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**Joseph M. Manko, Jonathan E. Rinde, Brenda Hustis Gotanda and
Brett Slensky of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP,
Spoke at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's
Real Estate Institute**

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Philadelphia, PA (December 8, 2011) – Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (“MGKF”) attorneys Joseph M. Manko, Jonathan E. Rinde, Brenda Hustis Gotanda, and Brett Slensky spoke recently at the PBI Real Estate Institute. Manko, Gotanda and Slensky were part of a panel on the topic “Making Sense of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy”. Their program covered the regulatory drivers and market incentives fueling the drive towards energy efficiency and renewable energy, including solar and wind power. Rinde gave a program entitled “Stormwater Permitting for Real Estate Development,” focused on the process of obtaining National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) coverage for discharges of stormwater from construction activities as well as enforcement of and compliance with stormwater permits.

Manko has more than 35 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. He has served, since 2003, as the Governor's designee to chair the Board of Directors of PENNVEST. He was appointed by the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners to serve on the County's Task Force on the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. 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. In 2010, the DVRPC honored Manko with the Regional Excellence Award as the "Regional Leader of the Year".

At MGKF, Rinde's practice includes all environmental aspects of real estate development and management, and he counsels clients on environmental permitting, due diligence, and other transactional issues. He handles matters related to wetlands and stormwater regulations, sewage facilities and their planning, brownfields redevelopment, military base conversions, and business transactions. Rinde also is experienced in technical environmental studies and wetland assessments.

Gotanda has over 18 years of experience in counseling and representing clients on a broad range of environmental, energy, land use, and health and safety issues in regulatory compliance, business and real estate transactions, permitting, and agency enforcement matters. Her practice includes green building, alternative energy and energy efficiency, sustainability programs, due diligence, brownfield redevelopment, water and waste compliance, spill response, and site remediation. She is Co-Chair of the firm's Sustainability practice and is a LEED® Accredited Professional. Ms. Gotanda serves on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council (DVGBC) and is Chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council.

Brett Slensky, an associate with MGKF, focuses his practice on environmental aspects of commercial transactions, property development, and regulatory compliance and renewable energy matters. Slensky counsels clients on various aspects of solar energy

projects as well as available federal and state incentives for the production and use of renewable energies.

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 2011 survey 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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