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Local law firm's green initiative recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Columbus, Ohio ... When environmental and energy issues began to dominate the headlines and demand the political spotlight, Bricker & Eckler LLP saw an opportunity to improve internal practices, reduce the firm's carbon footprint and better meet the needs of its clients and the community.

Bricker & Eckler's efforts were recently recognized by the American Bar Association and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The ABA-EPA Law Office Climate Challenge nationally recognizes firms that have taken specific steps to become better environmental and energy stewards.

"At Bricker & Eckler, we have a tradition of placing our clients and our communities first, and when it comes to our environmental and energy practices, this mission is no different," said Rich Simpson, managing partner. "If changes to our business practices will help improve the world in which we live, the firm is willing and able to do whatever it can to contribute to the cause."

Bricker & Eckler not only started internal programs that encourage better paper and energy management, but it also recently launched the Green Strategies practice group, which will help the firm's clients adapt to environmental and energy legislation, alter existing business models and adjust to the climate change movement.

"Bricker & Eckler attorneys have vast legal knowledge, agility and experience," said Maria Armstrong, partner and chair of the Green Strategies group. "By strategically packaging several of our services into one practice group, we can counsel our clients on environmental and energy issues more efficiently and effectively."

The Green Strategies group will work with both private and public sector clients in the areas of clean technology, renewable energy, sustainable design and development, climate change regulations, energy management and operation, and negotiation and management of sustainable projects.

"Regardless of what industry you're in, which company you work for or where you do business," Armstrong said, "Bricker & Eckler can help you maneuver the legal changes and thrive in a 'green' world."

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