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About the Author

Rick Reibstein teaches environmental law at Boston University and has taught at Clark, Northeastern, Suffolk, and MIT, as well as Harvard Extension and Summer Schools. He has published many articles on environmental law and policy.

Praise for the Book

“This book is for the pragmatic optimist who knows a more sustainable future will require radical collaborations. You will read about Rick Reibstein’s purposeful career of constantly forging public–private partnerships to repair and protect our common environment. Reibstein embraces the principle of democracy where individual (corporate) rights and public responsibilities is an indivisible concept. With his stories we see how a responsive environmental governance, through innovative programs and good regulations, can encourage creative solutions leading to better outcomes. It is almost as if the UN Sustainable Development Goal 17, calling for partnerships to address the most vexing problems of climate change, diminished ecosystem, and soul crushing disparities, was modeled on Reibstein’s career.”

—**John D. Spengler, Harvard University**

“Rick Reibstein knows how to make government regulation work for business and society. He has brought needed change to manufacturing shop floors and back-room deliberations of policy makers. When he says we can use government to bring about a most sustainable society, we can trust him. In *Reconstructing Environmental Governance*, he lays out some of the steps we need to take.”

—**Andrew King, Boston University**

“Utilizing the many cases in which the author played a part during his decades of public service, this engaging and uplifting book outlines the best practices in environmental governance. For achieving optimal environmental sustainability in the short and long term, Reibstein demonstrates that strategies enforcing minimum standards and prosecuting only the most egregious of harmful actions are insufficient and less effective than serious efforts to create and implement better designs for production and development processes. Reibstein distills the advantages of a government role that nurtures creativity and best practices to encourage collaborative innovation that serves both public and private needs. The breadth, depth, and coherence of his thinking depict a practicable path that can, and should, be traveled in our environmental governance.”

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