

The Panelists:

Bruce Aronson is an Associate Professor of Law at Creighton. He is a graduate of Boston University and Harvard Law School, and has extensive experience in Asia and the United States as an academic researcher and as a practicing lawyer. He was a corporate partner at the New York City law firm of Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP (1989-2000) and co-chair of the Financial Services Group. Prior to Joining the Creighton faculty, Professor Aronson was a Fulbright Senior Researcher and Visiting Scholar at the University of Tokyo (2000-2002) and an Associate Research Scholar at Columbia Law School (2002-2004). His areas of expertise are corporate law, finance law and international and comparative law. His main areas of research are comparative corporate governance and the legal profession. He is fluent in Japanese.

William K. Black is an Associate Professor of Economics and Law at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. He is also a white-collar criminologist and former financial regulator. He is the author of *The Best Way to Rob a Bank is to Own One* (U. Texas Press 2005), which explains how deregulation and executive compensation systems combine to create criminogenic environments that produce epidemics of “control fraud” that cause financial bubbles to hyper-inflate and cause recurrent, intensifying financial crises. He has served recently as an expert consultant for the World Bank on various anti-corruption efforts and for the United States in an administrative enforcement action against Fannie Mae’s former senior officers.

Lawrence E. Mitchell is the Theodore Rinehart Professor of Business Law at George Washington University School of Law. He is a graduate of Williams College and Columbia University School of Law and is interested in corporate law and finance, jurisprudence, and history. He is an author of several books including, *Progressive Corporate Law* (editor, 1995); *Stacked Deck: A Story of Selfishness in America* (1998); *Corporate Irresponsibility: America’s Newest Export* (2001); and *The Speculation Economy: How Finance Triumphed Over Industry* (October 2007), which was awarded *ForeWord Magazine’s* 2007 Gold Medal as Best Book of the Year in Business & Economics and a 2008 “IPPY” Silver Medal in Finance and Economics. Professor Mitchell also is the author of a number of law review articles and two casebooks: *Corporate Finance and Governance* (with Lawrence Cunningham and Jeffrey Haas) and *Corporations* (with Dalia Tsuk Mitchell). Professor Mitchell tries to explore his subjects within a broad social context, drawing upon economics, sociology, history, philosophy, and social psychology, as well as law.

Adam C. Pritchard is the Frances and George Skestos Professor of Law at University of Michigan Law School. He is the author of *Securities Regulation: Cases and Analysis* and *Securities Regulation: The Essentials* (both with Stephen J. Choi). Professor Pritchard’s current research focuses on the role of class action litigation in controlling securities fraud and the history of the securities law in the Supreme Court. His articles have appeared in the *Business Lawyer*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organizations*, and various law reviews. Professor Pritchard holds B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Virginia, as well as an M.P.P. from the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago. While at Virginia, he was an Olin Fellow in Law and Economics and served as articles development editor on the *Virginia Law Review*. After working in private practice, Pritchard served as senior counsel in the Office of the General Counsel of the SEC, where he wrote appellate briefs and studied the effect of recent reforms in the areas of

securities fraud litigation. He received the SEC's Law and Policy Award for his work in *United States v. O'Hagan*, in which the Supreme Court upheld the misappropriation theory of insider trading.

Heidi Schooner is a recognized expert in financial services regulation. She has authored numerous articles addressing both the domestic and international challenges in regulating the banking and securities industries. Professor Schooner serves regularly as a consultant to the International Monetary Fund and to various federal and state agencies. She teaches courses in banking law, corporations, contracts, and commercial law. Professor Schooner joined the law faculty at the Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America, in 1993. She has been a visiting professor at Suffolk University Law School and at George Washington University Law School. As a practicing lawyer, Professor Schooner was acting general counsel of First American Metro Corp., a bank holding company. She also practiced in the General Counsel's Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission and as an associate with a private law firm. Professor Schooner received her bachelor's degree from Duke University with honors and juris doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center.

John Munn was appointed Director of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance (NDBF) by Governor Mike Johanns in January, 2005, and continues as Director in the administration of Governor Dave Heineman. The Department supervises state-chartered financial institutions, registered and licensed financial entities including mortgage banking, delayed deposit service companies and the securities industry in Nebraska. A native Nebraskan, Munn graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, in 1970 with a B.A. in Education. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of First National Bank and Trust of Syracuse at the time of his appointment as Director in 2005. A graduate of the Colorado Graduate School of Banking (1980) and the American Bankers Association Trust School (1999), Munn was an instructor for and board member of the Schools of Banking, Inc., a joint venture of the Kansas and Nebraska Bankers Associations. He served the Nebraska Bankers Association as a board member and chair of its Government Relations Committee.

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