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# RIO+20: Initial Observations, Insights, and Collective Impressions

**Wednesday, July 25, 2012**

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time / 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Central Time  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Mountain Time / 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time

### Program Overview:

Twenty years after the 1992 Earth Summit where countries first adopted Agenda 21 – a blueprint to rethink economic growth, advance social equity, and ensure environmental protection - the world reconvened in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 20-22, 2012 for Rio+20. The official discussions focused on two main themes: how to build a green economy to achieve sustainable development and lift people out of poverty; and how to improve international coordination for sustainable development. With this teleconference, members of the ABA delegation to the Rio+20 will provide their initial observations and insights on the conference and the issues presented. This will be the first of a two part series, in which the ABA delegation will discuss its initial observations, as reported in the members' blogs, as well as the substance of the delegates' initial report to the ABA regarding the event. In Part II they will present an in-depth look at the results and prospects for future action.

### Educational Objectives:

- Introduce the scope of the UN, individual country, city, and industry sustainability efforts;
- Provide an update of progress achieved through Rio+20; and
- Provide insight on future implications for enforceable law and policy as part of a meaningful governance system.

### Moderator:

**Lee DeHihns, III**, Alston & Bird LLP, Atlanta, GA

### Panelists:

**John C. Dernbach**, Distinguished Professor of Law, Co-Director, Environmental Law Center, Widener University, Harrisburg, PA

**Sheila Slocum Hollis**, Duane Morris LLP, Washington, DC

**Roger R. Martella, Jr.**, Sidley Austin LLP, Washington, DC

**LeRoy C. Paddock**, Associate Dean for Environmental Studies; Professorial Lecturer in Law, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC

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### Questions?

Do you have a question that you would like the panel to address? Please email your question to Lee DeHihns at [lee.dehahns@alston.com](mailto:lee.dehahns@alston.com) by Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at Noon Eastern Time and the panel will make every effort to address your inquiry.

