

Methodology

Inquiries were made to all 50 state bars. If the bar had environmental, natural resources, etc. section, I attempted to contact the chair. If the bar did not have any information about its sections on the website, I attempted to contact the executive director or other administrator within the state bar. The questions I asked related to whether the bar had a sustainability initiative, was considering one and/or if they had any CLE events on related topics. If I did not receive a response, I sent at least two follow up emails. If I still did not get a response, I made the assumption that the bar did not have any initiatives in place. For those states that participated in the January 2010 conference call, I provided updates on the state's efforts. The result of my research, as well as the contact information is set forth below.

For more information, please contact me. Jennifer K. Berg, Esq., Senior Associate, Concept Green, LLC, at jberg@conceptgreen.net, 510-531-6044.

State	Contact	Efforts
AL	information@alabar.org	No response after two requests. Assumption no efforts are being undertaken.
AK	Deborah O'Regan, Executive Director, Alaska Bar Association, 907-272-7469, oregan@alaskabar.org	No initiatives underway.
AZ	John Phelp, CEO Arizona State Bar john.phelps@staff.azbar.org Office: 602-340-7200	The state bar has undertaken measures to determine and reduce the environmental impact of its own operations. Specifically, contained in the 5 year strategic plan is a commitment to "[a]ssess and improve organizational sustainability (recycling, energy conservation, etc.);" in 2009, conducted an energy audit and have begun to implement some of the recommendations; have instituted recycling programs, and have also sought to reduce automobile commuting through carpooling, telecommuting, etc. While there are no initiatives aimed at bar members, there is a column in the Bar magazine called <i>Earthwise Lawyering</i> on environmentally friendly law practice and policy.
AR	Anna Hubbard, Communications Director: ahubbard@arkbar.com	My inquiry was sent to the Environmental Law Section. After several follow ups, no response received.
CA	Beth Collins-Burgard, bcollins@bhfs.com (805) 882-1419 Bruce Klafter - (408) 563-9030, bruce_klafter@amat.com	The Eco Challenge has gone live. The program was publicized in the April 2011 Bar ejournal. As noted in the article: "The pledge and a logo that firms may use on their websites when they have signed the pledge have recently been placed on the sustainability web page of the State Bar's Environmental Law Section." The pledge commits lawyers and their firms to assigning someone to implement the sustainability policy, implementing as many policy recommendations as possible, educating members of the firm about sustainability, encouraging law firm landlords and building owners to implement sustainable practices and review the policy and implementation efforts at the beginning of each year. "The State Bar recognizes that environmental protection, climate change and related environmental and social issues are urgent problems that require action," the pledge states. "The solution to these problems must include efforts by individuals, businesses and

		<p>organizations – including the legal profession – to reduce their environmental impacts.”</p> <p>Beth further stated ““With the adoption of the voluntary Eco-Pledge, the California State Bar has shown itself to be a leader in encouraging all types and sizes of law practices (including solo-practitioners, firms, non-profits, and governmental organizations) to green their own business practices. By taking the Eco-Pledge, law practices commit to do what they can to reduce waste, save energy, and improve the environment for all of us. It’s my hope that law practices throughout California step forward as leaders of their communities by taking the Eco-Pledge.”</p> <p>There are currently 10 practices that have signed the eco-pledge.</p>
CO	<p>Heather Clark, Director of Communications, hclark@cobar.org (303) 824-5350</p>	<p>They do not have any initiatives underway; however, they were very interested in the topic. We had a call to discuss what other states are doing and how they could start the process, which they intend to do within both the Denver Bar Association and the state bar.</p>
CT	<p>Environmental Law Section Chair, Ann Catino, cation@halloran-sage.com</p>	<p>No initiatives in place or being considered.</p>
DE	<p>Stephanie Hansen, Chair Environ. Section: shansen@ycst.com</p>	<p>No initiatives in place or being considered.</p>
D.C.	<p>Kelly Johnson: KAJohnson@hollandharrt.com Corman Bicky: Corman.Bicky@epamail.epa.gov</p>	<p>No initiatives in place or being considered.</p>
FL	<p>Nicole Kibert nkibert@carltonfields.com, direct 813.229.4205</p>	<p>There are no initiatives within the Bar; however, many firms follow the program “Council for Sustainable Florida”, which has a metrics and tracking component. This program addresses the environmental impacts of an office, primarily related to printing, paper, etc. The environmental law section will look further into the ABA policy and program.</p>
GA	<p>James Griffin, Chair Environmental Law Section jgriffin@wtcraig.com 770-786-1320</p>	<p>The environmental law section has begun to discuss the topic of sustainability in brown bag meetings and at their annual convention. However, there are no bar initiatives underway or under discussion.</p>
HA	<p>Iris Ito, HSBA; Ito@hsba.org</p>	<p>No initiatives in place or being considered.</p>

Idaho	Richard Hall, Chair Environment and Natural Resources rrhall@stoel.com	No initiatives in place or being considered.
IL	Chair, Environmental Law Section, Mike Mankowski isbaenvlawsection@gmail.com (217) 557-0586	Following my inquiry, the topic was added for discussion at the March Environmental Law section meeting. Nobody was aware of any official Bar policy. The Chair is in the process of finding out definitely, and if there is no policy, then they will likely propose the ABA Model Policy. I provided Mike with the contacts from the previous CCCSD conference calls. Of note, the Environmental Law section has as part of its mission, "to promote the responsible use of the environment that fairly protects the interests of present and future generations."
IN	No response to inquiry.	No response to several inquiries.
Iowa	Jane McAllister, Chair, Environmental and Natural Resources section jmcallis@ahlerslaw.com	No response to several inquiries.
KS	Susan McKaskle, director of communications; smckaskle@ksbar.org	No environmental law section. No response to several inquiries.
KY	Cathy Franck, cathyf@kyselectproperties.com	No initiatives underway. Cathy is interested in starting the process.
LA	Boyd Bryan, Chair Environmental Law Section bbryan@joneswalker.com	No response to numerous inquiries.
ME	Nicholas D. Livesay, Chair of the Environmental Law Section, nlivesay@pierceanwood.com 791-1100	No initiatives underway.
MD	Tim Sullivan, Chair Environmental Law Section; tsullivan@bdlaw.com 410-230-1355	No program in place. Tim is interested in working on this.

MA	<p>Nancy Rainer, Chair Lawyers Eco- Challenge</p> <p>Nancy.reiner@counseloncall.com</p> <p>Jennifer Rosinski, MA Bar</p> <p>JRosinski@massbar.org</p>	<p>Over 100 law offices have signed onto the MA Eco-Challenge, an honor based initiative. Under the program, offices promise to implement the bar's <i>Green Guideline</i>, which relate to energy and paper use; recycling; green purchasing; GHS reductions and other practices. The bar has an annual recognition program. The bar also sponsors sustainability minded events. Recently, they teamed up with Verizon Wireless' HopeLine Program and collected and recycled 239 phones, 254 phone chargers and 90 other accessories that would have otherwise been tossed in garbage cans.</p> <p>The MBA has also urged its members to join the Eco-Challenge Carbonrally team as a way to invigorate energy conservation. "Carbonrally is a fun, easy way for Massachusetts attorneys to keep track of the ways they are reducing their energy consumption," said Nancy B. Reiner, co-chair of the Energy and Environment Task Force, which oversees the Eco-Challenge. "From agreeing to cut back on office paper use, to committing to utilize reusable bottles and containers, lawyers can choose the level of participation that makes the most sense for their situation." (Carbonrally, which was created in Massachusetts, proposes challenges for teams to participate in and enables individuals to suggest new challenges. Working on an honor system, the site tallies each team's total reduction in carbon dioxide emissions based on the challenges each agrees to participate in and complete.)</p> <p>Ms. Reiner has also started a group called: Green Pro Bono, the first non-profit pro bono legal initiative in the United States dedicated to helping climate change-driven non-profit organizations and social entrepreneurs. The organization's mission is to help these environmental "change makers" identify their legal needs and connect them with free legal assistance necessary for their success. Green Pro Bono aims to expedite the missions of these entities by providing vital legal assistance as they work to implement renewable, affordable and clean energy; to find avenues to be more energy efficient; to protect rainforests and sustainable uses of land; and to offer other innovative ideas and projects to combat climate change.</p> <p>For more info on the eco challenge, visit: http://www.massbar.org/about-the-mba/initiatives/lawyers-eco-challenge</p>
MI	<p>Cortney Goldberg, cortney.goldberg@dowcorning.com</p> <p>George F. Curran, III</p> <p>gcurran@kotzsangster.com; (313) 259-8723</p>	<p>No updates from earlier conference calls as there was no response to my inquiries.</p>
MN	<p>Katherine Roek, Chair Environment, Natural Resources and Energy Law section: kroek@lindquist.com; (612) 371-2442</p> <p>Laura Broomell</p> <p>LBroomell@GreeneEspel.com</p>	<p>There is no formal initiative, although there has been some movement towards educating members. In 2008, there was an article in the Bar magazine about some law firms going green. In the annual report from 2007-08, posted on the website, there is information about the Environment section's sponsorship of a CLE as part of the MSBA Annual Convention on how law firms can adopt more cost-efficient, environmentally-friendly practices in a presentation entitled "The Psychology of Sustainability: What a Law Office Can Do." There was mention of an MSBA-wide challenge to name the "Greenest Law Office" at the 2009 MSBA Annual Convention, but according to the previous chair, this never got off the ground.</p> <p>Laura Broomel, the office administrator at Greene Espel, a firm in the Twin Cities was interested in starting the process of at least planting a seed about an initiative, and was going to start on a local level. She wrote: "I really don't know what the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA) has done on green initiatives, but to be honest, I'd love to start a joint venture with the MSBA and the Minnesota Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators (ALAMN). I'll do some checking with the MSBA to see if they are currently</p>

		doing anything, and if not, how we can get something going.”
MS	Renee Garner - rgarner@msbar.org	No response from Bar and no environmental law section on website.
MO	Jack Wax, Media Relations Director, MO Bar, jack.wax@mobar.org	No initiatives or discussion about the topic.
MT	R. Allan Payne, Chair of the Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section, rpayne@doneylaw.com	No response.
NE	Jane Schoenike, Executive Dir., NE Bar, jchoenike@nebar.com	There are no initiatives in place nor are any being considered. I received this response from the Executive Director. “How does any of this policy apply to solo practitioners or firms of 5 or less? That is the “footprint” of the practice in Nebraska. You might consider something that is less one size fits all. The big firms have the personnel to do the research you need to even begin to comply. General practice folks (60 % of our membership) couldn’t work through this “framework”, even if they wanted to.”
NV	Rusty Jardine, Chair Environmental and Natural Resources Law rusty@tcid.org	No response. There was a September 2009 letter to the editor in the <i>Nevada Lawyer</i> from attorney Lara Pearson discussing the ABA climate challenge.
NH	Co-chairs Environmental and Natural Resources Section Maureen Smith, 603-224-2381 msmith@orr-reno.com ; Steven M. Whitley, 603-225-2585 swhitley@nhlandlaw.com Patti Frechette, Sections Liaison pfrechette@nhbar.org	The Bar Association Board of Governors has had no discussions on this topic. The Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section, however, has hosted discussions on similar initiatives, including the environmental leadership initiative within the NH Department of Environmental Services, but they have not discussed the ABA policy specifically. I attempted to get information about the initiatives discussed by the section, but did not get a response to my inquiries.
NJ	Chari, Environmental Law Section David Restaino, drestaino@foxrothschild.com ; 609-896-3600	They have just started a Climate Change committee. This may be something that they will take up, but the committee has just been formed.

NM	Thomas W. Paterson, Chair Natural Resources, Energy & Environmental Law Section; tpaterson@susmangodfrey.com	No initiatives in place or underway.
NY	Co-Chairs Pollution Prevention Committee of the Environmental Law Section: Kristen Wilson, 914.683.1211; kwilson@harrisbeach.com and Megan Brillault, MBrillault@bdlaw.com ; Section Officer/Committee Liaison: Carl Howard: howard.carl@epamail.pa.gov .	<p>The Pollution Prevention Committee, a committee established by the Environmental Law Section approximately ten years ago, is currently working on sustainability related issues within the state bar. The section approved "Green Guidelines" that are to be followed for section related events and activities. The Guidelines seek to lessen the external impacts of events, and suggest electronic dissemination of program materials, publications, etc. The section also chooses venues that are part of the NY Department of Environmental Conservation's Green Hotel Certification Program; pre-event meetings are held with the vendors and hotels in a further effort to address the external impact of the events. The committee is in the process of gathering information on a sustainability initiative, modeled after the ABA policy, to present to the Bar Board of Governors for consideration and adoption. Additionally, the committee will survey section members about their office sustainability policies. This committee is very motivated to help Bar members become more "green".</p> <p>There are no updates from the NYC Bar efforts, discussed in the January 2010 phone call. I tried on several occasions to get an update, but never received a response.</p>
NC	Vice Chair, Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Section Justin McCorcle, justin.p.mccorcle@us.army.mil , 910-251-4699	<p>There are no initiatives in place. They do have a sustainability subcommittee in the Environmental section, but the chair of that section is currently vacant.</p> <p>[The section website is really good with great links. Would be a good place to put a link to the ABA policy. http://environmentenergyandnaturalresourceslaw.ncbar.org/]</p>
ND	Bill Nuemann, Executive Director , bill@sband.org	There are no initiatives nor have there been any discussions on the subject.
OH	Chair Natural Resource Section: Gregory Russell- russell@vssp.com , 614.464.5468 Chair Environmental Law Section: Joseph Reidy , jreidy@szd.com	The OSBA Environmental Law Committee has not undertaken a sustainability program of its own or formally advocated the ABA Model Sustainability Policy in Ohio. Several Ohio firms have signed on to the ABA program or local programs, like the Get Green Columbus initiative. The Committee has had programs on climate change, alternative/renewable energy and corporate sustainable practices in the past and also in upcoming annual continuing education programs.
OK	Chair of the Environmental Law Section, Gerald Hilshir, gerald.hilsher@mcafeetaft.com Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Law section, Vance	No response.

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OR	<p>Chair Sustainable Future Section: James Kennedy: jkennedy@kennedy-kennedylaw.com</p> <p>Chair Elect: Michelle Slater: 503 205-2565 Email michelle.slater@miller-nash.com</p>	<p>Oregon Lawyers for a Sustainable Future, an association outside the bar, developed a number of tools related to environmental practices in law offices that have been used by many law firms. Dick Roy, the founder of OLSF, was instrumental in the creation of the Sustainable Future Section whose mission is to support “sustainability by providing institutional expertise to the Oregon State Bar and its members, educating attorneys and other legal professionals on sustainability and its integration into the law and on best office practices, and promoting dialogue on how law interfaces with the needs and interests of future generations.” This is the first bar association section devoted to the relationship between sustainability and law. The section was created in late 2009 and currently has 276 members.</p> <p>The Section is currently creating a “Partners in Sustainability Program” that will provide recognition for Oregon law firms/offices that have adopted a sustainability policy and implemented sustainable practices that satisfy criteria established by the Section. The Sustainable Future Section intends to launch the program later this year.</p> <p>The section website provides many resources that assist lawyers and law firms in changing their practices to reduce use of resources and to motivate employees to embrace those changes. Annual leadership awards are also presented to a law office and an individual who has demonstrated leadership in moving the legal profession and law office practices along the path of sustainability. The Section holds CLE programs and brown bag luncheon meetings on sustainability topics, facilitates recognition on the OSB Web site for law offices that adopt specified sustainable practices, and collaborates with the Bar on its implementation of sustainable practices. The Section will explore the appropriate role, if any, of law and the legal profession in protecting the rights and opportunities of future generations.</p> <p>In October 2009, the Board of Governors added the goal of sustainability to the State bylaws as Article 26:</p> <p><i>The Bar supports the goal of sustainability, generally defined as meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Because Bar operations and the practice of law impact the environment and society generally, the Bar will be cognizant of sustainability in its internal operating practices as well as in its service to members. Internally, the Executive Director will designate a sustainability coordinator for Bar operations, will encourage continuous sustainability improvement in Bar operations, and will report to the Board of Governors at least annually on progress and impediments. In the practice of law, principles of sustainability may be important in addressing competing economic, social and environmental priorities that impact future generations. The Bar will encourage education and dialogue on how law impacts the needs and interests of future generations relative to the advancement of the science of jurisprudence and improvement of the administration of justice.</i></p>
PA	Phil Hinerman, phinerman@foxrothschild.com	<p>In May 2010, the House of Delegates adopted the Pennsylvania Lawyers United for Sustainability (PLUS) Program, which provides Pennsylvania attorneys and law firms an opportunity to demonstrate publicly their commitment to environmental sustainability in their professional practices. In 2009, the Environmental and Energy Law Section formed a committee to develop the program, which is modeled after the programs established by the California, Oregon, Massachusetts and Philadelphia bar associations; the section will be</p>

		<p>responsible for promoting PLUS. The guidelines and pledge form will be on the Bar website.</p> <p>In the promotional materials, it is noted that relying on the ABA’s Sustainability Policy, initiatives such as the PLUS Program can strengthen the reputation of firms and help them increase their efficiency, productivity, and employee recruitment and retention. The program can also help align law firms with the growing number of current and potential clients who are embracing sustainable practices in a meaningful way.</p> <p>The PLUS Program guidelines were developed with input from the PBA Law Practice Management Office and offer suggestions and provide specific examples to program participants on how to make their law practices more sustainable. The guidelines cover five separate areas: (1) energy savings, (2) paper reduction, (3) recycling and waste reduction, (4) transportation and (5) sustainable purchasing.</p> <p>The PLUS Program is voluntary and self-monitored. Participating attorneys and law firms are asked to complete an annual pledge form indicating their commitment to the program.</p> <p>There are currently 5 firms that have signed the pledge, and with the recent publicity about the program in the bar magazine, it is expected that more firms will join.</p>
RI	<p>Chair, Environmental and Energy Law Committee - Seth H. Handy</p> <p>shandy@crflp.com, 401.453.6400 x 18</p>	<p>No initiative. The chair of the section indicated that he would bring it to the committee for consideration.</p>
SC	<p>Tara Smith, State Bar Liaison to the sections</p> <p>Tara.smith@scbar.org</p>	<p>Tara forwarded my inquiry to the appropriate sections chair, but I did not receive a response.</p> <p>Of interest on the website:</p> <p>“Part of the goals of the Environment and Natural Resources section is to: “[c]ontinue to improve communications between the South Carolina Bar Environment & Natural Resources Section and the ABA Section of Environment, Energy & Resources in order to elevate the profile of the South Carolina Section within the ABA and to actively share information with the Section members on resources available through the ABA.”</p> <p>http://www.scbar.org/member_resources/sections_committees/section_information/environment_and_natural_resources_section/”</p>
SD	<p>Amy Koenig</p> <p>AKoenig@gpnalaw.com</p>	<p>No initiatives in place or being discussed.</p>
TN	<p>Devin M. Wells, Chair, Environmental Law Section,</p> <p>devin.wells@state.tn.us (615) 532-0131</p>	<p>The TBA office is an ABA Climate Change partner; however, there is not a statewide bar policy or initiative.</p> <p>The following was the announcement sent to bar members in April 2010:</p> <p>The TBA has gone green.</p>

		<p>The Tennessee Bar Association has officially been recognized as a green workplace, gaining the designation as a partner in the ABA-EPA's Law Office Climate Challenge.</p> <p>We are proud of our state bar association leading the way with a commitment to greener offices at our headquarters, the Tennessee Bar Center, TBA President Gail Vaughn Ashworth said when the designation was announced. The TBA has an aggressive recycling program and a commitment to purchase at least 90 percent of its office paper with 30 percent recycled content. We hope that more law firms and lawyers across the state will join us in this ongoing effort to conserve energy and help our planet.</p> <p>Learn more about the ABA-EPA Law Office Climate Challenge at http://www.abanet.org/environ/climatechallenge/</p>
TX	<p>Mike Nasi, mnasi@jw.com</p>	<p>The Texas Green Star initiative is in effect and is on the website: http://www.texenrls.org/ENRLSSBOTGreenStarCertification.cfm</p> <p>The program has not gotten much publicity. There are only two firms that have signed up. Mike hopes to publicize the program more this year.</p>
UT	<p>Wendy Crowther, Chair Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section wbc@clydesnow.com 801-322-2516</p>	<p>Nothing in place nor are there any discussions on the topic.</p>
VT	<p>Vtbar.org</p>	<p>Nothing on website about sections. I submitted info request and did not get a response.</p>
VA	<p>Chair, Environmental Law Section, Andrea Wortzel awortzel@hunton.com; (804) 788-8425</p>	<p>Does not currently have any sustainability programs or practice initiatives in place.</p>
WAA	<p>David Frankel, Washington Lawyers for Sustainability, davidfrankel@msn.com Jill Guerns, Chair Environmental Law Section jguerns@co.pierce.wa.us</p>	<p>No response for state bar. Inspired by the work of Dick Roy and his Oregon Lawyers for a Sustainable Future, the seeds for Washington Lawyers for Sustainability (WLS) were planted in 2007. Now, this nonprofit organization's mission is to find effective ways in which lawyers can leverage their unique professional skills and influence to promote sustainability through education, counseling and advocacy. WLS was created during a series of discussions held over a two year period amongst several dozen Washington lawyers about the need for an organization of attorneys committed to addressing sustainability issues, through law. WLS takes the three legged stool approach to sustainability, viewing the environment, economy and societal well being as inextricably linked.</p> <p>WLS offers CLEs on sustainability issues, encourages and trains attorneys on sustainable practices and advocates for changes to existing laws and regulations. WLS works with practitioners, students and other stakeholders.</p>
Wst VA	<p>Chair, Environmental Law Section, Joseph Dawley; jdawley@eqt.com;</p>	<p>No response to my inquiries.</p>

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WI	<p>Dennis Grzezinski</p> <p>grzezl@execpc.com</p> <p>414 289-9200</p> <p>Past Chair: Daniel Graff,</p> <p>Daniel.Graff@Wisconsin.gov.</p>	<p>The Environmental Law Section did a survey of law firm environmental best/sustainable practices about a year ago which was posted on the Environmental Law Section's website. Other green endeavors by lawyers historically included 1) an effort some decades ago to obtain Wisconsin Supreme Court approval for filing of briefs and other court documents printed on both sides of paper -- which did not go anywhere; 2) some inquiries and recommendations regarding use of less wasteful food service practices at CLE seminars and conventions (using reusable cups, glasses, utensils, pitchers of water rather than bottled water, etc. -- some of which are often adopted; and 3) distribution of Convention/CLE materials on disk or thumb drive -- or posting on the internet, rather than in printed form, which has been fairly widely adopted. The Environmental Law Section compiled a list of tips for greening law offices, gathered from surveying what some offices were doing; the list was created in an effort to get other offices to adopt similar practices. There has not, however, been any formal green or sustainability policy adopted by the State Bar of Wisconsin.</p>
WY	<p>Sleeter Dover,</p> <p>Executive Director WY Bar</p> <p>sdover@wyomingbar.org</p> <p>307-632-9061</p>	<p>No initiative or discussion on the subject.</p> <p>“The Wyoming State Bar has not discussed this issue as specifically outlined, or at least as interpreted here. Beyond the generally recognized duty to defend, protect and nurture the profession and our professional obligations to our local, regional and national interests, this, to my knowledge has not been addressed in Wyoming.”</p>