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Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP Participates in the American Legal Industry Sustainability Standard Pilot Launch of the Law Firm Sustainability Network

Philadelphia, PA (April 27, 2015) –Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), the environmental, energy and land use law and litigation firm, located just outside of Philadelphia is proud to participate in the ALISS (American Legal Industry Sustainability Standard) pilot launch of the Law Firm Sustainability Network. ALISS is an online assessment tool designed to help law firms measure the success of their environmental sustainability programs and discover opportunities to improve their sustainability programs. [See press release here.](#)

MGKF has already taken many proactive steps on the sustainability front. Just last year, the firm utilized sustainable design and construction when relocating its headquarters office from the fifth floor to the ninth floor of 401 City Avenue in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. MGKF's commercial interior buildout project achieved the prestigious LEED Gold® certification under the LEED Green Building Rating System for Interior Design and Construction: Commercial Interiors (LEED® ID+C: Commercial Interiors). MGKF was the first law firm in the Philadelphia region to achieve Gold level certification under LEED for Commercial Interiors for its office space.

The LEED recognition was particularly important to the firm since sustainability has always been a key component of the firm's culture and professional practice. "When it was time to relocate our offices, we wanted to demonstrate market leadership, reduce environmental impacts, and promote employee health

and well-being,” explained Brenda H. Gotanda, head of the firm's Sustainability practice and a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP).

Chief Operating Officer John S. Kirk added, “Our LEED-certified office space is a reflection of our practice, firm culture and business operations.” Our new office suite buildout focused on sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

The Manko team has long been committed to providing the highest quality legal services to clients, while also acting as responsible stewards for the environment. Although the term sustainability has only been popularized in recent years, the concept has been part of the firm culture since its inception more than 25 years ago. In the area of energy savings, for example, when the U.S. EPA launched its Green Lights program in the early 1990s, the firm enrolled and retrofitted office lighting fixtures with energy-efficient, low-mercury compact fluorescent bulbs and installed occupancy sensors. Today, sustainable features are found throughout our new office space and a formal Sustainability Policy has been implemented.

MGKF also administers the Sustainability Directors' Roundtable and facilitates collaborative discussion among its members on challenges, successes and new approaches to promoting and integrating sustainability in a broad range of business sectors. Over 50 organizations participate in the Sustainability Directors' Roundtable, with members representing sectors such as retail, real estate, manufacturing, health care, energy, grocery, colleges and universities, waste and recycling, architecture, financial services, transportation and telecommunications.

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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