



## Steve Priest Summary Biography

Steve Priest was described by the Wall Street Journal as “one of the most sought consultants to keep companies on the straight and narrow.” For the last eleven years Steve has been President of the Ethical Leadership Group, a Wilmette, Illinois consulting firm that specializes in ethics, values and compliance.

Steve has conducted seminars on business ethics in 40 countries. He speaks before organizations like the Conference Board, Institute of Internal Auditors, Young Presidents Organization and the Ethics Officer Association. He’s raised awareness of the importance of ethical behavior on television, radio, newspaper and magazines.

Most of Steve’s work, however, is with corporate clients. Priest has consulted with 25% of the Fortune 200. The Codes of Conduct he has written are required reading for over one million employees around the world. His client list is filled with blue chip companies, including Honda of America, Abbott Laboratories, McDonald’s, Marathon Oil, Motorola and Sara Lee.

Prior to founding the Ethical Leadership Group in 1993, Steve Priest was for three years executive director of the Center for Ethics and Corporate Policy, a Chicago-based ethics think tank. Priest received his ethics training both in the real world of business and inside the ivy covered walls at Harvard University’s Divinity School, where he received a Master of Theological Studies degree. He has his MBA and BA from the University of Chicago, and studied international organizational development in the Graduate Business School at the Katholieke University of Leuven in Belgium.

In addition to consulting and speaking, Steve is Program Director of the Conference Board’s Ethics Conference, and a member of the Board of Directors of DePaul’s Institute for Business and Professional Ethics. He’s the father of three children, who believe that good ethics and good leadership are pretty simple. In theory they are right. Putting theory into practical action for the real world of business is where Priest and the Ethical Leadership Group excel.

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