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MBA Lawyers Eco-Challenge honors three firms for leadership in greening the practice of law

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyers Eco-Challenge will honor three law firms for their leadership in greening the practice of law at a special reception May 21. Burns & Levinson LLP; Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr LLP; and the Law Offices of Sean Cleary will be presented their awards at the MassMutual Center in Springfield.

All three firms have signed the Lawyers Environmental Pledge to participate in the Eco-Challenge. The honorees were selected by the MBA Energy and Environment Task Force.

“We are thrilled to once again recognize those law firms and attorneys who have shown, by example, how to make positive changes toward a more Earth friendly work environment,” MBA President Edward W. McIntyre said. “We congratulate them on their hard work, which benefits us all.”

Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr LLP, Boston

- For measurable reductions in plastics and other waste, in addition to promoting environmentally preferable transportation alternatives.

Burns & Levinson LLP, Boston

- For expanding on the firm’s history of green practices by including green design elements in its office reconstruction project and promoting awareness of environmentally preferable practices.

The Law Offices of Sean Cleary, Amherst

- For extensive and growing energy saving, recycling and waste-reduction practices.

The MBA announced the Eco-Challenge in September 2007 and has so far released two editions of *Green Guidelines: Office Management* and *Landscape Management*. Nearly 100 firms, attorneys or organizations have signed the MBA Lawyers Environmental Pledge to join the Eco-Challenge. There are also Pledge Partners outside of traditional law firms and the state of Massachusetts.

For more information on the MBA Lawyers Eco-Challenge, visit www.massbar.org/ecochallenge.

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