

## **LP Honored for Environmental Commitment**

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*Levenfeld Pearlstein Honored for  
Environmental Commitment in Chicago Green  
Office Challenge*

Firm receives award from Mayor Daley and  
Chicago Department of Environment

CHICAGO - Levenfeld Pearlstein LLC is pleased to announce that it has been honored by the City of Chicago for its ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible business practices in the inaugural Chicago Green Office Challenge, an initiative to reduce energy consumption by businesses and greenhouse gas emissions from commercial buildings. Mayor Richard M. Daley and the Chicago Department of Environment, in collaboration with ICLE - Local Governments for Sustainability USA, presented the firm with its award for Leadership in Tennant Excellence during a recent ceremony. Levenfeld Pearlstein is the only Chicago law firm to be recognized with this award.

A key strategy of the Chicago Climate Action Plan, the Green Office Challenge offers an opportunity for businesses to gain a competitive advantage in green innovations

and to cut costs, while saving money and resources. Nearly 150 property managers and tenant companies participated in the Challenge, which set goals for participants over the course of one year. Levenfeld Pearlstein now moves on to the second phase of the Challenge in September.

The Chicago Climate Action Plan is one of the nation's most ambitious plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25-percent below 1990 levels by 2020. A key element is to reduce energy consumption by 30-percent in 40-percent of its residential units and 50-percent of commercial and industrial facilities. Buildings account for about 70-percent of Chicago's greenhouse gas emissions - nearly 40-percent from commercial buildings - making the building sector a prime target for reduction strategies.

"We are honored to have our ongoing efforts toward sustainability recognized by the City of Chicago, said Jeffrey C. Friedman, chair of the firm's Environmental Task Force and a partner in its Real Estate and Finance Practice Group. "We have long prided ourselves on being ahead of the curve in supporting green development and environmental issues and we look forward to continuing our leadership in the Chicago legal and business communities in this area."

Levenfeld Pearlstein has long championed environmental initiatives. In April 2007, it became the first Chicago-based law firm to join the Chicago Climate Exchange, in which the firm committed to calculate and offset its carbon dioxide emissions. Levenfeld Pearlstein was also the first law firm in the United States to adopt the American Bar Association's Model Sustainability Policy and Implementation Guidelines, and James Brusslan, head of its Environmental Service Group, is one of the only practicing Illinois attorneys to be accredited by the U.S. Green Building Council as a LEED AP. In addition, the firm has established an internal Environmental Task Force, which meets periodically to discuss and implement environmentally friendly firm policies and practices, including eliminating plastic water bottles and drinking cups, replacing them with glass and ceramic; implementing double-sided copying as a firm default; and implementing recycling programs for glass, plastic, paper and batteries.

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