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Brenda Hustis Gotanda, Partner at Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, Moderated Panel on “Electric Cars and Their Infrastructure”

Philadelphia, PA (February 2, 2012) – Brenda Hustis Gotanda, chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council, (EAC) and a partner with the environmental and energy law firm of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), moderated a panel discussion on “Electric Cars and Their Infrastructure: How’s This All Going to Work?”. The program took place on January 26, 2012 and was part of the Radnor Sustainability Series. It offered attendees the opportunity to test drive an electric car and to learn from a panel of experts about how the cars work and how they are charged. They discussed challenges and opportunities within the electric grid and their integration into broader sustainability programs.

Also highlighted at the program were the two public electric vehicle charging stations recently installed in Radnor Township, the first ones on the Main Line, which are part of a pilot project led by Community Energy and supported with grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Program speakers included Jay Carlis of Community Energy, Scott Baker of PJM Interconnection, Brad Molotsky of Brandywine Realty Trust, and Amy Ercolani of Thomas Chevrolet. The program, held at the Radnor Township Municipal Building, was co-sponsored by the Radnor EAC, the Radnor Conservancy, and the Radnor League of Women Voters.

“I’m very proud of Radnor’s continued leadership on environmental and sustainability issues and hope that we can inspire others to follow suit,” said Gotanda. She helped to spearhead the launch of the Sustainability Series three years ago, and continues to bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to Series program planning. “Through the Sustainability Series, we offer Radnor and the region an excellent series of programs and workshops to explain new sustainability concepts and to demonstrate more sustainable approaches to the everyday operation of business, government, and households.”

Gotanda has over 18 years of experience in counseling and representing clients on a broad range of environmental, energy, and land use issues in regulatory compliance, business and real estate transactions, permitting, and agency 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. She is Co-Chair of the firm's Sustainability practice and is a LEED® Accredited Professional. 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.

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 2011 survey 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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