



# PRACTICE GREEN

**CHAPMAN**  
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# A RESPONSIBLE FIRM



At Chapman, we believe that through sustainable business practices and conscious investing, we can do our part to mitigate the effects of climate change and preserve the environment. We have long understood that environmental sustainability is a core component of good corporate citizenship, and we have worked for more than a decade to improve our use of resources, steer our purchasing power toward environmentally friendly vendors, and offset our carbon footprint. Today and into the future, we plan to deepen our commitment and impact. We believe in practicing green.

## UN Global Compact

Chapman is a participant in the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the world's largest global corporate sustainability initiative. The UNGC's environmental principles provide a universal language and a framework for businesses, which includes taking a precautionary approach to environmental challenges, undertaking initiatives to promote greater environmental sustainability, and encouraging the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly tech. The UNGC also provides a platform for highlighting Chapman's actions in support of these sustainable development goals and tracking the firm's growing impact.

## UN Global Cooperation Statement

Chapman joined over 1,000 companies in more than 100 countries in signing the Statement from Business Leaders for Renewed Global Cooperation. The Statement of support for the United Nations (UN) and inclusive multilateralism was presented to the UN Secretary-General and CEO & Executive Director of the UN Global Compact (UNGC) at the opening of the 2020 annual meeting to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the UN. By signing the Statement, Chapman stands committed to doing our part as a law firm to advance the UNGC's Principles and Sustainable Development Goals. We stand united with our corporate colleagues around the globe in the business of a better world.

## Workplace 2022

We believe that law firms can play a crucial role in advancing environmental sustainability by making environmentally responsible choices and, for more than 15 years, Chapman has continually improved our everyday environmental efforts. As the nature of work is changing, so is Chapman. In early 2022, we moved our Chicago office to a new state-of-the-art building designed to achieve WELL Building Platinum and LEED Gold standards, and in late 2022, our Chicago office was LEED Gold certified. Chapman Chicago is more efficient, healthier, designed to accommodate an agile workforce, and reduce our carbon footprint. Our San Francisco and Salt Lake City offices also reduced Chapman's overall footprint by relocating into more efficient office spaces in 2022. We expect to achieve significant decreases in our firmwide carbon footprint, water usage, and waste output with these office moves—metrics we plan to measure in 2022 and beyond.

# OUR IMPACT

Every business decision we make as a firm is an opportunity to lessen our environmental impact. At Chapman, we believe that every little bit helps, so we focus on everyday sustainable business practices spanning all kinds of activities, from green purchasing to building retrofits to recycling initiatives to environmental clean-ups to transportation alternatives and beyond. We challenge our peers, our clients, and ourselves to continue to improve what we can where we can.

## Acts of Green

As part of our effort to reduce carbon emissions, Chapman participates in annual commuter challenges across the US. Our attorneys and professional staff have participated in the **Chicago Bike to Work Challenge** for more than a decade—the firm took top honors in 2020 and second place in 2021.

When Chapman Chicago moved from a location we had occupied for 108 years, we minimized our waste by recycling or donating office equipment and furniture no longer in use. We donated hundreds of laptops and other IT equipment to **PCs for People**, an organization that reduces e-waste by refurbishing and distributing office equipment to people and organizations in need. We also donated **90 truckloads** of office furniture to six different organizations, diverting 540,000 pounds from landfills.

Chapman is an early adopter of **office composting**. In 2022, when California became the first state to mandate organic waste recycling, Chapman San Francisco was prepared—the office has been composting since 2008. Our new Chicago office provides composting stations in each of the coffee centers—compost is collected daily and sent to an agricultural composting facility. Our New York office is also working to implement a new composting program.

Chapman purchases **ENERGY STAR** qualified office equipment and appliances, which use 30–75 percent less electricity than standard equipment.

## Climate Initiatives and Green Partnerships

Since 2012, Chapman has purchased **Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)** to offset our carbon footprint across all offices.

In 2022, we **reduced our space** by over 40% in Chicago, our largest office, and we also reduced our space in San Francisco and Salt Lake City by an aggregate of more than 40%. Chapman remains committed to continuing to examine opportunities to further reduce our carbon footprint and intends to purchase carbon offsets to achieve 100% offset of our energy use firmwide.

Chapman sits on the board of directors for the **Legal Sustainability Network**, a nonprofit organization made up of law firms and legal departments dedicated to environmental sustainability and corporate social responsibility. Chapman has been involved with the Network since 2014, helping to make recommendations and set best practices for other firms to follow.

Chapman participates in the ENERGY STAR **Low Carbon IT Campaign**, a nationwide program that helps organizations reduce tech energy consumption. We have been at this a long time—we were recognized by ENERGY STAR for our sustainable IT efforts more than a decade ago.



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