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## BRENDA HUSTIS GOTANDA OF MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP TO SPEAK ON LEGAL AND REGULATORY ISSUES IN GREEN BUILDING

**Philadelphia, PA** (**December 8, 2009**) – Brenda Hustis Gotanda, a partner and LEED Accredited Professional with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox (MGKF), LLP, will address architects, engineers, lawyers, and contractors on "Legal and Regulatory Issues in Green Building" on Wednesday, December 16 in Fort Washington, PA. The one-day program is sponsored by Half Moon Seminars, LLC.

Gotanda will cover topics including green building certification and incentives; green contracts and risk management; avoiding pitfalls when choosing a green building site; cost and benefits of carbon emissions reduction; and how to verify the sustainability and energy efficiency of existing buildings.

Gotanda has over 15 years of experience in environmental, energy, land use, and health and safety matters. She counsels and represents businesses in regulatory, transactional, permitting, and enforcement matters. Her practice includes green building, sustainability, site remediation and brownfield redevelopment, waste and recycling, water quality and water pollution control, and alternative energy matters. Gotanda is listed in The Best Lawyers in America, has been named a Top Lawyer in environmental law by Main Line Today, and has received the Touchstone Award from the Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia (SWEP - Philadelphia). She is currently serving her second term as Chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council and is a founder and Director Emeritus of SWEP- Philadelphia. She has also served as Co-Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association Environmental Law Committee. Gotanda graduated with honors from the University of Texas Law School and summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Boston College.

"Legal and Regulatory Issues in Green Building" will be held on Wednesday, December 16 at the Holiday Inn, 432 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Washington, PA. Continuing Education Credits will be offered. For registration and additional information, visit www.halfmoonseminars.com.

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 <a href="www.mgkflaw.com">www.mgkflaw.com</a> or call 484-430-5700 or 856-317-1299.