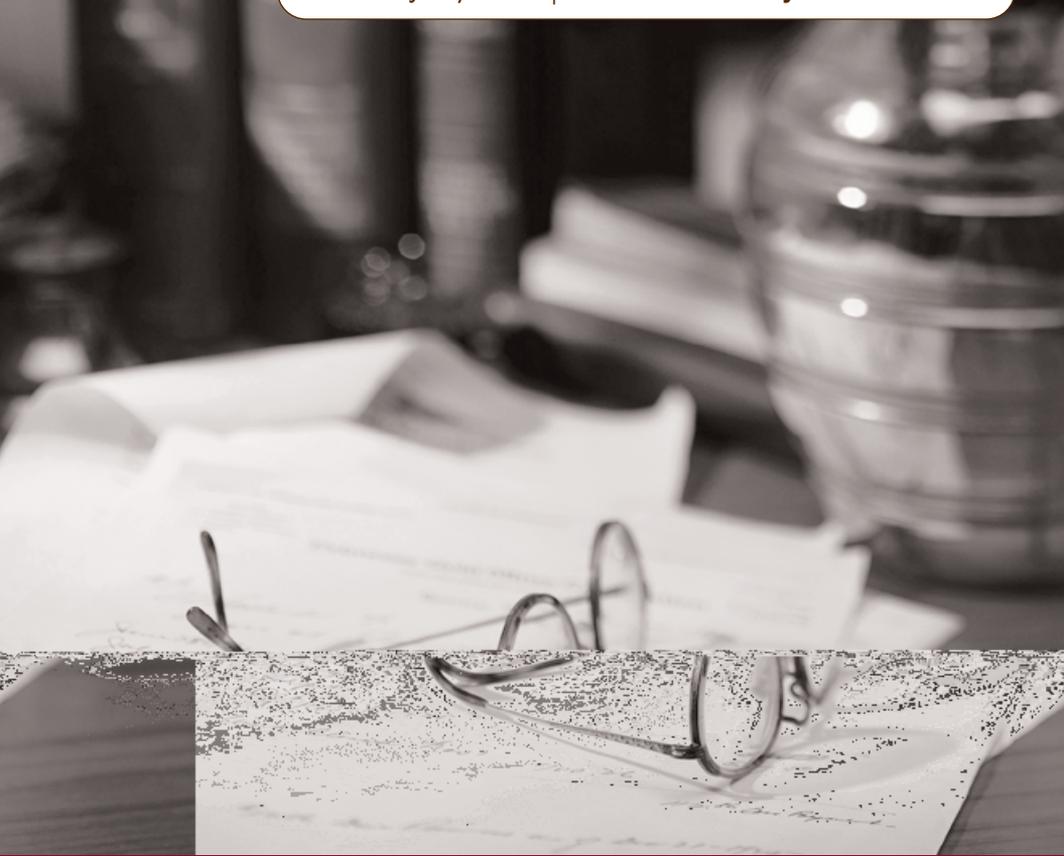


# Religious Values and Corporate Decision Making

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERFAITH  
CONFERENCE FOR CORPORATE EXECUTIVES AND LEGAL COUNSEL

February 23, 2004 | **Fordham University School of Law**



## A Conference with 5.5 CLE Credits

Part of Fordham University's Sapientia et Doctrina (Wisdom and Learning) Series celebrating the inauguration of Joseph M. McShane, S.J., as the University's 32nd president.

# About the Conference

In today's business climate, lawyers, accountants, managers, and other professionals are increasingly considering a number of creative resources that might help sustain their commitment to professional integrity and social responsibility.

This interdisciplinary interfaith conference will explore the extent to which religious values may serve as a guide to navigate the moral and ethical dilemmas in our current legal and business landscape. Among other questions, it hopes to consider:

- What may be gained by bringing religious values to bear on corporate decision making? What may be the concerns and pitfalls?
- Would current economic models allow room to bring religious values to bear on corporate decision-making?
- According to current standards of legal and business ethics, are lawyers and other professionals restricted in the ways in which they may bring religious values to bear on corporate decision-making?
- Are there viable models that illustrate how religious values might be integrated into corporate decision-making?

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# Program Religious Values and Corporate Decision-

Monday **February 23**

**8:30 AM Registration/CLE Information**

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**9:00 AM Welcome/Opening Remarks**

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**9:10 AM**

**Does Corporate Decision-Making Allow Room for Religious Values?**

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RUSSELL G. PEARCE (Moderator)  
 Professor, Fordham University School of Law  
 STEVEN RESNICOFF  
 Professor, DePaul University College of Law  
 MARK A. SARGENT  
 Dean, Villanova University School of Law  
 W. BRADLEY WENDEL  
 Professor, Washington & Lee University  
 School of Law

**10:00 AM Break**

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**10:15 AM**

**Religious Values and Corporate Decision-Making: An Economist's Perspective**

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STEFANO ZAMAGNI  
 Professor, University of Bologna  
 Department of Economics

Response:  
 HENRY SCHWALBENBERG  
 Chair, Fordham University  
 Department of Economics

**11:15 AM Break**

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**11:30 AM**

**Managing as if Faith Matters**

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MICHAEL NAUGHTON (Moderator)  
 Professor, University of St. Thomas Graduate  
 School of Business & Department of Theology  
 JOSEPH E. GEOGHAN, ESQ.  
 Retired Vice-President and General Counsel, and  
 Member of the Board of Directors, of Union  
 Carbide Corporation  
 TALOT ANSARI, ESQ.  
 Partner, Kelley, Drye & Warren

**12:20 PM Lunch**

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1:30 PM

### **Viable Models: The Economy of Communion Project**

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LUIGINO BRUNI

Professor, Department of Economics  
University of Milan–Biococca

Response:

AMY UELMEN, ESQ.

Director, Fordham University School of Law  
Institute on Religion, Law & Lawyer's Work

2:20 PM **Break**

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2:40 PM

### **Viable Models: Shareholder Resolutions**

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PATRICIA DALY, OP

Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment

SEAMUS FINN, OMI

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

MORDECHAI LIEBLING

The Shefa Fund

LESLIE LOWE, ESQ.

Program Director for Energy & Environment,  
Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility

3:30 PM

### **Final Discussion**

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ROBERT HURLEY (Moderator)

Professor, Fordham University Graduate School  
of Business Administration

4:00 PM **Reception**

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**Conference Proceedings** will be published in the Fordham Journal of Corporate and Financial Law.

### **The Institute on Religion, Law & Lawyer's Work**

aims to help practicing lawyers and law students in their efforts to live integrated lives of faith in the context of the challenges of today's legal practice, and to promote dialogue on issues relating to religion and law. It sponsors national and local inter-faith conferences, lectures and programs on religion, spirituality and legal practice.

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# Registration Form

## Religious Values and Corporate Decision-Making

**DATE:** The conference will be held on February 23, 2004, at Fordham University School of Law, conveniently located in Manhattan's Upper West Side, just one block south of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts at 140 West 62nd Street.

**FEES:**  Lunch and Conference Materials  
\$50 register by 02.19.04 | \$75 thereafter

Lunch, Conference Materials, and 5.5 CLE Credits  
\$150 register by 02.19.04 | \$175 thereafter

Fordham University has a hardship policy for this conference. To apply, please submit written request to: Director of Academic Programs and Continuing Legal Education, Fordham Law School, 140 West 62nd Street, New York, NY 10023, Fax: 212.636.6984.

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