States District Court Judge Stanley Sporkin. The session will be moderated by Myron Kandel, president of The Initiative and founding financial editor of CNN.

Harvey Pitt, in addition to serving as SEC Chairman under President George W. Bush, served on the commission staff for 10 years, including three years as general counsel. He is one of the nation's leading securities attorneys.

Dick Thornburgh, Governor of Pennsylvania from 1979 through 1987, served as a U.S. Attorney General under both Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. Bush.

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Stanley Sporkin spent 20 years with the SEC, serving seven years as the Director of the Division of Enforcement. In addition, he spent five years as General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. He then served as a U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Columbia for 14 years.

“I’m particularly pleased to kick off our series at UNH, which has such a fine institution as the Whittemore School of Business and Economics,” said Kandel. “We hope to shine a spotlight on the lessons learned from the recent rash of corporate and financial scandals and emphasize the value of public responsibility in government, business and everyday life.”

Kandel said The Initiative plans to stage these events on various campuses around the state, aiming to involve students, faculty members, business leaders and members of the general public in a broad-based examination of these crucial issues.

The event will be held at 4 PM on April 4 in Huddleston Hall on the UNH campus in Durham, with a reception to follow. Admission is free, but registration is required. Registration information is available on The Initiative’s web site at [www.theinitiative.net](http://www.theinitiative.net).

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