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**JOSEPH M. MANKO OF MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP  
SERVED ON A PANEL DISCUSSING**

**“LIQUID ASSETS: A PHILADELPHIA PERSPECTIVE”**

**At the Fairmount Water Works’ Schuylkill Soundings Program**

Philadelphia, PA (February 2, 2009) – Joseph M. Manko, a founding partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), an environmental, energy and land use law firm, recently participated in a panel on “Liquid Assets: A Philadelphia Perspective,” presented by the Fairmount Water Works’ Schuylkill Soundings at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center in Philadelphia.

Manko, along with experts from the Philadelphia Water Department and Stephanie Ayanian, producer and director of “Liquid Assets,” a newly-released documentary on the erosion of America’s infrastructure, discussed the challenges facing the city and its plans to repair the infrastructure. The panel discussion followed a presentation of Ayanian’s film, which vividly documents how every month water mains break and leak, resulting in the loss of millions of gallons of water.

Manko has 35 years of experience in environmental law and is a strong advocate and academic expert on environmental compliance and protection. He has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1991. Manko has served as a lecturer-in-law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, teaching courses on environmental law, practice and policy, and as a guest lecturer at Vermont Law School. He graduated magna cum laude from Yale University in 1961 and cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1964. He currently serves as co-chair of the Sustainability Advisory Board for the City of Philadelphia and on the Fairmount Park Commission. Finally, Manko serves as the Governor’s designee to chair the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVest), which is responsible for making grants and loans of approximately \$300 million annually for clean water and drinking water infrastructure projects throughout the Commonwealth.

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