



**The NALP 2008 Annual Education Conference in Toronto took some initial steps toward “going green” — including inviting attendees to share their green initiatives on a “Big Green Board.” Following are the initiatives shared on the Board, as well as some submitted since that time. It’s not too late to share your green initiative — just send it to [info@nalp.org](mailto:info@nalp.org).**

- Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft’s New York office has placed blue recycling bins in their conference rooms. Additionally, they have stopped using water bottles in the conference rooms; when an employee requests water for a meeting, a pitcher of water is provided to reduce the number of plastic water bottles used in the firm.
- Styrofoam has also been completely phased out from the dining room and pantries in Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft’s New York office. Ceramic mugs have been placed throughout the firm for hot beverages and plastic cups for cold beverages. Paper cups are also available in the dining room for take away. In addition, the firm has placed recycling bins for glass and plastic bottles in the dining room and pantries, along with another recycling bin for the brown cardboard takeaway boxes. Although the firm is researching different plate, bowl, and silverware options, they are encouraging all employees to use real silverware and china if they are dining in.
- On Earth Day in 2008, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft encouraged employees to place a new tagline under their email signatures to remind people to “please consider the environment before printing this email.”
- Think Green. . . The New York office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft has established an email box at [thinkgreen@cwt.com](mailto:thinkgreen@cwt.com) and encourages all employees to share their comments, concerns, and ideas.
- Drinker Biddle (Philadelphia) has a Green Team, is implementing a variety of office and firm-wide green initiatives, and is hosting an Earth Day Celebration.
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer’s New York office has a “green team” made up of attorneys and support staff. The firm has an emailed newsletter with environmental news and tips and is working to reduce paper, energy, and water use in the office.
- Johari Leaks from Reed Smith (Oakland) found a great vendor for reusable grocery sacks to give away as gifts this year.
- All Seyfarth Shaw offices have green committees!
- Patterson Belknap has a “Green Day” at the firm with information for all employees; special events take place throughout the day.
- Katten is sending “Go Green” mugs to all summer and first years before exams so they won’t use paper coffee cups.
- Linklaters’ New York office gave out coffee mugs to all employees to replace disposable cups. The firm also sends weekly “Go Green” tips to all employees as part of a weekly Friday email.

- Weil Gotshal Dallas has a Go Green Committee with subcommittees on education/PR and lifestyle tips.
- Weil Gotshal Dallas is eliminating styrofoam.
- Weil Gotshal DC has replaced sedan service with hybrid black cars.
- Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal has a firmwide Green Committee.
- Benesch Friedlander is eliminating styrofoam and giving all employees a personal mug. The firm also has a Green Initiative Committee made up of lawyers and staff. Motion sensor lights are next!
- Davies (Montréal) has an environmental committee. First accomplishment: no more bottled water in conference rooms. Next stop: double-sided printing for all!
- Day Pitney LLP posts picture books on its portal rather than using paper. It uses recycling centers for paper (one locked confidential).
- O'Melveny & Myers has a Green Committee that sends out monthly "green tips" and has made changes in the percent of recyclable content in the paper materials used.
- Fordham Law School has two-sided printing in its library.
- Fordham Law School has discounted coffee for coffee mug users.
- Fordham law students recycle printer cartridges (and get some \$\$\$ in return).
- Fordham Law School had cloth giveaway bags for Earth Day.
- Update Legal has a green team! Update Legal also emails a monthly newsletter nationally and it is full of green tips and advice!
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### Some "going green" links —

- <http://www.abanet.org/environ/climatechallenge/home.shtml> — information about the ABA-EPA law firm challenge, including information about firms that have been recognized for their participation.
- <http://www.law.com/jsp/legaltechnology/pubArticleLT.jsp?id=1186650120029> — a few simple ideas for law firms and for other offices.
- [http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/greenbacks\\_for\\_going\\_green/](http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/greenbacks_for_going_green/) — an *ABA Journal* article on going green.
- <http://www.begreennow.com/calculator> — one of many online calculators to help you determine your own carbon footprint. (A search for "carbon footprint calculator" or "carbon footprint audit" will yield many more choices.)
- [http://www.greenbusinesscoaching.com/PDF/Resources\\_for\\_Best\\_Practices\\_in\\_Creating\\_a\\_Sustainable\\_Office\\_for\\_a\\_Business.pdf](http://www.greenbusinesscoaching.com/PDF/Resources_for_Best_Practices_in_Creating_a_Sustainable_Office_for_a_Business.pdf) — a list of resources related to greening offices.