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Joseph Manko, Founding Partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, Receives Civic Leadership Award from Fairmount Park Conservancy

Philadelphia, PA (May 7, 2012) – Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox Founding Partner Joseph M. Manko received the Civic Leadership Award at the Fifth Annual Centennial Celebration of the Fairmount Park Conservancy on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at The Horticulture Center in West Fairmount Park. Manko was recognized for his commitment and dedication to preserving and enhancing the Fairmount Park system and open spaces throughout the Philadelphia region.

John Binswanger, board chair and founder of the Conservancy, was thrilled to present this award to Manko. He said, “Through his service as Fairmount Park Commissioner and currently as a member of the Board of Directors of the Fairmount Park Conservancy, Joe’s unwavering commitment to engaging and connecting stakeholders and partners around sustainable development and the environment has been an invaluable asset to the Conservancy and the City itself.”

Throughout his career, Manko has held many leadership positions in the region and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Currently he co-chairs the Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board for the City of Philadelphia, and since 2003, he has been the Governor’s designee to chair

the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST). He is also serving as an Advisory Committee member for the Liberty Housing Development Corp. He serves as a master emeritus of the Delaware Valley Environmental Inn of Court, served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, and serves as a member of the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board Rules committee. Manko was appointed by the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners to serve on the County's Task Force on the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. His longest position was to serve as Commissioner to Lower Merion Township for 27 years until his retirement in 2006, making him the Township's longest serving elected official. In 2007, he had an appointment by Governor Tom Ridge to serve on Pennsylvania's 21st Century Environment Commission.

Professionally, Manko is known for his extensive knowledge and practice of environmental law, focusing in sustainability initiatives, environmental reporting and alternate dispute resolution. MGKF Managing Partner Robb Fox commented, "Joe is the heart and soul of our firm and by example has shown the importance of giving back to the community."

Manko lectures extensively, having served as an adjunct law professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Vermont Law Schools for many years, and writes articles on environment and land use law. He is honored to have received numerous environmental awards, including the Conservation Professional of the Year in 2000 from the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation, the Montgomery County Democrat of the Year in 2000, the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Environmental, Mineral and Natural Resources Law Section's annual award in 2001, the Lower Merion Conservancy's annual award in 2002, and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's Winsor Award in 2007. In 2010, he received a Regional Excellence Award as the "Regional Leader of the Year" by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

MGKF concentrates its practice in environmental, energy, and land use law and litigation. It represents clients ranging from Fortune 100 corporations to small, privately held enterprises, both in the Mid-Atlantic region and on a national basis. MGKF was honored to be the top-rated law firm in the Top Workplaces 2012 and 2011 surveys by the Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com. Offices are located at 401 City Avenue, Suite 500, Bala Cynwyd,

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