



Arthur Levitt served as the 25th Chairman of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). First appointed in July 1993, Chairman Levitt was re-appointed to a second five-year term in May 1998. He has the unique distinction of being the longest serving Chairman in the Commission's history.

During his career as head of the SEC, investor protection was Chairman Levitt's top priority. Throughout his tenure at the Commission, Chairman Levitt worked to educate, empower, and protect America's investors.

Over the past seven years Chairman Levitt has conducted more than 40 investor town meetings throughout the country to listen to the concerns of investors and give them tips on safe and wise participation in the securities markets.

A proven expert in his field, Chairman Levitt has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of the financial reporting process, maintain the independence of auditors, and save investors billions of dollars by reducing spreads in the Nasdaq market. He also promoted the requirement that important information be released to all investors simultaneously, as well as fought Internet fraud and cleaned up the municipal bond market.

Before joining the Commission, Chairman Levitt owned Roll Call, a newspaper that covers Capitol Hill. From 1989 to 1993, he served as the Chairman of the New York City Economic Development Corporation, and from 1978 to 1989 he was the Chairman of the American Stock Exchange. Prior to joining the American Stock Exchange, Chairman Levitt worked for 16 years on Wall Street.

His book, *Take on the Street: The Ultimate Insider Reveals the Hidden Costs and Dangers of Investing on Wallstreet* was released in October of 2002, and quickly appeared on the New York Times...

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