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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

SECTION OF LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

RECOMMENDATION

1 RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association assist lawyers and law practice managers in
2 applying **to law practice management** the sustainability principles set forth in ABA policy
3 resolution #108 (August 2003) by making the following commitments:
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- 5 - To the promotion of better understanding of sustainable development by lawyers and
6 other members of the legal services delivery team;
- 7 - To the development, documentation and promotion of the business case for sustainable
8 growth strategies;
- 9 - To leadership in the delivery of legal services, by encouraging adoption of sustainable
10 growth strategies and providing recognition for exemplary efforts to integrate
11 sustainability into law practice management planning, such as through the adoption of the
12 ABA Model Sustainability Policy and Implementation Guidelines for Law Organizations
13 (“Model Policy”) developed by the Section of Environment, Energy and Resources;
- 14 - To policy development that will create framework conditions for the contribution of
15 lawyers to sustainable development
- 16 - To energy and environmental stewardship, such as that demonstrated through the ABA-
17 EPA Law Office Climate Challenge program;
- 18 - To the sharing of best practices that demonstrate the business contribution to sustainable
19 development being made by lawyers, such as those indicated in the guidelines
20 accompanying the Model Policy; and
- 21 - To global outreach that will contribute to a sustainable future for developed nations,
22 including the United States, and for developing nations and nations in transition.
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24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association adopts the Model Sustainability
25 Policy and Implementation Guidelines for Law Organizations, dated August 2008.

