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## **Diana Silva of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP Selected for the Philadelphia Young Lawyers Division's Board Observer Program**

(Philadelphia, PA – January 29, 2015) – Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox attorney Diana A. Silva was recently selected for the Philadelphia Young Lawyers Division's Board Observer Program (BOP). In this capacity, she will serve on board for the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA – Columbia North Branch. The Columbia North YMCA serves North Philadelphia, Fairmount, Kensington, Northern Liberties, Brewerytown and the surrounding communities.

The Board Observer Program is an initiative that gives young lawyers practicing in Philadelphia the opportunity to learn more about local public interest legal services organizations and to develop leadership skills necessary to serve on the boards of such organizations. The Philadelphia Bar Foundation, in partnership with the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Delivery of Legal Services Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has developed the BOP to provide invaluable personal and professional experience for young attorneys.

Diana is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Drexel University School of Law, where she served as a teaching assistant for Civil Procedure and the Academic Skills program and was also a member of the *Drexel Law Review*, publishing an article regarding urban redevelopment issues. She is currently a Teaching Fellow at Drexel, teaching Writing Strategies for the Bar, a class focused on improving the writing skills of third-year law students. During law school, Ms. Silva participated in Drexel's co-op program and worked in Exelon's legal department, a leading national energy company and the parent of multiple local electric utilities, including southeastern Pennsylvania's PECO. She also served as a judicial intern for the Hon. L. Felipe Restrepo, of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Before entering law school, Ms. Silva was a

municipal planner and grant coordinator for the Borough of Norristown's Planning & Municipal Development Department in Montgomery County.

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