
Barnard Lecture

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The Robert C. Barnard Environmental Lecture provides an annual forum for an outstanding speaker to address current environmental issues. The lectureship is endowed by the international law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton to honor Mr. Barnard, who had been counsel to the firm, for his contributions to environmental and public health law and in recognition of his many years of service as a member of the selection committee for the fellowships at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Barnard believed strongly in the value of bringing good science to bear on government decision-making. Robert C. Barnard's career as an attorney spanned more than 50 years in the public sector and in private practice. He wrote articles about the interaction of science and law and on the role of science in risk assessment. He spoke widely on issues relating to the need for sound science in identifying and controlling chronic health hazards.

Mr. Barnard's distinguished career included service at the Department of Justice as special assistant to the Attorney General in the Antitrust Division, and as chief legal consultant in the Office of the Assistant Solicitor General. He later joined Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton and opened the firm's Paris office in 1949, where he served for three years. He was counsel to the firm's Washington, DC, office.

Mr. Barnard was science advisor to the American Industrial Health Council. He was selected in 1991 as the Distinguished Fellow of the Toxicology Forum. He was the 1995 recipient of the International Achievement Award of the International Society for Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology, and was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Born in Portland, Oregon, in 1913, Mr. Barnard received his AB from Reed College and attended Columbia Law School from 1935-36. He was a Rhodes Scholar from 1936-38, at Oxford University, where he earned a BA in jurisprudence and then a BCL. He was president of the Oxford University Law Society. He was awarded a Sterling Fellowship at Yale, 1939-40. Mr. Barnard died on 30 August 2003.

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