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GUIDING CASES AND THEIR IMPORTANCE TO CHINA'S BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE

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The Chinese leadership rolled out the Belt and Road Initiative in 2013, in the hopes of increasing China's economic leverage in countries along the newly defined Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. Since then, the open and inclusive initiative has expanded to embrace over 80 countries that together account for over 45% of the global economy by GDP. Most recently, following the high-level Belt and Road Forum held in Beijing in May 2017, the U.S. has announced that it will be creating a working group to help American businesses benefit from the ambitious plan. Having successfully launched its *Belt and Road Series* in November 2016, the China Guiding Cases Project ("CGCP") of Stanford Law School is uniquely positioned to provide some context to understand the significance of this most recent development.

In collaboration with the **American Chamber of Commerce** ("AmCham"), the CGCP will hold a Guiding Cases *Seminar*TM in Beijing on **Friday, June 16, 2017** at Beijing Central Business District Administration Committee. **Dr. Mei Gechlik** (CGCP Founder & Director) will be joined by **the Honorable Judge GUO Feng** (Deputy Director of the Research Office of the Supreme People's Court), who is in charge of the Guiding Cases System, to discuss *Guiding Cases and Their Importance to China's Belt and Road Initiative*. Drawing on the CGCP's resources and their experience with the Guiding Cases System, they will explain why Guiding Cases and similar cases are important to not only the Belt and Road Initiative but also U.S. professionals. Their talks, together with an interactive Q&A session, promise to make for an informative and engaging discussion.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Mei Gechlik

Dr. Mei Gechlik is Founder and Director of the China Guiding Cases Project (CGCP). Formerly a tenured professor in Hong Kong, she founded the CGCP in February 2011. With support from an international team of nearly 200 members and an advisory board of approximately 50 distinguished experts, including justices from the U.S. Supreme Court and the Supreme People's Court, the CGCP has quickly become the premier source of high-quality translations and analyses of Guiding Cases, China's *de facto* binding precedents (<http://cgc.law.stanford.edu>). The CGCP

has presented at various notable forums, including the World Bank, the Open Government Partnership Global Summit, and a U.S.-China Legal Exchange Conference. From 2001 to 2005, Dr. Gechlik worked for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a Washington D.C.-based think tank, testifying before the U.S. Congress on various topics about China and advising the United Nations and the Chinese government on implementing rule of law programs. Dr. Gechlik is admitted as a barrister in England, Wales, and Hong Kong and is a member of the Bar in New York and the District of Columbia. She received her Doctor of Science of Law (JSD) from Stanford Law School and her MBA in Finance from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Honorable Judge GUO Feng

Judge Guo Feng is the Deputy Director of the Research Department of the Supreme People's Court of China. Serving in this position since 2014, he has been in charge of, among other responsibilities, the development of the Guiding Cases System. Prior to this, Judge Guo was the dean of the law school of the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing for eight years. As a result of his leadership, the school has become a first-tier law school in China, with particular strengths in such fields as banking law, capital markets, and financial regulation. As one of a few pioneers to receive a PhD in law in the early 1990s, Judge Guo was appointed as a professor at the reputable law school of Renmin University of China.

Aside from his impressive accomplishments within academia, Judge Guo is also known for his distinguished legal practice. His most significant case was his representation of hundreds of investors who successfully claimed damages from the Shanghai Stock Exchange-listed Daqing Lianyi Oil and Chemical Industrial Company for fraud and misleading disclosures with respect to share issuances and transactions. The initial class action complaint was rejected and the suit was ordered to be split up into multiple individual actions. This landmark case demonstrated Judge Guo's distinctive expertise in securities law. Leveraging its success, Judge Guo founded the China Securities Law Institute (CSLI), for which he served as chairman for eight years. CSLI remains China's most prestigious legal institute in the field of capital markets.