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AN UNUSUAL HOBBY FOR THIS LAWYER

**SUZANNE SCHILLER,
PARTNER AT MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP,
IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SKI PATROL
AT JACK FROST MOUNTAIN IN THE POCONOS
AND INSTRUCTOR OF OUTDOOR EMERGENCY CARE**

Philadelphia, PA (November 21, 2011) – Suzanne “Shoshana” Schiller has found a unique way to combine her love of outdoors and her desire to help others. A partner in the litigation practice group at Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, the environmental, energy, land use law and litigation firm based in Bala Cynwyd, PA, Schiller is also a skiing enthusiast. She volunteers her time as a member of the Ski Patrol at Jack Frost Mountain in the Poconos and as an instructor of Outdoor Emergency Care.

A native of Los Angeles, Schiller skied in the western part of the country when growing up and later in Vermont as a college student, but she gave up the sport while attending law school. That changed soon after her daughter was born and she took advantage of her move to Philadelphia and its proximity to the Poconos to introduce her daughter, and reintroduce herself, to the joy of skiing. When Ellery was barely three years old, they hit the slopes at Jack Frost. It was instant love for the toddler who, a few years later, joined the race development team, leaving Schiller without a ski partner. Looking for a way to add some meaning to her weekends on the slopes, she responded to Jack Frost Ski Patrol’s call for new patrollers and was accepted as a candidate.

While Schiller continued to enjoy her time skiing, during the year-long training process, she discovered a real passion for the patrol's primary purpose, helping others on the mountain. In fact, after completing her candidate year, she immediately pursued becoming an instructor of Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) and now teaches first responder skills to other ski patrollers throughout the eastern region of Pennsylvania.

For Schiller, this isn't an occasional activity. She patrols virtually every weekend of ski season for the enjoyment of the sport, the satisfaction of helping others, and the camaraderie of the patrollers and their families. "Our group is so diverse. It's a great cross section of people all working together on the mountain. There are salespeople, technicians, doctors, lawyers, and landscapers, just a huge variety of occupations and ages, from recent college graduates to alumni volunteers who have been skiing for more than sixty years. And our families have become as close as the patrol members. The kids are great friends who ski and board together while their parents are on patrol."

Working in the Philadelphia area means that Schiller is not only close to the Poconos for skiing, but she also has time to enjoy the great City of Philadelphia, and this west coast transplant's enthusiasm for the region may explain why most of her family has left Los Angeles and moved east. A resident of Queen Village, she says, "I love the vitality of the city, and the fact that I'm raising a city kid. And there is nothing more beautiful than talking a walk or run, or even a drive, up Kelly Drive or along the Wissahickon. I grew up in the Santa Monica mountains peering down on the San Fernando Valley and it was gorgeous but I don't think that even begins to compare to the natural beauty that we have here in Philadelphia!"

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.

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