

## JONATHAN E. RINDE OF MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP ELECTED CHAIR OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

**Philadelphia**, **PA (March 16, 2009)** – Jonathan E. Rinde, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), an environmental, energy and land use law firm, was recently elected Chair of the Montgomery County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, following his reappointment to the board by the Montgomery County Commissioners. He will serve a term that expires December 31, 2011.

The Agricultural Land Preservation Board works to preserve farming in Montgomery County, in part by purchasing the development rights to agricultural property, and ensuring that the property thereafter continues to be used for agriculture. To date, Montgomery County's Agricultural Land Preservation Board has enabled the purchase of development rights for over 7,500 acres of farmland.

At MGKF, Rinde's practice includes 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 is Vice Chairman of the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy and is on the Board of Directors for the Collegeville Economic Development Corporation. He resides in Collegeville, PA.

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.

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 <u>www.mgkflaw.com</u> or call 484-430-5700 or 856-317-1299.

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