



Patrick J. Kuhse - Milestones

- Patrick was born and raised in Iowa farm country.
- In the mid-70's he attended Arizona State University as a business major; leaving in his third year to pursue his entrepreneurial dreams of success.
- The lessons learned on his path to success – one that led him from prominence to prison – are lessons that everyone is vulnerable to and no one needs to experience first-hand.

Patrick's professional background includes a mix of corporate and entrepreneurial experiences:

- 1980 to 1987 - Financial Planner and regional manager with two national securities firms. He earned his Certified Financial Planner designation in 1986.
- 1987 to 1993 - Co-owner and Financial Principal of a San Diego securities firm where he maintained a personal client base as well as providing financial products for independent brokers nationwide.
- 1993 - While one of his professional activities was under investigation by the FBI, he relocated his family to Costa Rica. Shortly thereafter, 32 federal indictments were filed against him.
- 1997 - After living in Central America as an international fugitive for nearly 4 years, Patrick self-surrendered to the American Embassy in Costa Rica and was immediately incarcerated in the infamous prison – San Sebastian. He was subsequently returned to the US where he was convicted of numerous federal felony counts involving money laundering, bribing a public official and conspiracy.
- 2001 - Patrick was released from incarceration after serving four years in foreign and federal prisons.
- 2003 - To fulfill his community service obligation, he began giving talks on business ethics to various groups.
- He recognized a strong national interest in personal and business ethics and the causes of white-collar crime. Utilizing his own personal experiences and observations, he's able to share with his audiences unique insights into the causes and effects of unethical behavior.
- Since 2001, he has given nearly 1000 presentations and workshops both nationwide and internationally on business ethics and critical thinking skills in leadership. His clients include such diverse groups as major universities including Harvard, Stanford, MIT and UCLA, businesses including Boeing, Sempra Energy, National City Bank and MetLife, civic groups, international professional associations and law enforcement agencies.
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