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Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox Attorneys Present...

“The New Green Economy and Green Building: What Commercial Real Estate Professionals Need to Know”

Monday, April 26

At The Temple Real Estate Institute

Philadelphia, PA (April 15, 2010) – Green building is a trend that commercial and industrial real estate professionals must understand. Joseph M. Manko, Rodd W. Bender and Brenda Hustis Gotanda, LEED AP, attorneys at Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), the environmental, energy and land use law firm based in Bala Cynwyd, PA, will present “The New Green Economy and Green Building: What Commercial Real Estate Professionals Need to Know” on Monday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The seminar will be held at The Temple Real Estate Institute, located at Temple University’s Center City Campus, 1515 Market Street.

This continuing education course will familiarize participants with green building basics, government mandates and voluntary standards, new developments in the LEED rating system, liability and risk management, green leasing, and public funding opportunities. The cost for attending this program is \$70 and registration is required in advance by calling the Temple Real Estate Institute at 215-204-1539.

Manko has more than 35 years of experience advising clients on environmental issues. In addition to being a founding partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, an environmental, energy and land use law firm, he has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1991. For 19 years, he served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a summer lecturer-in-law at Vermont Law School. Manko graduated magna cum laude from Yale University in 1961 and cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1964. Manko currently serves on the Board of Fairmount Park Conservancy and co-chairs Mayor Nutter’s Sustainability Advisory Board.

Bender joined MGKF in 1997 and focuses his practice on matters involving brownfields redevelopment and transactions, regulatory compliance and counseling, and environmental auditing/compliance management systems. Bender previously worked as a law clerk for a federal judge in Savannah, Georgia and had served as an analyst for the Environment and Health Systems Group, American Management Systems, Inc., performing program analysis and support for EPA. He is a graduate of Brown University, magna cum laude, and received his masters in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He earned his juris doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he served as special projects editor of the Law Review.

Gotanda, a LEED Accredited Professional, has over 16 years of experience in environmental, energy and land use matters. Gotanda counsels and represents businesses in regulatory, green building, sustainability, transactional, permitting, and enforcement matters. She is listed in The Best Lawyers in America, has been named a Top Lawyer in environmental law by Main Line Today, and has been recognized as a “Rising Star” in the area of Environmental Law by the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers publication . She is currently serving her second term as Chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council and is a founder and Director Emeritus of the Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia (SWEP). She has also served as Co-Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association Environmental Law Committee. Gotanda graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law and summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Boston College.

Celebrating its 20th year, 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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