

Joining the LSA – What is involved

Thanks to the generous support of our executive firms and the Law Society, LSA membership is free. We ask all new members to sign up to the seven membership Principles and to report annually on these and their carbon footprint.

LSA MEMBERSHIP PRINCIPLES:

1. Measure, manage and reduce the impact of our operations
2. Work with external stakeholders to reduce our indirect impact
3. Integrate awareness of climate change across our business
4. Advise clients on the opportunities and obligations arising from and under climate change law
5. Work collaboratively to engage in the public debate on climate change and to develop, apply and promote best practice across the sector
6. Report on our progress and be accountable
7. Adopt and pursue a challenging emissions reduction target appropriate for our own organisation and needs, achievement of which will deliver over stated time periods a meaningful and progressive reduction in our emissions



LSA Carbon Reporting Tool

LSA members get free and exclusive use of the LSA Carbon Reporting Tool, designed for the LSA by Greenstone and tailored to the legal profession. Using the tool, firms are able to measure the carbon footprint of their operations and activities associated with their energy and water use and business travel. Each reporting firm receives an individual report and is included in the LSA Annual Report which detailing carbon reporting across the sector, firm by firm.

“Two thirds of consumers are more likely to buy products and services with a small carbon footprint”

Carbon Trust

Next Steps

For more information or to join visit our website

www.legalsustainabilityalliance.com

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The Legal Sustainability Alliance



Measure, Manage and Reduce

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The LSA is a free to join alliance of law firms committed to tackling climate change. We are indebted to all LSA Executive Member firms (listed on website), including the Law Society, for their continued support. Particular thanks to Herbert Smith Freehills for the production of this leaflet.

The Legal Sustainability Alliance (LSA) is an inclusive movement of legal firms and other organisations committed to working collaboratively to measure, manage and reduce their carbon footprint and to manage their day to day operations in a more sustainable way.



“ Sustainability is about running your business more responsibly and saving money in the process”

Jeff Twentyman, Partner at Slaughter and May and LSA Chair

Membership of the LSA is free and open to all UK law firms, in house council and chambers, regardless of size.

Benefits of Membership

- Access to advice and information
- Member forum and resource area on the website
- Case studies, toolkits and ‘how to’ guides
- Networking and seminars
- Mentoring by experienced sustainability practitioners
- LSA Bulletin twice yearly with articles and thought pieces from leading sustainability practitioners
- Seminars and regional events
- National Travel Challenge
- Student debating competition

The Business Case

Joining the LSA makes good business sense: sustainable business is good business. Here are just some of the ways LSA membership can support your business:

- ✓ ***Reduce costs***
Sustainable practices save your business money
- ✓ ***Client demand***
Clients increasingly request and require information and evidence on environmental policies and practice from law firms as part of the tender process
- ✓ ***Recruit and retain talent***
Environmental responsibility is a determining factor in employee recruitment, retention and engagement rates
- ✓ ***Anticipate regulation***
The failure of the market to prevent climate change will almost certainly result in increased taxation and regulation with direct financial liability for those businesses exceeding their limits