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Joseph Manko, of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, Spoke at Leadership Main Line Class of 2011

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Philadelphia, PA (April 13, 2011) – Joseph M. Manko, founder of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF) spoke at “It Takes A Village, So Build It—Citizenship and Getting Involved” as part of the Leadership Main Line Class of 2011 program presented by the Main Line Chamber of Commerce. He is a most appropriate speaker to address this leadership program as Manko was the longest-serving Commissioner of Lower Merion Township. He participated in the government, education and community development panel from 8:30 – 11 a.m. where he shared his personal experience of the various volunteer positions he has held over the past four decades. Together, the panel offered insight into opportunities for influence and involvement, discussed the function of government entities at the local and state levels, and addressed opportunities for involvement in education.

Joseph M. Manko, in addition to his law practice, is a director emeritus of the Lower Merion Conservancy and 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, and served as a member of the Lower Merion Township Board of Commissioners from 1980 until 2006. In addition, he is the past chair of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, former vice chair of the State Water Law Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and past chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the

Philadelphia Bar Association. 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.

Appointed by Governor Tom Ridge in July 1997, Manko served on Pennsylvania's 21st Century Environment Commission, co-chairing its Land Use Priority Team and, since 2003, served as Governor Rendell's designee to chair the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (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.

Manko lectures extensively, having served as an adjunct law professor at the University of Pennsylvania and University of Vermont for many years. He writes articles on environment and land use law and has 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'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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