

Legal Issues Relating to Sustainable Development

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ABSTRACT

My topic will discuss the myriad of issues relating to sustainable development. When the original green buildings were built/retrofitted, there were not many parties involved in the process. Today, green building encompasses numerous stakeholders that are instrumental in producing and thereafter, operating and maintaining sustainable development projects. To ignore the legal issues relating to achieving green building goals jeopardizes the entire process and defeats all parties' intent. The discussion will focus on how each player in the green building world can achieve desired results.

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