

R&C Attorney Casius Pealer Earns LEED Professional Certification

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Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC is pleased to announce that Casius Pealer, an associate at the firm, has recently achieved LEED v.2.2 professional accreditation, joining more than 35,000 other LEED Accredited Professionals around the world. Of those, Casius is one of the first LEED accredited real estate attorneys.

Prior to attending law school and joining Reno & Cavanaugh, Casius was trained as an architect and worked in various capacities throughout the building industry, from preliminary design through on-site construction experience. By achieving the LEED Accredited Professional designation, Casius has demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles, and a familiarity with the specific LEED requirements, resources, and processes. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Urban Land Institute (ULI), and is a board member for the national nonprofit housing organization, Design Corps.

"In addition to reducing ongoing utility costs, the LEED rating system emphasizes a number of issues that are already important to public and affordable housing, such as ensuring healthy indoor air quality and easy access to public transportation," said Casius. "Being creative about the initial financing in order to achieve these continuing social and economic goals is an increasingly important aspect of our work here at Reno & Cavanaugh."

The LEED Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. Over 50 cities and 17 states in the U.S. have enacted various policies, ordinances and incentives relating to the LEED system. A similar rating system, Green Communities, was developed by Enterprise specifically for affordable housing developments and is based on the LEED system. Washington, DC recently became the first major city to extend the requirements of LEED certification to new private developments, and DC's legislation applies the Green Communities standard to public and affordable housing developments beginning in 2008.

We are proud that Casius achieved this important milestone, as we believe that green building will be of increasing relevance to our clients over time. R&C attorneys are currently working with several development projects that intend to be LEED certified.

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