

Michael J. Hershman

Biography



Mr. Michael Hershman is President and CEO of the Fairfax Group. He is an internationally recognized expert on matters relating to transparency, accountability, governance and security. The Fairfax Group has advised governments, corporations and international financial institutions on issues pertaining to the conduct of senior-level officials and/or the entities with which they do business.

In December 2006, Mr. Hershman was appointed Independent Compliance Advisor to the Board of Directors of Siemens AG, a company with more than 400,000 employees.

Mr. Hershman began his career in Europe as an investigator during the late 1960s. After leaving the military, he moved to investigations of government misconduct and financial fraud in the New York State Attorney General's Office and the Office of the Mayor of New York City. Mr. Hershman later served as 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.

Mr. Hershman joined the Federal Election Commission as Chief Investigator and then served as Deputy Staff Director for the Subcommittee on International Organizations of the U.S. House of Representatives. Immediately before founding the Fairfax Group, Mr. Hershman was Deputy Auditor General for the Foreign Assistance Programme of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where he was awarded the Superior Honour Medal.

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 government. For the past six years he has been a member of INTERPOL's International Group of Experts on Corruption (IGEC), and for the past 12 years, he has sat on the Board of the International Anti-Corruption Conference Committee (IACC). Since 2007, Mr. Hershman has been a member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee of the Centre for International Private Enterprise. In 2009, he was named on Ethisphere Institute's list as one of the 100 most influential people in business ethics worldwide in 2008.