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**Philadelphia, PA (October 6, 2009)** – Jonathan Rinde, Brenda Hustis Gotanda and Meredith DuBarry Huston, attorneys with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), recently spoke on “Legal Aspects of Low Impact and Green Development” at the 2009 Annual Conference of PA Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). The conference, “Investing In a Sustainable Future,” was held at the Dolce Valley Forge hotel in King of Prussia, Pa.

“Legal Aspects of Low Impact and Green Development” covered topics including the new LEED Version 3, the legal risks and liabilities associated with green building, and legal requirements for conservation easements and environmental covenants in low impact and green development.

Rinde, a partner with MGKF, focuses his practice on matters relating to the environmental aspects of real estate development and management, water, and waste regulation and permitting, wetlands regulations, brownfields redevelopment, military base conversions, business transactions, and environmental litigation. He serves as Vice Chairman of the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy and sits on the Board of Directors for the Colleagueville Economic Development Corporation. Rinde is also Chairman of the Montgomery County Agricultural Lands Preservation Board. Rinde graduated cum laude from Temple University Law School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a Masters of Regional Planning from the University of Michigan.

Gotanda, a partner with MGKF and a LEED Accredited Professional, counsels and represents businesses, private parties and coalitions in regulatory, transactional, permitting, and enforcement matters involving environmental, energy, and land use law. Her practice includes green building, sustainability, site remediation and brownfield redevelopment, waste and recycling, water quality and water pollution control, and alternative energy matters. She serves 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 Law School and summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Boston College.

Huston, an associate with MGKF and a LEED Accredited Professional, counsels clients on issues related to litigation, including challenges to agency action, class actions, toxic tort claims, cost recovery actions, and actions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”) and other federal and state environmental laws. In addition to litigation, Huston advises clients on a range of environmental matters, including compliance with federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements, including the New Jersey Spill Act and the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and received her bachelor’s degree in Environmental Studies, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Middlebury 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](http://www.mgkflaw.com) or call 484-430-5700 or 856-317-1299.*

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