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As an economist and attorney, Litan has had nearly four decades of experience in the worlds of the law, economic research and policy, and as an executive in both the private, public and government sectors. Through his extensive publications and many speeches and testimony, he has become a widely recognized national expert in regulation, antitrust, entrepreneurship, innovation and finance, and international trade, among other policy subjects.

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Litan has held several appointed positions in the federal government. In 1993, he was appointed Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department, where he oversaw civil non-merger litigation and the Department’s positions on regulatory matters, primarily in telecommunications. In 1995, he was appointed Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget, where oversaw the budgets of five cabinet level agencies. He later was a consultant to the Department of Treasury on financial modernization and the effectiveness of the Community Reinvestment Act and co-authored several reports on these subjects. In the early 1990s he served as a member of the Presidential-Congressional Commission on the Causes of the Savings and Loan Crisis. He has chaired two panels of studies for the National Academy of Sciences, and has served on one other NAS committee. He began his career as a staff economist at the President’s Council of Economic Advisors.

During his research career, Litan has authored or co-authored twenty-five books and edited another fourteen, and authored or co-authored more than 200 articles in professional and popular publications. His latest book is *The Trillion Dollar Economists*, published by Wiley Press in September, 2014. Other recent books include *The Need for Speed* (Brookings Institution Press, 2013, co-authored with Hal Singer); *Better Capitalism*, co-authored with Carl Schramm, published by the Yale University Press in 2012, and *Good Capitalism, Bad Capitalism* (co-authored with William Baumol and Carl Schramm), also published by Yale in 2007, and which is used widely in college courses, and has been translated into ten languages.

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