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**TUESDAY, APRIL 22 AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY REAL ESTATE INSTITUTE,
CENTER CITY: “CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT IMPACT
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE” COURSE PRESENTATION BY
JOSEPH M. MANKO AND RODD W. BENDER**

Philadelphia, PA (March 11, 2008) – Joseph Manko and Rodd Bender, partners with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), an environmental, energy and land use law firm, will teach “Current Environmental Issues that Impact Commercial/Industrial Real Estate” at the Temple University Real Estate Institute on Tuesday, April 22 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Center City campus. The course is being offered as part of the Real Estate Institute’s Continuing Education program.

Manko and Bender will instruct commercial and industrial real estate professionals on how to identify and understand environmental development and liability hurdles that can impact and undermine the sale or lease of properties ranging from office buildings to retail centers. Major topics include due diligence, environmental contract provisions, insurance products, voluntary cleanup programs, wetlands, wastewater, and storm water controls.

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 on the Philadelphia Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Fairmount Park Commission.

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. 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.

“Current Environmental Issues that Impact Commercial/Industrial Real Estate” will be offered at Temple University Real Estate Institute on Tuesday, April 22 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. as part of the institute’s Continuing Education program. Tuition is \$70 and participants will earn 3.5 hours credit. Also offered on the 22nd is “Tax Strategies for Real Estate Investors,” from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., which makes it possible for real estate professionals to complete seven hours of continuing education in one day. The classes will be offered at Temple University Center City,

1515 Market Street, Philadelphia. To register call 215-204-1530 or visit www.temple.edu/tucc/rei.

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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.