

From Successful Securities Analyst to Convicted Felon: The Shocking Inside Story of the Largest Insider Trading Investigation

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Tom Hardin
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Tom Hardin previously spent much of his career as a long-short hedge fund analyst focused on the technology sector. By age 28,

he was a junior partner at an up-and-coming equity hedge fund. He was on track to achieve his dream career, but before long, he felt like he was falling behind in an increasingly competitive industry. Then a moment arose when he made a decision to cross a very important line. The rest is history.

In 2008, as part of a cooperation agreement with the Department of Justice, Hardin assisted the U.S. government in understanding how insider trading occurred in the hedge fund industry. Known as Tipper X, Hardin became one of the most prolific informants in securities fraud history, helping to build more than 20 of the 80-plus individual criminal cases in Operation Perfect Hedge, a Wall Street house-cleaning campaign that morphed into the largest insider trading investigation of a generation.

Since resolving his case in 2015, Hardin was invited by the FBI's New York office to speak to its rookie agent class in 2016. He now consults and speaks on insider trading, conduct risk, ethics, and compliance issues through his company Tipper X Advisors. His former front-line perspective helps train hedge funds, private equity firms, law firms, investment banks, and university students in how to avoid insider trading. He holds a B.S. in economics with a finance concentration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Moderator



Michael C. Neus
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Michael C. Neus is a Senior Fellow with the

Program on Corporate Compliance and Enforcement and a frequent author and lecturer on securities, compliance, hedge fund, and private equity topics at industry events and for global regulators. From 2005 through 2016, Neus was responsible for all legal, compliance, human resource, and administrative matters as Managing Partner and General Counsel of Perry Capital L.L.C. Before joining Perry Capital in 2005, Neus was the Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel at RHG Capital L.P., Chief General Counsel at Andor Capital Management L.L.C., and General Counsel of Soros Private Funds Management LLC. Neus began his professional career as an associate at the law firm Coudert Brothers, in both the Singapore and New York offices. Neus is a Senior Fellow of the Regulatory Compliance Association and was formerly a Director, Chairman of the Investment Advisory Subcommittee, and member of the Executive Committee of the Managed Funds Association. He received his J.D. from Columbia University Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and his B.A. cum laude from the University of Notre Dame.

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