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Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP Presented “LEED® for Lawyers: A Green Building Update and Tour” for the ACC Greater Philadelphia Chapter

(Philadelphia, PA – November 23, 2015) –Brenda H. Gotanda, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (“MGKF”), the environmental, energy and land use law and litigation firm based just outside of Philadelphia, PA, teamed up with in-house technical consultant Michael Nines, PE, LEED AP, to present “LEED® for Lawyers: A Green Building Update and Tour.” Their presentation was for the Association of Corporate Counsel Greater Philadelphia Chapter’s Real Estate CLE that took place on Tuesday, November 17.

The program served as a primer to assist in-house counsel better understand LEED (which means Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), the legal issues involved and how they can most effectively assist their clients with the incorporation of sustainable design and construction into new and existing office and industrial space. The educational program covered key legal issues in green building and the latest update to the LEED rating system, LEEDv.4. The program also featured the new Director of Sustainability for Liberty Property Trust, Billy Grayson who discussed green leases and the LEED volume certification program. The panelists all hold LEED AP® professional accreditations.

MGKF sponsored and hosted the event at their Bala Cynwyd headquarters. The morning program included a tour of MGKF’s offices. MGKF was the first law firm in the Philadelphia region to

achieve Gold level certification under the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Green Building Rating System for Interior Design and Construction: Commercial Interiors (LEED-CI 2009) for its office buildout.

Gotanda leads the firm's Sustainability practice group, providing strategic guidance to clients seeking to reduce risk and enhance value through green building and integration of sustainable practices into core business operations. She brings over 20 years of experience representing and counseling clients on complex and cutting-edge matters in the field of environmental and health and safety law. Her practice addresses a broad range of issues involving water, waste, air, and chemical substances, green building, green claims, renewable energy, and brownfield redevelopment.

A licensed professional engineer with over 17 years of diverse environmental engineering experience, Nines assists the firm's attorney's and clients with complex multi-media environmental problem solving through "real-world" experiences in the manufacturing, production, retail, and real estate sectors. He takes the time to understand the intricacies of many clients' complex manufacturing facilities, development projects, and related technologies in order to fully comprehend relevant regulatory concerns while maintaining a corporate management perspective to problem solving.

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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