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**Philip Howard Named Keynote Speaker of the 2012 COMMIT!Forum**  
*Conference Brings Together Key Members of the Corporate Responsibility Community  
to Commit to Changing the World*

*Corporate Responsibility Magazine* announced that lawyer Philip K. Howard, author of *Life Without Lawyers* and founding chairman of the non-profit Common Good, will keynote the 2012 COMMIT!Forum, taking place October 2-3 in New York City.

“We are honored to have Philip Howard join the COMMIT!Forum. The event, which has quickly become the single largest gathering of leaders improving business and society, is the perfect place for organizations to determine, find partners for, and showcase their commitments to change the world,” said Forum Chairman Richard Crespin.

Howard will articulate his mission of rebuilding reliable legal structures that will permit Americans to use their common sense. His thesis is that making choices for the common good is impossible if everyone is tied up in red tape. Reclaiming responsibility requires a basic shift—where law sets boundaries for free choice instead of dictating choices for the lowest common denominator. His current ‘Start Over’ campaign aims to influence the 2012 election by organizing public support for structural overhaul of government and law, with the help of advisory board members former Senators Howard Baker, Bill Bradley, George McGovern, and Alan Simpson, as well as former Governors Jeb Bush and Tom Kean.

With a long record as a prominent civic leader and public policy activist, Howard has advised national political leaders on legal and regulatory reform for fifteen years, including Vice President Al Gore and various 2008 presidential hopefuls. In addition to *Life Without Lawyers*, he authored *The Death of Common Sense* and *The Collapse of the Common Good* and serves as Vice-Chairman of the law firm Covington & Burling, LLP. In 2002 Howard formed Common Good as a nonpartisan national coalition dedicated to restoring common sense to America.

Howard is just one of the many influential speakers that will headline the 2012 event. More information about the annual COMMIT!Forum is available at [www.commitforum.com](http://www.commitforum.com).

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**About the COMMIT!Forum** [www.commitforum.com](http://www.commitforum.com)

The [COMMIT!Forum](#), calls people to commit to changing the world. How? By inspiring, educating, and engaging them in ways that prepare them to make the commitments necessary to change themselves and their organizations. The path to COMMIT, which began on March 2, 2011 at the New York Stock Exchange with the announcement of the 12th Annual [CR 100 Best Corporate Citizens List](#), culminates



October 2-3, 2012 in New York City and continues well beyond through commitments people make there.

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