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WHO'S WHO IN L.A. LAW

Law of Nature

Laws and regulations about environmental matters have been popping up like dandelions in the spring. That means companies increasingly demand sharp lawyers who specialize in such issues as carbon emissions and cap-and-trade rules. In this special report, the Business Journal identifies L.A.'s top environmental attorneys and profiles more than 50 of them.



POLLY TOWILL, 49

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CLIENTS: Herbalife, Venoco Inc., Dale Poe Development Co., Madison/Graham, ColorGraphics Inc., Fresh Dining

Reason I'm a Lawyer: My mother told me to be a lawyer when I was in the fifth grade. She said I was a rare person who could win any argument while always being honest. Always listen to your mother.

Green Lifestyle: I don't like to waste. I have two young children whose future I want to preserve. We could do better, but we recycle, change the bulbs, turn off lights, turn off the water, turn down the thermostat – we are always conscience of our affect on the world. I still can't give up Diet Coke in a can, and that is a lot of aluminum.

Bucket List: Climb Mount Kilimanjaro, argue at the Supreme Court, live to see my grandkids, get tubbed by a wave.