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**BRENDA H. GOTANDA, ESQUIRE,
EARNS LEED® AP ACCREDITATION, EXPANDING CREDENTIALLED TEAM
AT MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP**

Philadelphia, PA (June 16, 2009) – Brenda Hustis Gotanda, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), an environmental, energy and land use law firm, has earned the designation of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional (LEED AP) under the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) professional credentialing program administered by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). Gotanda is one of a limited number of attorneys in Pennsylvania to have achieved this designation. Gotanda, who represents clients developing high performance green buildings, pursued the LEED AP designation in order to better serve clients with the legal issues arising in the green building context. Gotanda joins MGKF in-house technical consultant, Michael Nines, a Pennsylvania-licensed professional engineer, who received his LEED AP accreditation in 2008. Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, is a member of the USGBC.

The LEED professional accreditation is awarded to those who have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and who have the knowledge and skills to successfully steward the LEED certification process. LEED is currently the leading benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings.

“Our firm at its core has always been committed to the promotion of sustainable business practices,” said Managing Partner Robert Fox. “With over two decades of experience in environmental legal matters and with the recent LEED accreditation of both our partner, Brenda Gotanda, and our in-house engineer, Michael Nines, we are uniquely positioned to provide counsel and representation to clients developing or retrofitting high performance green buildings.”

The first attorney at MGKF to become LEED accredited, Gotanda counsels and represents businesses, industry, 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.

Gotanda is currently serving her second term as Chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council. She is a founder and Director Emeritus of the Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia (SWEP) and has also served as Co-Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association Environmental Law Committee. She is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America® 2009* (Copyright 2009 by Woodward/White, Inc. of Aiken, S.C.) for Environmental Law and was previously recognized as a “Rising Star” in the area of Environmental Law by the Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers* publication and *Philadelphia Magazine* in 2005, 2006 and 2007. Gotanda graduated with honors from the University of Texas Law School and summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa 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

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