The Flash Crash of 2010: What happened, why it happened and what the SEC is doing to prevent it from being a regular occurrence.

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Just when we thought that the financial nightmare of 2008-2009 was over, along came the **FLASH CRASH** of May 6, 2010. Within five minutes, the Dow Jones, already down more than 300 points on the day, dropped over 600 points. Twenty minutes later, the market had regained most of this precipitous decline.

Some (including the director of the Securities Program at the Law School) might argue that this crash was the result of technical advancements, execution efficiencies, and price transparencies that have been engineered into the national market system since the 1975 Securities Market Reform Act. Others attribute the crash to a mistaken order. There is probably some truth to both propositions.

On the 28th, Greg Berman, Senior Adviser to the Director of Trading and Markets, will discuss the Flash Crash. What happened, why it happened and what the SEC is doing to prevent it from being a regular occurrence.

This is a talk not to miss. Please mark your calendars now.

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