

BAY AREA GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM CERTIFIES MCMANIS FAULKNER AS GREEN BUSINESS

Leading Northern California Trial Firm Meets High Standards of Environmental Performance

SAN JOSE, Calif. – Oct. 19, 2009 – The Bay Area Green Business Program recently certified McManis Faulkner, a leading Northern California trial firm, as a Green Business. The program, which is coordinated by the Association of Bay Area Governments, only certifies those businesses that meet a set of high standards that regulate environmental performance. To meet the standards, McManis Faulkner implemented a number of business measures that involved water conservation, solid waste reduction and recycling, energy conservation and pollution prevention.

“Achieving official recognition as a Green Business is an important step in our ongoing commitment to our clients and community. In many ways, McManis Faulkner was green before it was cool. For example, we’ve always used glasses, mugs, dinnerware and silverware rather than paper or plastic products. However, we have also strengthened our pledge toward continued sustainability and added measures, large and small, to further minimize our carbon footprint,” said James McManis, head of the firm.

As part of its green certification, McManis Faulkner developed policies to create energy efficiency at the firmwide and individual levels, use paperless communications whenever possible, implement recycling and composting programs of all types and revise purchasing preferences for environmentally sensitive products and services.

McManis Faulkner attorneys and staff also have taken part in the sustainability commitment by reducing work travel, reducing the use of water bottles and paper cups and committing to recycling and reuse of office supplies.

About Bay Area Green Business Program:

The Bay Area Green Business Program distinguishes small businesses that protect, preserve and sustain our environment. Its partnership of

environmental agencies and utilities assists, offers incentives, and verifies that participating businesses conserve energy and water, minimize waste, prevent pollution and shrink their carbon footprints. On the Web:

www.greenbiz.abag.ca.gov.

About McManis Faulkner:

McManis Faulkner, a San Jose, Calif.-based trial firm, provides a full range of services, representing both corporations and individuals through trial and appeal. The firm handles a wide range of litigation, including business, civil rights, class actions, criminal, employment, family, general civil, intellectual property, personal injury, probate, and professional negligence. With experienced, well-trained trial lawyers and staff, McManis prides itself on its diversity – beyond ethnic, cultural and religious diversity, women comprise a majority of the firm's management and staff. On the Web:

www.mcmanislaw.com.