

BEAN, KINNEY & KORMAN LEADS THE GREEN MOVEMENT WITH SEVEN ATTORNEYS NOW LEED-ACCREDITED PROFESSIONALS

Bean Kinney provides clients with access to the most LEED-accredited professionals in the Washington, DC metro region for their green legal needs

ARLINGTON, VA, April 14, 2009—Bean, Kinney & Korman, one of Northern Virginia's oldest and largest law firms has just announced that seven of its attorneys have become LEED-accredited professionals, making it the firm with the most LEED-accredited attorneys in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is a third-party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. Jonathan Kinney, Fred Taylor, Lori Murphy, Richard (Tad) Lunger, David Hannah, Heidi Meinzer and Sean Kumar spent six rigorous weeks of personal time preparing for the accreditation, studying, participating in workshops and finally taking an exam administered by the USGBC to become fully able to provide strategic guidance to their clients who are interested in related green initiatives.

“We are always striving to be one step ahead of our clients' needs, and we're finding that for many of them, legal guidance in LEED-certified building projects will be that next need,” said Jonathan Kinney, shareholder of Bean, Kinney & Korman. “With so many of our lawyers now being LEED-accredited, we can effectively advise our clients on the many details and requirements of LEED certification.”

The Washington, DC metro region has become very active in the LEED certification of buildings. Arlington, VA even acts as a model for the nation with its own initiative that provides bonus density for projects that achieve LEED certification, with Silver, Gold and Platinum levels. Understanding the intricacies of LEED certification is becoming an increasingly important aspect of any architectural, engineering or development contract going forward in this region, ranging from new building projects to tenant lease requirements and existing buildings.

Bean Kinney is not only interested in assisting clients with their LEED needs, but is also walking the walk themselves when it comes to being environmentally sustainable. Two years ago the

firm moved to a building that was preparing for and now has LEED certification at the Silver level from the USGBC. Some of the changes made were energy and water use reduction and improved air quality inside the building. Bean Kinney's green expertise also extends beyond its LEED-accredited attorneys and LEED-certified building. The firm as a whole has developed a comprehensive knowledge regarding green building design, planning, implementation, codes, regulations, land use and contractual implications—all the elements to be able to assist its clients on green projects from start to finish.

About Bean, Kinney & Korman

Bean, Kinney & Korman is one of the oldest and most established law firms in Northern Virginia. With more than 40 attorneys and a comprehensive array of practice areas, the firm works on some of the most sophisticated legal matters throughout the region, and is continuously growing and diversifying to meet the complex legal needs of its expanding community of clients. For more information, log on to <http://www.beankinney.com>.

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