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Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, Presents
Sustainability Legal Issues &
Risk Management Strategies for Existing Buildings
at BOMA Philadelphia

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Philadelphia, PA (April 18, 2012) – MGKF founding partner Joseph M. Manko, along with partners Brenda H. Gotanda and Suzanne Ilene Schiller will present *Sustainability Legal Issues & Risk Management Strategies for Existing Buildings* as part of The Building Owners and Managers Association of Philadelphia (BOMA) Philadelphia. The course is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and will be held at Two Liberty Place in Philadelphia. The program will cover energy efficiency and performance assessment, green claims, voluntary standards (LEED), green leases, and legal risk management issues for building owners and managers.

Joseph M. Manko has 40 years of experience advising clients on environmental issues relating to real estate development, regulatory permitting and compliance, and transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, environmental reporting, and alternative dispute resolution matters. Manko was a member of the board of the Fairmount Park Commission and serves on the board of the Fairmount Park Conservancy. He currently co-chairs the Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board and serves as an Advisory Committee member for the Liberty Housing Development Corp.

Gotanda serves as co-chair of MGKF's Sustainability practice group and is a LEED® Accredited Professional. For over 18 years, she has represented and counseled clients on environmental and energy issues in business and real estate transactions, regulatory compliance and permitting matters and agency enforcement actions. Her practice includes green building, sustainability, site redevelopment, water and waste. Ms. Gotanda serves on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council and is Chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council.

Schiller concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate and complex civil litigation. She has represented Fortune 100 companies, leading shopping center owners, commercial real estate developers, big box tenants, building contractors, and municipalities such as the City of Philadelphia.

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 and 535 Route 38, Suite 145A, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. For additional information, visit www.mgkflaw.com or call 484-430-5700 or 856-317-1299.

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