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Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, Presents ***Greening Your Real Estate Deal*** **at the Temple Real Estate Institute**

April 16 and May 10, 2012

Philadelphia, PA (April 16, 2012) – MGKF founding partner Joseph M. Manko, along with attorneys Brenda H. Gotanda, Rodd W. Bender, Suzanne Ilene Schiller, and Brett Slensky, presented *Greening Your Real Estate Deals: Opportunities and Risks in Sustainable Development* as part of the Temple Real Estate Institute. The course was offered on Monday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will be presented again on Thursday, May 10 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The course educates real estate professionals on the latest consensus standards, legal and regulatory issues and transactional trends in green building, energy efficiency and renewable energy, green marketing, and infrastructure considerations. Participants explore from a litigation perspective how to identify, avoid, and resolve disputes that can arise in these contexts.

Joseph M. Manko has 40 years of experience advising clients on environmental issues relating to real estate development, regulatory permitting and compliance, and transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, environmental reporting, and alternative dispute resolution matters. Manko was a member of the board of the Fairmount Park Commission and serves on the board of the Fairmount Park Conservancy. He currently co-chairs the Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board and serves as an Advisory Committee member for the Liberty Housing Development Corp.

Gotanda serves as co-chair of MGKF's Sustainability practice group and is a LEED® Accredited Professional. For over 18 years, she has represented and counseled clients on environmental and energy issues in business and real estate transactions, regulatory compliance and permitting matters and agency enforcement actions. Her practice includes green building, sustainability, site redevelopment, water and waste. Ms. Gotanda serves on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council and is Chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council.

Rodd Bender has been with the firm since 1997. He concentrates his practice in brownfield and development transactions, as well as providing compliance counseling across a variety of regulatory programs. Rodd represents a range of clients, such as developers, municipalities, economic development authorities, industrial companies, and telecommunications firms.

Schiller concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate and complex civil litigation. She has represented Fortune 100 companies, leading shopping center owners, commercial real estate developers, big box tenants, building contractors, and municipalities such as the City of Philadelphia.

Brett Slensky focuses his practice on environmental aspects of commercial transactions, property development, regulatory compliance, and renewable energy matters. Slensky counsels clients on various aspects of renewable energy projects, and has represented a range of clients in this practice area, including project owners, developers and financial institutions.

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, Pennsylvania and 535 Route 38, Suite 145A, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. For additional information, visit www.mgkflaw.com or call 484-430-5700 or 856-317-1299.

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