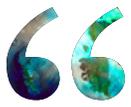


DEDICATED TO SUSTAINABILITY AND CHANGE



**A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity;
an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.**

– Winston Churchill

We at MoFo are optimists. We clearly see the devastating impacts of climate change – the floods, fires, and extreme weather. We see the pervasive and insidious racism that results in brutality and mass incarceration. We see the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on our most under-resourced communities, and we recognize that those same neighbors will be impacted most severely by changes in climate. We see the ever-widening disparity between those with means and those who are facing homelessness, starvation, and addiction.

But at MoFo, we also recognize the power of generating **impact alpha**. By working with our company clients and investors who see the opportunities, we can ensure that the services we provide help drive change in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. For many businesses it is now a mandate to achieve financial returns first while having a net positive social and environmental impact. And we walk the walk ourselves. We embrace the same unwavering commitment to diversity and sustainability within our firm as we do to advising our clients to help them meet their impact goals. Below is an overview of how we help make a difference, and we invite you to learn more about our work at [MoFo's Climate Briefing Room](#).



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- **The CASE Task Force** – MoFo co-founded the California Small Enterprise Task Force (CASE Task Force), a consortium of legal, financial, and nonprofit professionals working to connect California small businesses with the resources they need during the COVID-19 pandemic. The CASE Task Force has structured a novel and efficient fund to raise and deploy **\$1 billion** for low-interest loans that it will direct via CDFIs to our state's most under-resourced communities.
- **BSR** – MoFo advised BSR with the corporate structure and governance of REBA, the renewable energy buyers alliance.
- **The Carbon Endowment** – MoFo lawyers counseled The Carbon Endowment in a nonprofit partnership designed to retire coal deposits responsibly while alleviating the disadvantages to communities dependent on the coal mining industry, to qualify for a federal tax exemption, and to develop an advantageous “hybrid” dual-entity nonprofit/for-profit structure.
- **The Freedom Institute** – MoFo advised The Freedom Institute in establishing Veritus to provide additional out-patient treatment for addiction.
- **The Nature Conservancy** – MoFo advised The Nature Conservancy, working with RRG Capital Management, to co-design a conservation framework for a new Sustainable Water Impact Fund that would invest in land and water assets in California, Australia, and Chile.
- **Land-Preservation and Conservation** – MoFo has created legal documentation for many land trust agreements and similar arrangements that permanently protect land against future development.
- **PRIME Coalition** – MoFo advised PRIME with hybrid structuring advice as well as on a joint project to create a software climate assessment tool.

Learn more about our many pro bono efforts related to sustainability [here](#).



COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

As a founding member of Lawyers for a Sustainable Economy, MoFo pledged \$2 million in pro bono legal services to organizations for projects addressing climate change by the end of 2020. Our partners are leaders in various industry organizations such as:

- Founding board member of Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB)
- Board member of Business for Social Responsibility (BSR)
- President's Counsel at Ceres
- Co-chair of the Working Group for the Flexible Purpose Corporation – the first corporate form
- Corporate Legal Expert for CPUC and PG&E on Corporate Form and Governance to Address Climate Change
- Board member of California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance
- Advisory board member of the American Carbon Registry
- Member of Reference Group for United Nations PRI – Legal Framework for Impact



REPRESENTING CLIENTS FOCUSED ON CHANGE

We advise an extensive roster of clients on their groundbreaking work to promote sustainability and climate resilience, including:

- **Huck Capital**, an investment firm structured as a PBLLC committed to transforming the century-old utility model, in its partnership with Schneider Electric to form a new company that will deliver energy-as-a-service to commercial and industrial buildings.
- **The European Climate Foundation**, a major philanthropic initiative to help tackle climate change by fostering the development of a low-carbon society, on the formation a “first-of-its-kind” philanthropic initiative that aims to catalyze \$2.5 billion for clean energy investments in Southeast Asia.
- **Generate Capital** on its recently announced \$870 million fundraiser to continue to scale its renewable, sustainable infrastructure fleet. Over the last five years, Generate has built more than \$1 billion in sustainable infrastructure assets across the energy, waste, water, and transport markets.
- **Global Thermostat** with commercial contracts focused on innovative carbon capture technology.
- **Grid Alternatives** on investment financing for low- to moderate-income solar projects.
- **The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** on its investment in Enko and Alveo Technologies, among others.
- **The Rockefeller Foundation** on its structuring of a Zero Gap co-mingled fund and securities to combat climate change. The Zero Gap fund develops innovative financial solutions with the potential to catalyze large-scale private investment towards the Sustainable Development Goals.



DEDICATED TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

- *Law360* awarded MoFo second place in its 2020 Diversity Snapshot rankings.
- *The American Lawyer* recognized MoFo as a top 10 firm on the 2019 Diversity Scorecard, an annual survey that ranks law firms according to their percentage of racially and ethnically diverse lawyers and partners. MoFo has placed in the top 15 every year since 2001.
- Every year since 2003, MoFo has received a 100 percent ranking in Human Rights Campaign's annual report on LGBTQ+ equality in corporate America.
- For eight consecutive years, MoFo has received Gold Standard certification from the Women in Law Empowerment Forum in recognition of the integration of women into the firm's top leadership.

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