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## **LEGAL EASE**

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

#### **FEDERAL**

##### **EPA Announces Green Power Top 25**

On October 3, 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the top-25 green power purchasers, which included new entrant Wells Fargo & Company. EPA announces quarterly its list of organizations that purchase electricity generated from clean, renewable sources such as solar, wind, geothermal, biogas, biomass, and low-impact hydro. For information, visit:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/68b5f2d54f3eefd28525701500517fbf/390b6eff78f77da6852571fc00611971!OpenDocument>

#### **MARYLAND**

##### **Magnetic Media Mandates for Maryland Employers: New Tax Reconciliation Requirements**

New Maryland laws have changed the 2006 submission requirements for certain Maryland employers. The new law introduces further changes for 2007. For more information, visit: <http://business.marylandtaxes.com/filinginfo/withholding/media.asp>

##### **Change the World One Bulb at a Time! Governor Ehrlich Promotes New "Change a Light, Change the World" Campaign**

On October 4, 2006, Governor Ehrlich joined EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson at Home Depot in Annapolis to promote the "Change a Light, Change the World" campaign. The replacement of an incandescent light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified light bulb not only saves up to 107 kilowatt-hours of electricity a year, but also helps reduce carbon dioxide emissions equivalent to removing up to 15,000 cars from Maryland roads. For more information, see the press release at: <http://www.energy.state.md.us/press/2006-10-04.pdf> or <http://www.energystar.go/changealight>

#### **VIRGINIA**

##### **Governor Unveils New Economic Development Strategic Plan**

On September 29, Governor Tim Kaine released his Economic Development Strategic Plan at the annual conference of the Virginia Economic Developers Association. For more information and a copy of the Governor's Strategic Plan, visit:

<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/MediaRelations/NewsReleases/viewRelease.cfm?id=252>

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

### **The Master Plan: Mayor Urges Enactment of Comprehensive Plan To Guide City Growth and Development**

On September 26, Mayor Anthony A. Williams urged the DC Council to act quickly on D.C.'s new "Comprehensive Plan," which was developed through a two-year, citizen-driven process. The Comprehensive Plan is the city's road map for managing growth and guiding development in a responsible, equitable manner. For more information, visit:

<http://dc.gov/mayor/news/release.asp?id=977&mon=200609>