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At its 2019 Annual Meeting the ABA House of Delegates adopted an important resolution on climate change. The resolution urged “federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments, and the private sector, to recognize their obligation to address climate change and take action to achieve the following goals:

- Reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions to net zero or below as soon as possible, consistent with the latest peer-reviewed science, and
- Contribute the U.S. fair share to holding the increase in the global average temperature to the lowest possible increase above pre-industrial levels....”

The resolution further urged “lawyers to engage in pro bono activities to aid efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change, and to advise their clients of the risks and opportunities that climate change provides.” Climate change has an impact on a wide range of legal practice areas including business, litigation, insurance, administrative law, environmental, land use, natural resources, energy, securities, national security, international and several others. That impact is likely only to increase as human society continues to break records for levels of greenhouse gases and annual average temperatures, and as the frequency and intensity of catastrophic weather events grows.

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