

Dear incoming 1Ls and LLMs,

We are happy to welcome you to NYU at a time when the Law School's traditional "violet" is starting to look more and more "green." Since early 2008, a group of students and administrators have been meeting to develop ideas for making the law school more sustainable. To that end, we created a formal Sustainability Committee. The committee's goal is to make sure that green habits are easy and accessible, that our facilities (and how we use them) become increasingly energy efficient and waste free, and that sustainability is a priority in our decisions as individuals and as an institution. Additionally we strive to educate the University population on ways to be more sustainable and efficient at home. We hope that a number of you are interested in joining our efforts when you arrive in the fall! **We will have an initial meeting early in the semester and please look for more information on how to get involved at the activities fair.**

You'll notice a number of "green" initiatives when you come to campus:

- The "**bike with a buddy**" program will help you learn the bike-to-school ropes with a fellow student who knows the way.
- **New mixed-recyclable bins** in the academic buildings and residence halls allow you to put any plastic, glass, metal, or paper all in one bin. There's also a bin for electronics.
- **Compost bins** are available in the residence hall apartments, and will be new to the academic buildings in the fall.
- The school cafes feature **compostable flatware** and "**bring your own mug**" discounts.
- The student-run journals will continue moving **toward a paper-free work system.**

The Law School will be starting a number of new projects this year as part of our **new sustainability initiative**:

- A new **sustainability website** and **green guides** about green living on and off campus.
- **Water stations** will allow students to forgo purchasing a non reusable bottle of water and bring their reusable bottles to water stations during certain special events to refill.
- **Informational signs** will be posted throughout the school to provide information on how to live more sustainably.

We'll look forward to meeting you all and hearing your own ideas for "greening" the Law School. Please feel free to email Sustainability Committee member David Kerschner at david.kerschner@gmail.com, or Aaron Jacobs-Smith at ajs639@nyu.edu to learn more or get involved.

Thanks so much and see you soon,

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