



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

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Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

Link to "Sustainability at B&D": <http://www.bdlaw.com/firm-community.html>

Environmental Team

As one of the nation's leading environmental law firms, it is natural that B&D would take a leadership role in the emerging field of sustainability for law office management. In its offices across the country, B&D is translating its values into action, improving the Firm's sustainability and reducing its environmental impacts. B&D established a "Green Team Committee" in 2007 which consists of at least one representative from each of the Firm's seven offices, and includes attorneys, paralegals and administrative staff. We currently meet quarterly.

Annual Environmental Goals

B&D became the first law firm in the country to commit to all three components of the ABA-EPA Law Office Climate Challenge, and the first to do so for all of its offices nationwide. The Climate Challenge is an environmental sustainability program geared towards law offices, developed with the ABA and EPA. Two B&D attorneys oversaw the design and implementation of the program via their leadership in the ABA Section on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources.

The Firm's participation in the Challenge entails specific commitments to three separate programs:

1. The Green Power Partnership (“GPP”), which promotes the use of renewable electricity. See B&D’s GPP Partner Profile at <http://www.epa.gov/qrnpower/partners/partners/beveridgediamondpc.htm>;
2. Best Practices for Office Paper Management and EPA’s WasteWise program, which promote waste minimization, recycling and the use of recycled paper; and
3. Energy Star, which promotes energy efficiency and conservation.

For more information, see <http://www.bdlaw.com/firm-community.html>

Environmentally Preferable Procurement

In all of our offices, the Firm is utilizing paper containing at least 30 percent post-consumer recycled content for all standard in-house printing and copying.

The Firm purchases computer equipment and appliances that are Energy Star compliant, meeting efficiency standards set by EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

B&D is a proud sponsor of the Alice Ferguson Foundation Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative and routinely participates in the annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup.

Waste

Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse

The Firm has instituted a policy of double-sided copying and printing for drafts and internal documents with a goal of achieving a minimum of 50 percent of each office’s printing and copying double-sided. This goal has been met and exceeded.

The Baltimore office has switched from disposable to reusable kitchenware and from paper invitations and holiday cards to electronic versions.

Recycling

Our Baltimore office successfully initiated a recycling program that will be available for all tenants of its 27-floor office building by enlisting the support of building management, and researching and locating an appropriate vendor. Prior to B&D's efforts, recycling services were not available in the building. The Firm's sustainability program has therefore been able to extend environmental improvements beyond its own offices. Firm personnel are regularly encouraged to properly separate recyclable products and make full use of available recycling, including not only paper but toner cartridges, cardboard, plastic, cans, and other materials where possible.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

Consistent with Energy Star guidelines, computer monitors and hard drives are programmed to go into sleep mode after 30 minutes of inactivity, and printers and copiers go into sleep mode after one hour of inactivity. Computer equipment is shut down each night.

All Firm personnel are encouraged to minimize use of unnecessary lighting by shutting off lights in rooms not actively being used, and also to unplug telephone, PDA and other chargers.

Renewable Energy

As a Green Power Leader in the ABA-EPA Law Office Climate Challenge, B&D has entered into an agreement to purchase 1,500 MWh of renewable energy certificates (RECs) for wind-generated electricity, an amount equivalent to 100% of its annual electricity usage in all of its offices nationwide. The estimated greenhouse gas reduction attributable to this purchase is approximately the same as removing 203 passenger vehicles from the roadways or eliminating the carbon dioxide from 116,200 gallons of consumed gasoline.

Green Building

LEED Gold

We are located in a building that has been awarded the LEED Existing Building Gold designation.

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Learn more at www.green.maryland.gov/registry

