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## **Brenda Hustis Gotanda, Partner at Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, Plans PBI Course for Real Estate Lawyers on Energy Efficiency, Green Building and Sustainability**

**Friday, October 12, 2012 – Mechanicsburg, PA**

**Tuesday, October 30, 2012 – Philadelphia, PA**

**Wednesday, October 31, 2012 – Pittsburgh, PA**

**9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

Philadelphia, PA (August 20, 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 planned a course for real estate lawyers on “Energy Efficiency, Green Building and Sustainability” for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI). The program brings together industry leaders to share best practices, ask challenging questions and provide cutting edge information about sustainability and energy efficiency in the Delaware Valley. The course will be offered in three separate locations (October 12 – Mechanicsburg; October 30 – Philadelphia; October 31 -- Pittsburgh) and has been approved for three CLE credits.

The panel discussion will run from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. ET and focus on the latest green building updates, energy efficiency and its role in driving change in commercial buildings, as well as insights from general counsel on sustainability relative to value, ROI and market demand. For additional details and to register, visit the PBI website at [www.pbi.org](http://www.pbi.org) (Course Code #7572).

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 on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council (DVGBC) and is Chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Gotanda is a founder and Director Emeritus of the Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia (SWEP). Ms. Gotanda has also 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.

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