As the impacts of environmental degradation and climate change become readily evident in both the industrialized and developing worlds, governments, industry, and civil society are seeking to respond more effectively to this set of pressing challenges. The concept of assessing and enforcing an environmental Rule of Law is emerging as a critical component of the response, particularly as applied to the sustainable development arena. This unique roundtable will bring together leading experts from government, non-governmental organizations, and private sector discussions to address topics such as:

- the crucial link between the Rule of Law, the environment, and sustainable development,
- how to cultivate and put into practice principles and actions that benefit the environment and people around the world who depend on it,
- initiatives to strengthen environmental law and legal frameworks in countries around the world,
- attempts to fill the “implementation gap” in national and local environmental law,
- the development of indicators to measure effective governance and public participation in environmental law regimes, and
- utilizing such indicators to meet the international sustainable development goals.

Opening Remarks:
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Steve Wolfson, Attorney, Office of General Counsel, International Law Practice Group,
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