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“Green Leases for the Next Generation of Sustainable Buildings”

Tri-State Sustainability Symposium
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(Philadelphia, PA – February 15, 2016) – Brenda Hustis Gotanda, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), the environmental, energy and land use law and litigation firm based just outside Philadelphia, PA, will be a panelist for, “Green Leases for the Next Generation of Sustainable Buildings.” The program is part of the Tri-State Sustainability Symposium hosted by the Delaware Valley Green Building Council and will be held at Temple University’s Howard Gittis Student Center on Friday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m. MGKF is also a sponsor of the symposium.

At the firm, Gotanda leads its Sustainability practice group, providing strategic guidance to clients seeking to reduce risk and enhance value by integrating sustainable practices into core operations. She has over 20 years of experience representing and counseling clients on environmental, health and safety regulatory compliance, transaction, permitting and enforcement matters. Her practice addresses a broad range of complex issues involving the regulation of water, waste, air, and chemical substances; business and real estate transactions; green building, green claims, renewable energy, and sustainability; site remediation and brownfield redevelopment; occupational safety and health; and spill prevention and emergency response.

She played a key role in overseeing the sustainable design and construction of the new MGKF headquarters in 2014. 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 is the first law firm in the Philadelphia region to achieve Gold level certification under LEED for Commercial Interiors for its office space.

Gotanda serves on the Board of Directors of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, a National Estuary Program, and previously served on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council. She is a LEED® Accredited Professional. She founded and leads the Sustainability Directors' Roundtable, a key forum for sustainability directors and managers in our region. She is also a co-founder and Director Emeritus of the Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia. Gotanda has served as Co-Chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, as Chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council, on the Greenbuild 2013 Host Committee, and on the Board of Directors of Shofuso Japanese House and Garden. She is a frequent speaker and author on topics of environmental law, green building, and sustainability.

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.