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**The John Marshall Law School offers students
new certificate in Sustainability Law**

(Chicago, November 14, 2011)...The John Marshall Law School offers a new J.D. Certificate in Sustainability Law through its Center for Real Estate Law. The new certificate allows J.D. students to pursue a focused program of study centering on the emerging, interdisciplinary area of sustainability and its increasing importance in real estate, transactional and regulatory work.

“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs,” said Celeste Hammond, director of the Center for Real Estate Law at The John Marshall Law School. “Only a small number of lawyers will specialize in sustainability law, but **most** business or commercial real estate lawyers need to know about the implications and consequences that sustainability, the green building movement and climate change will have on the real estate industry.”

“John Marshall already offers courses in sustainability law, but we saw the need for a more focused program of study in this area,” Hammond added. We developed this certificate in response to increased demand from students and employers alike.”

The sustainability certificate curriculum consists of required courses in energy law, environmental law, local government law, real estate transactions, sustainability in modern real estate transactions and a broader sampling of elective courses in real estate, environmental and government regulation law.

In order to earn the J.D. certificate in sustainability, candidates must complete a minimum of 25 credits in the sustainability curriculum, with 13 required credits and 12 elective credits.

The new sustainability certificate is an outgrowth of the Center’s overall Sustainability Initiative begun in academic year 2009-2010 when new courses were added to the curriculum to address sustainability issues, including Historic Preservation Law, Natural Resources Law, Energy Law, Sustainability in Modern Real Estate Transactions and a seminar in selected topics in sustainability.

In Spring 2012, Fred Bosselman (Professor Emeritus at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law) and Mark Burkland (Partner at Holland & Knight LLP) will teach “Seminar: Energy Development Projects – Three Actual Case Studies.” The course is open to J.D. students as well as attorneys and non-attorneys who wish to learn Energy Law in the context of real estate projects.

Besides Sustainability, John Marshall also offers J.D. Certificates in Elder Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Health Law, International Human Rights Law, Intellectual Property Law and Trial Advocacy.

For more information on the J.D. Certificate in Sustainability Law, view the Degree Programs link at www.jmls.edu/realestate or contact Celeste Hammond at 7hammond@jmls.edu.