

H. Michael Semler
Visiting Lecturer
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American attorney H. Michael Semler will be visiting the Faculty of Law at the University of Vilnius from September 18 through September 29, 2017, to present a two-week course in "U.S. Securities Law and Litigation." These lectures have been arranged with the assistance of the Center for International Legal Studies in Salzburg, Austria.

Mr. Semler has practiced law in Washington, D.C. for more than forty years, including twenty years with the U.S. Department of Justice and the last thirteen years with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). While at the Department of Justice, he represented the United States government in a wide variety of federal court litigation, including toxic tort, government contract, and environmental matters, and was lead counsel in large trials and high-stakes appeals.

Since 2004, Mr. Semler has been an Assistant Chief Litigation Counsel in the SEC's Division of Enforcement. In this capacity he has litigated fraud and professional misconduct cases on behalf of the SEC, including bench and jury trials in the federal courts and administrative hearings within the SEC. He has handled matters arising out of, among other things, accounting manipulation, insider trading, pump-and-dump schemes, sales of unregistered securities, inadequate corporate disclosures, falsification of investment performance, mortgage-backed securities, auditing failures, and professional misconduct.*

Mr. Semler graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. with a major in International Relations and earned his law degree at the University of Chicago School of Law. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Mr. Semler represented low-income workers in employment litigation and published articles on immigration and occupational health issues in the Washington Post, New York Times, Yale Law & Policy Review, and other periodicals.

Mr. Semler served as a visiting professor in the Law Faculty at Pavel Josef Safarik University in Kosice, Slovakia, in March 2016.

Mr. Semler is married, has three adult children, and lives in Virginia. He will be traveling to Vilnius with his wife, Shavaun Wall, Ph.D., who is an educational psychologist and a tenured professor at Catholic University of America in Washington.

** Mr. Semler is visiting the Law Faculty in his personal capacity. The views expressed during the lectures series will be his own and will not necessarily reflect the views of the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Commission staff.*