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**JOSEPH MANKO AND RODD BENDER
OF MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP
TO SPEAK ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
ON REAL ESTATE**

Philadelphia, PA (November 28, 2008) – Joseph Manko, a founding partner, and Rodd Bender, partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP in Bala Cynwyd, will speak on “Environmental Impacts on Real Estate: New Developments and Emerging Trends” at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s (PBI) 12TH Annual Real Estate Institute on Thursday, December 4. The two-day program will take place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia.

Manko and Bender will address real estate attorneys on environmental impacts on real estate including recent changes to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s audit policy benefiting owners of newly acquired facilities, requirements for recording activity and use limitations in brownfield remediations under Pennsylvania’s Uniform Environmental Covenants Act, and new developments in stormwater management. They will also provide a glimpse into the future of real estate development, as the issues of climate change and energy independence move to the forefront.

Manko has 35 years of experience in environmental law and is a strong advocate and academic expert on environmental compliance and protection. He has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1991. Manko has served as a lecturer-in-law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, teaching courses on environmental law, practice and policy, and as a guest lecturer at Vermont Law School. He graduated magna cum laude from Yale University in 1961 and cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1964. He currently serves as co-chair of the Sustainability Advisory Board for the City of Philadelphia and on the Fairmount Park Commission. Manko has expressed his concerns for environmental protection locally and globally by lecturing to local civic organizations on a variety of topics including global warming, Brownfield and other real estate development issues, land recycling, indoor air liability and financial disclosure of environmental liabilities.

Bender joined MGKF in 1997 and focuses his practice on matters involving brownfields redevelopment and transactions, regulatory compliance and counseling (including storage tanks, spill prevention planning, community right-to-know reporting, and other programs), and environmental auditing/compliance management systems. He currently teaches a course on representing regulated clients as an adjunct faculty member at Drexel University’s Earle Mack School of Law. 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.

The 12th Annual Real Estate Institute will be held on Thursday, December 4 and Friday, December 5 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th and Arch Streets in Philadelphia. The program will be held

from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and a luncheon at 12 p.m. CLE credits will be offered. For tuition fees and information, call 800-932-4637 or visit www.pbi.org.

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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