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**Public Statement Opposing the Proposal Concerning Recycling and  
Supporting Programs to Encourage Voluntary Use of Recycled Paper as an  
Alternative**

The District of Columbia Bar Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Section ("EENR") has issued a public statement proposing a court rule that would require law firms to use recycled paper for court filings in District of Columbia local and federal courts. The Litigation Section of the District of Columbia Bar does not support this EENR Section proposal.

The Litigation Section urges all members of the Bar to use recycled paper, but does not support a court rule that prohibits the use of non-recycled paper in court filings, which would only apply to those members of the Bar who are litigators. This type of initiative should be encouraged for implementation voluntarily and for all members. The Litigation Section believes that the Court need not take any action on this proposal.

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