

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Benesch is “Going Green”

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Benesch recognizes the importance of environmental responsibility and preservation of the world in which we live. As the earth is increasingly threatened by immense population growth and over-usage of depleting resources, it is important that law firms, businesses and corporations take part in preserving resources to ensure that future generations will enjoy the same standard of living we enjoy today. We at Benesch are "Going Green," demonstrating our commitment to living sustainable lifestyles and doing our part to protect the earth.

Benesch's Green Initiative was developed by the firm's IT Support Services Manager, David Colombo, who became interested in a growing movement of businesses cutting energy costs, finding environmentally friendly disposal methods for outdated IT equipment and making workplaces healthier in which to function. The firm's leadership strongly supports the notion of becoming more environmentally friendly and a "Green Initiative Committee" has been formed.

The Committee, consisting of attorneys and staff, set goals for 2008 to spread the "Go Green" message throughout the firm, as well as to other tenants in our office buildings and to the communities where we live and work. Immediate goals have already been put into action, including implementing energy and money saving strategies such as powering down monitors and lights every night, encouraging Styrofoam replacement, recycling plastics and only printing the most necessary documents. Long term goals, such as joining the EPA's national initiative, will be employed throughout the coming year. Benesch anticipates partnering with clients and friends who are also sensitive and supportive of energy efficient programs.