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Law Firm Sustainability Network (LFSN)

LFSN Releases First Round ALISS Sustainability Assessments: Key Insights from ALISS Report

September 12, 2017 – The Law Firm Sustainability Network (LFSN), the leading U.S.-based organization dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability among law firms, has released the findings on its first round of American Legal Industry Sustainability Standard (ALISS) online self-assessments. ALISS allows firms to objectively track and measure their sustainability efforts; provides a roadmap of additional steps firms may wish to take to reduce their environmental impact; and provides a ranking of how firms are doing on sustainability.

The 15 law firms, representing over 70 offices, that have completed ALISS, include the LFSN Leadership Council firms Beveridge & Diamond; Blank Rome; Nixon Peabody; Seyfarth Shaw; and Wendel Rosen, as well as LFSN member firms Alston & Bird; Brand Geek; Chambliss; Fried Frank; Hunton & Williams; Kirkland & Ellis; Ladiere McNair; Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox; Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg; and Ward and Smith.

ALISS is a self-assessment tool that awards weighted points for various activities covering five broad categories: Internal Sustainability, External Sustainability, Stakeholder Engagement, Measuring & Reporting, and Innovation. Based on the total number of points received through the ALISS self-assessment, participating firms achieve award level recognitions.

“ALISS was designed to help law firms improve their environmental performance in every aspect of their operations. It provides recognition to firms that are already making significant sustainability efforts, and concrete ideas for additional steps that firms may wish to take,” said Daniel Krainin, President of the LFSN and a Principal at Beveridge & Diamond.

The LFSN’s ALISS Key Insights Summary Report demonstrates how firms are taking action:

- 92% of the 74 offices have policies that support sustainability regarding Recycling and Waste.
- More than 50% of firms and offices participate in the ABA-EPA Law Office Climate Challenge.
- Over 80% are purchasing paper that has been certified for its sustainable production.

“Firms that have completed ALISS have created a baseline of law firm sustainability programs, which will allow them to measure their progress over time, and have also received concrete ideas from other member firms as to how they may strengthen their programs. We encourage all law firms to take the ALISS assessment and learn how they can further reduce their environmental impacts,” said Kevin Bruno, LFSN Treasurer and Blank Rome partner.

About ALISS: ALISS is an online self-assessment tool designed to measure aspects of sustainability that are meaningful to law firms while also being detailed enough to identify specific areas of strength and opportunities for improvement for each participating firm. ALISS was created by the LFSN and ecoAnalyze, LLC. A detailed Key Insights Report is available to ALISS Participants.

About LFSN: The Law Firm Sustainability Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose membership includes many of the top U.S. law firms committed to promoting environmental sustainability and corporate social responsibility throughout the legal industry. The LFSN’s mission is to develop key performance indicators, foster knowledge-sharing, develop best practice guidelines, and recognize and promote sustainability innovations in the U.S. legal sector.

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