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**JOSEPH M. MANKO OF MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP
ELECTED CHAIR OF THE
NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE FAIRMOUNT PARK CONSERVANCY**

Philadelphia, PA (December 14, 2009) – Joseph M. Manko, a founding partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, was recently elected to serve as chair of the Nominating Committee and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Fairmount Park Conservancy, a board on which he has served since 2007. The Conservancy's main mission is to raise the funds to help the City manage 9,200 acres of land in 63 parks located throughout Philadelphia.

In addition to being a founding partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, an environmental, energy and land use law firm based in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., Manko previously served on the board of the Lower Merion Conservancy for many years and has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1991. He has served as an adjunct law professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, teaching courses on environmental law, practice and policy, and as a guest lecturer at Vermont Law School.

Manko currently serves as co-chair of the Sustainability Advisory Board for the City of Philadelphia. He served as Commissioner to Lower Merion Township for 27 years until his retirement in July 2006, making him the township's longest serving elected official. He also served as Director of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and is a member of the Montgomery County Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Task Force. Manko is a former Chairman of the Board of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and has served as a Commissioner on Governor Ridge's 21st Century Environmental Commission, and currently serves as Governor Rendell's designee to chair the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) Board of Directors.

Manko graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University and cum laude from Harvard Law School.

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's 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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