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## **Jonathan Rinde and Michael Dillon of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP Author Chapters in *The Law of Oil & Gas in Pennsylvania***

Philadelphia, PA (November 10, 2014) – Jonathan Rinde and Michael Dillon of the environmental, energy, land use law and litigation firm of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox (MGKF) penned chapters for the recently released *The Law of Oil & Gas in Pennsylvania* published by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. The book focuses on emerging developments related to the laws that impact oil and gas activities in Pennsylvania.

Jonathan Rinde wrote the chapter focused on “Wetlands and Water Permitting.” The main scope of this chapter deals with permitting under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Topics include geographic and legal jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers, what activities are regulated, the permit application preparation, submission and review process, as well as drilling down into the individual, nationwide and Pennsylvania state programmatic general permitting review processes. These issues affect exploration and production companies, as well as mid-stream (e.g. pipeline) companies.

Michael Dillon teamed up with Jonathan Rinde for another chapter focused on Wildlife issues. The manner in which wildlife issues affect oil and gas exploration, production, and transport in Pennsylvania is controlled by a variety of federal and state laws, regulations, policies and guidance materials. Rinde and Dillon delve into the federal regulations associated with the Endangered Species Act, federal and Pennsylvania jurisdictional agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Game Commission, the Fish & Boat Commission, and the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, as well as the Department of Environmental Protection’s Policy for Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) coordination during the permit review and evaluation process.

Jonathan Rinde, a partner with MGKF, entered the legal profession with an educational background in natural resources and the sciences and professional experience as an environmental consultant. He advises clients on issues ranging from wetlands, endangered species, and cultural resources to those involving brownfields remediation, sewage facilities, and real estate transactions and permitting. Rinde was lead environmental counsel to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development and its acquisition of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, an approximately 1,400-acre former military base in South Philadelphia, a representation that still continues today as he assists in its redevelopment as a vibrant mixed-use development. Early in his career, he was a guest on-air commentator on Court TV, discussing a citizen's suit regarding a claim of harm to the American bald eagle.

Michael Dillon is an associate at MGKF where he concentrates his practice on regulatory compliance, transactional matters and litigation, particularly in the areas of air, water quality, and natural resource protection and conservation. In law school he received multiple academic awards, including the Burton Award for Legal Achievement "Distinguished Law School Winner" award, a national writing award presented for excellence in legal writing. He also received Temple University Beasley School of Law's top writing prize upon graduation. In his final year in law school, he served a year-long federal judicial clerkship clinical with the Honorable Gene E.K. Pratter and worked as a judicial intern for the Honorable J. Curtis Joyner, both in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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