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Michael Hershman is an internationally recognized expert on matters relating to transparency, accountability, governance and security. The Fairfax Group, founded in 1983, has been retained by governments, corporations and international financial institutions to assist on matters relating to the conduct of senior-level officials and/or the entities with which they do business. In December 2006, Mr. Hershman was appointed as the independent compliance advisor to the board of directors of Siemens AG, a company with more than 400,000 employees.

Fairfax has assisted governments from India to Chile on ethics matters and has served as the appointed monitor of companies that have violated laws, rules or regulations.

Mr. Hershman began his career in intelligence and investigations in Europe during the late 1960s as a special agent with U.S. Military Intelligence, specializing in counter-terrorism. After leaving the military, he moved to investigations of government misconduct and financial fraud for the New York State Attorney General's Office and the Office of the Mayor of New York City.

Later, Mr. Hershman served as a senior staff investigator for the Senate Watergate Committee and as chief investigator for a joint Presidential and Congressional commission reviewing state and federal laws on wiretapping and electronic surveillance. After the wiretap commission hearings, Mr. Hershman joined the Federal Election Commission as chief investigator, where he was responsible for audits and investigations of candidates and their campaign committees.

Mr. Hershman then served as deputy staff director for the Subcommittee on International Organizations of the U.S. House of Representatives, which was responsible for legislation and oversight relating to international banks and other U.S.-supported international organizations, such as the United Nations.

Immediately prior to founding The Fairfax Group, Mr. Hershman served as deputy auditor general for the Foreign Assistance Program of the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), where he led investigations and audits of major U.S. funded projects overseas and was responsible for worldwide security at all foreign AID missions. Mr. Hershman was awarded the Superior Honor Medal for his service at AID.

In 1993, along with Peter Eigen, Mr. Hershman co-founded Transparency International, the largest independent, not-for-profit coalition promoting transparency and accountability in business and in government. For the past six years he has served Interpol as a member of the International Group of Experts on Corruption, and for the past 12 years, he has sat on the board of the International Anti-Corruption Conference Committee.

Mr. Hershman is a member of the board of directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and advises the Chamber on corporate compliance issues. For the past six years he has served on the Audit Oversight Committee for Fairfax County, Virginia, which has 12,000 employees and an annual budget of over \$5 billion. He also serves on the Financial Coalition against Child Pornography, a project of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Additionally, he is a member of the Advisory Council of the George Mason University School of Information Technology and Engineering.

Since 2007, Mr. Hershman has been a member of the board of directors and the executive committee of the Center for International Private Enterprise. In 2009, he was named to the [Ethisphere Institute's](#) list of the top 100 most influential people in business ethics worldwide for 2008.

Michael Hershman has given hundreds of speeches throughout the world on issues related to transparency and accountability and has provided commentary on ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC and the Fox News Channel as well as countless national radio shows. For five years he was the co-host of the Public Radio Law Show. He has been quoted and published in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the New York Post, the Washington Post, USA Today, the Financial Times, the National Law Journal and other print media.