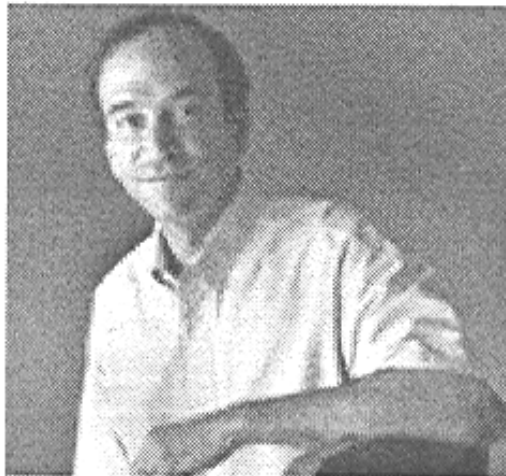


Lecture on
**“THE MAKING OF
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW”**

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Wednesday, November 17, 2004
140 Boalt Hall, 12:45 pm

Professor Lazarus will consider how environmental law emerged, why it has since evolved in the way that it has, and what are the challenges presented as environmental law moves now into its “middle age.” The telling of the story shows how the fashioning of pollution-control laws presents special challenges, both because of the nature of pollution itself and the known means of pollution control and because of our nation’s varied processes for lawmaking and the ways those processes relate to important cultural norms. Many of these challenges relate to the varied, complex, and uncertain spatial and temporal dimensions of pollution itself, factors which resist simple redress. Professor Lazarus also considers what lessons can be gleaned from the past three decades to meet those same challenges today and in the future.

Professor Lazarus teaches environmental law, natural resources law, federal hazardous waste regulation, and torts at Georgetown University. He previously worked for the U.S. Justice Department, in both the Environmental and Natural Resources Division and the Solicitor General's Office, where he was assistant to the Solicitor General. Professor Lazarus has represented the United States, state and local governments, and environmental groups in the U.S. Supreme Court in approximately 30 cases, many of which raised natural resource and environmental law issues.

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