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The 5th Annual Trans-Pacific Partnership Series

**CAN ABENOMICS SAVE JAPAN?**

Keynote Speaker: Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky
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Wednesday, March 5, 2014
The Union League of Philadelphia
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After almost twenty years of economic stagnation and political paralysis, is Japan poised to reemerge as a global leader? The “Can Abenomics Save Japan?” program will examine the underlying causes of Japan’s long economic struggle, and the optimism being generated by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s efforts to reignite the Japanese economy. Has Abenomics put Japan once again on the road to global economic prominence? Or will the apparent success of Abe’s policies prove to be short-lived?

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Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky is WilmerHale’s Senior International Partner. She joined the firm after serving as the US Trade Representative—the chief trade negotiator and principal trade policymaker for the United States—from 1997 to 2001, and acting as deputy USTR from 1993 to 1996. As the USTR and a member of the President’s Cabinet, she was responsible for the negotiation of hundreds of complex market access, regulatory and investment agreements with virtually every major country in the world. She is best known internationally as the architect and chief negotiator of China’s historic WTO Agreement, as well as global agreements in financial services, telecommunications, intellectual property rights, high-technology products and cyberspace. She is recognized as a central figure for international business and international economic and trade issues. Her 25-year legal career in the field has encompassed international litigation, commercial negotiations, investment and regulatory advice, and dispute resolution, and she has written and lectured extensively both here and abroad.

Program

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM
Japan at a Defining Moment: Economics, Politics and Foreign Policy

Moderator
Eric Feldman, Professor, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Panelists
Ed Lincoln, Adjunct Professor, Columbia University
Sheila Smith, Senior Fellow for Japan Studies, Council on Foreign Relations
Shin Tanaka, President, Fleishman Hillard Japan

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM
The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Challenges and Opportunities for the U.S. and Japan

Moderator
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Panelists
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Andrew Saidel, President & Chief Executive Officer, Dynamic Strategies Asia

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Keynote Luncheon: The Politics of Trade and Globalization

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