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Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Influence on Businesses and Implications for Lawyers

*A Rule of Law Webathon presentation hosted by
the American Bar Association International Law Section (ABA ILS)*

Thurs., May 18 @ 11:00 EDT // 15:00 GMT // 17:00 CEST

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Join us as we celebrate this year's 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Celebrated as the first legal document protecting universal human rights, the Declaration underpins international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, international refugee law, and many other areas of international law. Human rights law standards based on the Declaration have now entered the private sphere. Soft law requirements, such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, are being transformed into hard law regulatory and legislative obligations for businesses. Alongside ESG (environmental, social, and governance) and sustainability, these developments are fostering profound changes in the risks to and responsibilities of businesses. The panel of experts will explain this evolving area and explore the implications for lawyers.

Program Chair/Moderator:

Corinne Lewis, Immediate-past Co-Chair, International Human Rights Committee, ABA ILS,

Speakers:

Douglass Cassel – Co-Chair, Business and Human Rights Lawyers Assoc.; Counsel, King & Spalding

Susan Maslow – Chair, Corporate Social Responsibility Law Committee, Business Law Section, ABA

Austin Pierce – Senior Associate, Latham & Watkins, Houston Texas

Beth Stephens – Distinguished Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School Department

David Sullivan – U.S. National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (on Responsible Business Conduct), and Senior Advisor on Corporate Social Responsibility, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State