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## **LEGAL EASE**

### **LEGAL/REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE "TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE"**

#### **FEDERAL**

##### **EPA Negotiates Landmark International Pollution Agreement**

On June 2, the Environmental Protection Agency announced an agreement with the world's largest zinc producer, a Canadian company, to investigate contamination in the Pacific Northwest's Columbia River. For more information, visit

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/7c02ca8c86062a0f85257018004118a6/746800be1766ce5285257181006903e0!OpenDocument> or <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/02/AR2006060201047.html>

#### **MARYLAND**

##### **Avoid Criminal Charges! Basic Pilot Program Reports Immigrant Status**

Businesses that profit from hiring and harboring illegal aliens may now face criminal charges instead of fines. However, businesses can minimize this threat by ascertaining the immigrant status of potential hires through an electronic verification tool. For more information visit <http://www.uscis.gov/graphics/services/SAVE.htm#two> OR

<http://baltimore.bizjournals.com/extraedge/washingtonbureau/archive/2006/06/05/bureau2.html?market=Baltimore>.

##### **Business Women's Networking Group To Hold Annual Meeting**

On June 21, 2006, Business Women's Network of Howard County Inc., a nonprofit networking organization, will hold its annual meeting. For more information, visit [www.bwn-hoco.org](http://www.bwn-hoco.org).

##### **Baltimore Sun Enterprising Business Women Event**

On August 4, 2006, the Baltimore Sun will host its annual event. This event is usually sold out, so order tickets early. For more information, visit

<http://baltimore.bizjournals.com/baltimore/event/2340>.

#### **VIRGINIA**

##### **Virginia Creates Manufacturing Development Commission**

On April 12, 2006, Governor Kaine signed legislation to establish a Manufacturing Development Commission to assess manufacturing needs and to formulate legislative and

regulatory remedies to ensure the future of the manufacturing sector in Virginia. For more information, visit <http://www.dba.state.va.us/mediacenter/latestnewsletters.asp> or <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?061+ful+CHAP0607>

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

### **Mayor Urges Residents to Take Small Steps to Reduce Global Warming**

On June 2, Mayor Anthony Williams reminded District residents that they can help combat global warming by making minor changes to their lifestyles. For more information, visit <http://www.dc.gov/news/release.asp?id=914>