

DWT's Climate and Sustainability Commitment

Climate change is now a fact of life, with greater impacts yet to come. Our collective challenge is to avoid the worst of those impacts by swiftly reducing carbon emissions while simultaneously adapting to those effects that can no longer be avoided. To address this crisis and spare future generations, we must drive transformation across all sectors of the economy, including energy, technology, transportation, buildings, manufacturing, and forestry/agricultural. DWT embraces this challenge and is vigorously moving forward on three fronts.

First, we're assisting our clients as they grapple with both the pitfalls and opportunities ahead. Climate change law is more than a subset of energy or environmental law—it's an emerging body of law that's profoundly reshaping every other area of law. And many clients are seeing those changes not in one aspect of their business but in many.

That's why we're taking a holistic approach to serving our clients, leveraging insights from our Climate Network consisting of DWT lawyers working in virtually every field of law from energy to intellectual property, from corporate transactions to truth-in-advertising, and from food production to tax-exempt charitable organizations. At the same time, we're tracking governmental initiatives at the federal, state, and local level, as well as the enormous changes being driven entirely by the voluntary efforts of the private sector. By anticipating trends and connecting the dots across industry sectors and business units, we can help clients to not only cope with the dramatic changes ahead, but to prosper from them as well.

Second, we're reducing our own carbon footprint and taking action to become more sustainable. Our Sustainability Committee, which includes lawyers and staff from across all of our offices, is working to reduce the emissions that result from the buildings we occupy, the office products we use, and our business travel. We share information with our employees on how they can make a difference, both individually and within their respective communities. We know that if we're going to advise on these issues, we need to be leaders.

Third, we're helping to shape the law. Fighting climate change will require profound changes to the legal framework that has evolved over the past century. We're already deeply involved in advancing those reforms, such as our pro bono work with Columbia Law School's Sabin Center to translate sound climate policy into model legislation that can be enacted at the federal, state, and local level. We welcome additional opportunities to use our insights as climate law practitioners to make those reforms successful.

Please join us. The task ahead of us is daunting, and time is very short. The key is to learn from each other and then act as expeditiously as possible to achieve a common purpose: fighting climate change while ensuring sustainability and resilience.

If you share these goals, join us. We pledge to be a forum for solutions—whether they be legal, policy, or technological in nature. We regularly host conversations with leaders in this effort and welcome no-charge conversations with both clients and prospective clients. To receive notices of future conversations or to arrange a no-charge conversation, please email [Barrie Handy](mailto:Barrie.Handy@dwt.com).

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