This teleconference will discuss the specialized regulatory issues (e.g., the FAA waiver regime, RLV licenses, range approvals, energetic fluids, land use regulations/environmental) and export control matters that are unique to small reusable launch vehicle operators. It will also provide a higher level overview of the different practice areas that small space company in-house practices may encompass, including corporate finance, intellectual property, governance, employment, tax, and government contract compliance.

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