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## **FORMER SENIOR COMMERCE OFFICIAL REJOINS WLF ADVISORY BOARD**

The Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) and the Chairman of its Legal Policy Advisory Board, former U.S. Attorney General **Dick Thornburgh**, are pleased to announce that **William A. Lash, III**, a Professor of Law at George Mason University School of Law, has rejoined the Board.

Professor Lash served as Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance in the U.S. Department of Commerce from 2001-2005. As Assistant Secretary, he was responsible for ensuring that foreign governments fully complied with more than 250 trade agreements signed by the United States. He also chaired the Department's Iraq and Afghanistan Reconstruction Task Forces which assisted businesses interested in participating in reconstruction efforts and commerce in these two countries and served as the U.S. Economic Commissioner to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Prior to serving the Department of Commerce, Professor Lash taught law at St. Louis University and Western New England College. He was a senior associate in the litigation department of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, & Jacobson in Washington, D.C., and counsel to the U.S. International Trade Commission. He also served as a law clerk to Alan B. Handler, associate justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. He first joined the faculty at George Mason in 1994.

“We are honored that Bill Lash has rejoined our Advisory Board,” said WLF Chairman and General Counsel Daniel J. Popeo. “He brings a great deal of credibility and expertise to our work not only on corporate and securities law issues, but also on international matters, which become more critical to America’s free enterprise system every day.”

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