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Brenda Hustis Gotanda, Partner at Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, Elected to DVGBC Board

Philadelphia, PA (October 25, 2012) – Brenda Hustis Gotanda, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), the environmental, energy and land use law firm based in Bala Cynwyd, PA, has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Delaware Valley Green Building Council (DVGBC). Ms. Gotanda will serve a full three-year elected term, having served for the past two years in an appointed role on the Board.

DVGBC's mission is to inspire, educate, and connect people around green building practices that will transform our communities into healthier, more prosperous places for people to live, work and learn. Formed in 2001, the DVGBC is a chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, the nation's foremost coalition of leaders from across the building industry working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live and work. DVGBC is the primary point of contact for users, agencies, and companies interested in sustainable communities and is a leader in fostering cooperation and collaboration among organizations dedicated to environmentally responsible practices in the building industry. The objective of implementing green building practices is to improve site planning; to safeguard water and ensure its efficient use; to maximize energy efficiency, conserve materials and resources and insure indoor environmental quality. .

Gotanda is Co-Chair of the MGKF Sustainability practice and is a LEED® Accredited Professional (LEED AP). She represents and counsels clients on a broad range of environmental, energy, land use, and health and safety issues in regulatory compliance, transactional, permitting, and enforcement matters. Her practice includes green building, alternative energy and energy efficiency, sustainability programs, due diligence, brownfield redevelopment, water and waste compliance, spill response, and site remediation. Ms. Gotanda serves as Chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). She is also a founder and Director Emeritus of the Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia (SWEP). Ms. Gotanda has served as Co-Chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Japanese House and Garden in Fairmount Park. She earned her J.D. degree, with honors, from the University of Texas School of Law and her B.A. degree, summa cum laude, from Boston College.

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. MGKF was honored to be the top-rated law firm in the Top Workplaces 2012 and 2011 surveys by the Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com. Offices are located at 401 City Avenue, Suite 500, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania; 535 Route 38, Suite 145A, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; and now at 25 West Third Street, Suite 303, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. For additional information, visit www.mgkflaw.com or call 484-430-5700, 856-317-1299, or 570-567-7325.

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