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The Making of Environmental Law

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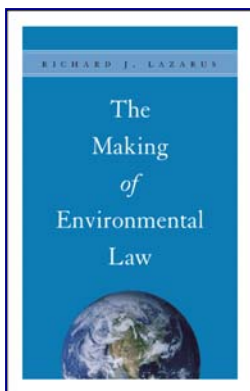
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Abstract

The unprecedented expansion in environmental regulation since 1970 -- at all levels of the government -- signifies an extraordinary transformation of our nation's law. How environmental law emerged, why it has evolved in the way that it has, and what challenges are presented as environmental law moves now into its middle age, is the fascinating and revealing story told in *The Making of Environmental Law*. The story shows how fashioning 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 that resist simple redress.

The Making of Environmental Law describes these challenges, relates them to actual events which occurred during the past three decades, and discusses what lessons can be gleaned from those decades to meet those same challenges today and in the future.



Biography

Professor Lazarus teaches environmental law, natural resources law, and torts at the Georgetown University Law Center. He previously worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, 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, environmental groups, and individuals in the U.S. Supreme Court in 37 cases, many of which raised natural resources and environmental law issues. Professor Lazarus received his JD in 1979 from Harvard Law School and a B.S. in chemistry and a B.A. in economics from the University of Illinois in 1976. He served as a member of EPA's first National Environmental Justice Advisory Council and the National Council of the World Wildlife Fund, and currently serves on the litigation review committee of Environmental Defense.



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