

Lights Out: Ward and Smith Gets Creative to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day at Home

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On April 22, 2020, several Ward and Smith attorneys and staff celebrated Earth Day by going dark.

Working without lights was one of many ways the firm's Green Team encouraged people to mark the 50th anniversary of this global environmental movement from the safety of their homes.

"While the COVID-19 pandemic certainly changed how we celebrated Earth Day this year, it has not affected Ward and Smith's dedication to building an environmentally sustainable law firm," remarked environmental attorney and Green Team leader, Amy Wang. "Our commitment is done through promoting best practices, such as reduce, reuse, and recycle, which can be done anywhere your 'office' may be."

In addition to the lights out approach, other activities to celebrate Earth Day included spending time outdoors (social distancing observed, of course), shutting off appliances no longer in use in the firm's offices, eating a meatless meal, and fixing or re-purposing items around the house. It appears that recent pandemic restrictions also have had a positive impact on the environment separate from any conscientious Earth Day activities.

Here's a look at how Ward and Smith attorneys and employees marked the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

The Green Team serves as the firm's partner in the ongoing conversation on sustainable practices, not only what is healthy in our work environment, but also our environmental impact on our communities throughout North Carolina. To learn more about the firm's green practice, visit our [Sustainability page](#).