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Enron. WorldCom. Martha. Adelphia. All have become household names in America. Prior to their emergence as names of corporations accused of illegal activity of one sort or the other, perhaps, other than Martha, they were best known to investors but not the general public. Now, of course, their demise or restructuring has become regular front-page news.

Political, corporate, education, and church scandals have already defined the early part of a brand new century. People wonder what more is there to know that may not have yet been revealed. And yet, most would probably say that the people they know are people who work hard to be good, raise good families, contribute in their communities, and build a professional reputation based on honesty and integrity.

In this issue of the *Brigham Young University Prelaw Review* we have the opportunity to explore the academic, regulatory, and corporate responses to the topic: Corporate Scandals: Can American Business Be Trusted? What might have been, how the corporate world should respond to these and other challenges, and what regulatory changes should or have been made will be discussed here.

At BYU we have an Honor Code. As students and faculty, we sign agreements that we will be personally responsible and accountable for our actions. We have a sense of duty and loyalty to our university and are aware of the cost to its reputation if we abuse that trust. We believe that by living according to an Honor Code we will protect ourselves, our families, and our community; and we attempt to represent the best that humankind has to offer. And yet we, too, have problems. While we believe in loving the sinner and forgiving the sin, we also realize that reputations, once lost, are often irretrievable.

Ultimately, in law, what a person has is his or her reputation. All individuals have the opportunity to live a life consistent with what they claim to be their most dear values. As future legal professionals, BYU prelaw students will have the opportunity to learn firsthand how decisions are made, whether these decisions build integrity or compromise it.

Perhaps scandals have always been with us. Perhaps they always will be. By studying the causes and effects, by teaching others, and by preparing for challenges to our own standards, we hope we will contribute to a peaceful and fair society in which graft and corruption diminish because of the care and concern we have for others.

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