

Company profile: LOMMEN ABDO

Assisting clients with green legal issues while putting sustainability into practice

Lommen Abdo is committed to supporting a sustainable environment. We not only offer expert legal counsel surrounding corporate social responsibility, we practice sustainability. Our clients span the spectrum from recycling to green products that generate renewable energies or bring no harm to the environment. For example, our client list includes such diverse companies as EarthClean Corporation (see sidebar); Effects, a division of Music Matters, Inc.; Midwest Wind Finance, LLC; and Allweather Roof.

We help clients govern green and establish green policies, obtain tax incentives for energy savings and green projects, create new entities and structure member or shareholder agreements and fund sustainable development. We recently chaired a Minnesota continuing legal education program, "Energy Synergy: Melding the Green Economy and the Law." We also provide daily operations counseling, assistance with real estate leasing, real and personal property financing, real estate sales and acquisitions, employee compensation issues, purchase and sale of business organizations, succession and estate planning, individual and business income tax planning, tax free reorganizations, tax exempt organizations and tax controversy issues.

Because our goal is to reduce consumables, our attorneys use smart phones, PDF files and online libraries. We've reduced our mail or messenger packages by using email and PDF files. The paper we do use is a recycled product. We send our internal and client newsletters electronically. Even our

holiday card is a lively electronic message. With filtered water throughout the offices, we eliminated all bottled water. We go a step outside our physical space by providing Metropasses to staff who commute by bus or light rail. These easy initiatives have a dramatic impact on reducing consumables.

When we counsel a client seeking to develop a green product or establish green corporate policies, we speak not only with legal expertise, but a demonstrated commitment to a sustainable environment.

Firefighting Goes Green

EarthClean is revolutionizing the messy, toxic method of extinguishing fires with a green extinguishing material. TetraKO™ enables firefighters to extinguish fires in less time and with no chemicals left to contaminate soil and ground water. "TetraKO is biodegradable and 10 to 20 times more effective than water or foam," says Doug Ruth, EarthClean CEO.

TetraKO, introduced in March, is an especially effective firefighting tool for rural fires and other areas where access to water is limited. "In 2008 more than 30 million gallons of toxic chemicals were poured on forest fires," explains Doug. No retrofitting of fire apparatus is needed. Cost will be about half that of foam. "And when we put out a fire it doesn't rekindle because TetraKO sticks to surfaces creating a fire barrier," Doug says.

As EarthClean has prepared for their product launch, Brad Lehrman at Lommen Abdo has worked alongside Doug Ruth providing a broad range of general counsel services including: licensing, securities and corporate finance (fundraising) and strategic planning.

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Lommen Abdo helps businesses take advantage of opportunities in a green economy.



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