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Joseph M. Manko of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP to Receive 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award from *The Legal Intelligencer*

Philadelphia, PA (March 20, 2015) – Joseph M. Manko, one of the founding partners of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (“MGKF”), the environmental, energy and land use law and litigation firm located just outside of Philadelphia, PA, will be honored by *The Legal Intelligencer* (“*The Legal*”) with a 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award. Manko and the other recipients will be honored at a celebratory dinner on May 20.

The selection process included consultation with trusted members of the community for their recommendations of attorneys to consider, coupled with input from *The Legal* staff to pare down the list. According to *The Legal*, all of the honorees have collectively moved forward the legal profession in the state, helped foster the legal education of younger attorneys and stood as examples of some of the best virtues of Pennsylvania attorneys.

Partner Robb Fox said, “This recognition is well deserved and a real tribute to our founder who initiated the culture and standard of excellence for our firm who has been referred to as ‘one of the founding fathers of environmental law in the state.’” Managing Partner Jonathan Spergel added, “Joe is a visionary who was ahead of the curve twenty-five years ago when he took a big leap of faith and opened a stand-alone environmental practice with Marc Gold and Bruce Katcher. That vision has now grown into an enduring and nationally recognized, environmental and energy law practice.”

Manko and the other founders foresaw a growing need for environmental services and wanted to create a firm culture that produced the highest quality legal work, offered ancillary consulting services, and fostered an inclusive business model and civic involvement. Over the years Manko has accrued more than four decades of experience advising clients on environmental issues relating to real estate development, regulatory permitting and compliance, and transactional matters.

Community commitment has always been at the forefront at MGKF and with Manko in particular. He currently co-chairs the Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board as well as Project Leadership Committee of the Audubon Pennsylvania and Outward Bound Philadelphia project to preserve the City's East Park Reservoir. He also serves as a vice president and member of the executive committee and board of the Fairmount Park Conservancy, in addition to being on the board of the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Philadelphia Film Society.

Manko served as the regional counsel to the USEPA Middle Atlantic Region from 1973 to 1975 and was an elected commissioner on the Lower Merion Board of Commissioners for 27 years (1980-2006), including two terms as its vice president and president. Manko also served as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and was a member of the board of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. He was appointed to Governor Tom Ridge's Pennsylvania's 21st Century Environment Commission and as Governor Rendell's and subsequently Governor Corbett's designee to chair the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) from 2003-2012.

Throughout his career, he has received numerous awards, including the "Regional Leader of the Year" by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Fairmount Park Conservancy's "Civic Leader of the Year" for his decades-long civic leadership in the Philadelphia area. Manko also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School from 1988-2006, as a summer lecturer at the Vermont Law School from 1989 until 2005, and the president and trustee at Beth David Reform Congregation.

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. Offices are located at: 401 City Avenue, Suite 901, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania; 535 Route 38, Suite 145A, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; and at 25 West Third Street, Suite 303, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. For additional information, visit www.mankogold.com or call 484-430-5700, 856-317-1299, or 570-567-7325.

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