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**2009 HORATIO ALGER AWARD TO BE PRESENTED TO JOSEPH MANKO
AT THE UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA
Presented by Golden Slipper Camp on Thursday, September 17**

Philadelphia, PA (September 1, 2009) – Joseph M. Manko, a founding partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), will be recognized by Golden Slipper Camp, a non-profit camp located in the Pocono Mountains, with the annual Horatio Alger Award. Acknowledging his dedication to the camp and his life's successes, the 2009 Horatio Alger Award will be presented to Manko at the camp's first annual honoree reception on Thursday, September 17 at The Union League of Philadelphia.

Each year Golden Slipper Camp presents a Horatio Alger Award to a Slipper member who has become successful in the theme of American author, Horatio Alger, who wrote a famous series of books for boys in which the stories' heroes always rose from poverty to riches and respectability.

Regarding the announcement of Manko being named a Horatio Alger honoree, David Levy, camp president, said, "Joe Manko is a timely Horatio Alger Award recipient. Although Joe is not the classic rags-to-riches story, he did come from very modest beginnings early in life and is completely responsible for his personal and business successes." He added that Manko has a strong connection to the camp, as a former member of the camp's board and serving as counsel to the camp on various environmental issues for the past 20 years. In addition, his wife Lynn and children Glenn and Wendy were previous counselors at Golden Slipper Camp.

"With our family's history of advising and 'counseling' the camp board and its thousands of campers who attended Golden Slipper Camp over the years, I was very humbled to be named a Horatio Alger Honoree," said Manko. "The need to maintain the camp's 'environment' requires not only our continued service, but our financial assistance as well, and it is with this need in mind that I accept this award."

Manko has more than 35 years of experience advising clients on environmental issues. In addition to being a founding partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, an environmental, energy and land use law firm, he has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1991. For 19 years, he served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a summer lecturer-in-law at Vermont Law School. Manko graduated magna cum laude from Yale University in 1961 and cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1964.

Manko served for 27 years on the Lower Merion Township Board of Commissioners, chaired the board of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, and served as chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association. He is a trustee and past president of Beth David Reform Congregation. Manko currently serves on the Board of Fairmount Park Conservancy and co-chairs Mayor Nutter's Sustainability Advisory Board.

The reception honoring Joseph Manko as 2009 Horatio Alger Honoree will be held on Thursday, September 17 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at The Union League of Philadelphia, 140 South Broad Street in Philadelphia. An extended cocktail party will be followed by a dessert reception, and the cost is \$50 plus

any voluntary, charitable deductible contribution to the camp. For more information, call Jen Scarlata at the Slipper office, 610-660-0510.

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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