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**Brenda Hustis Gotanda
to Moderate A Program on
“Energy Efficiency Benchmarking and
Its Benefit to Real Estate Transactions”
for the Urban Land Institute (ULI)**

**Friday, May 13
8 to 9:30 a.m.**

Philadelphia, PA (April 26, 2011) – Brenda Hustis Gotanda, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), the environmental, energy and land use law firm based in Bala Cynwyd, PA, will moderate a breakfast program on Friday, May 13 at the offices of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), 1650 Arch Street, 4th floor, in Philadelphia. The program, “Energy Efficiency Benchmarking and Its Benefit to Real Estate Transactions,” will be presented by the ULI’s Urban Initiatives Council from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

The program will include a panel discussion on state-of-the-art energy efficiency upgrades for building systems, with a focus on accepted and emerging models for measurement and benchmarking of efficiency, including EnergyStar and ASTM standards. The program will also address how these tools support valuation and risk reduction. Gotanda will moderate the panel, which will include Andrew Kreider of the U.S. EPA, Brad Molotsky of Brandywine Realty

Trust, and Laurie Actman of Viridity Energy. For complete details on registration and to register for the program, visit www.uli.org and click on the “Find Events” tab in upper right corner.

Gotanda is Co-Chair of the MGKF Sustainability practice and is a LEED® Accredited Professional (LEED AP). She represents and counsels clients on a broad range of environmental, energy, land use, and health and safety issues in regulatory compliance, transactional, permitting, and 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. 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 (EAC). Gotanda is a founder and Director Emeritus of the Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia (SWEP). Ms. Gotanda has also served as Co-Chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Japanese House and Garden in Fairmount Park. She earned her J.D. degree, with honors, from the University of Texas School of Law and her B.A. degree, summa cum laude, from Boston College.

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's 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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