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**JOSEPH M. MANKO OF MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP  
AND ANNE PAPAGEORGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
NAMED CO-CHAIRS OF THE NEW SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
FOR THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**

**Philadelphia, PA (September 18, 2008)** – Joseph M. Manko, a founding partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), an environmental, energy and land use law firm in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., was recently appointed by Mayor Michael Nutter to serve as co-chair of the newly-created Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) for the City of Philadelphia. Manko will oversee the SAB with Anne Papageorge, Vice President, Division of Facilities and Real Estate Services at the University of Pennsylvania. The SAB will serve as a leadership group to assist the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability as it defines strategies and goals for developing a coordinated sustainability policy for the City of Philadelphia.

Mayor Michael Nutter shared his enthusiasm about this leadership partnership for the SAB. “I am thrilled that Joe and Anne will serve as co-chairs of the new Sustainability Advisory Board,” he said. “Joe and I have worked together for almost 20 years and his commitment to the community and his knowledge of environmental issues makes him an ideal person for this position. Anne brings 25 years of expertise in design and construction management and urban development, along with cutting-edge skills from operating Penn’s campus, especially its long range environmental sustainability strategy, to provide leadership and vision to the City. The two of them will be excellent leaders of the Board.”

Regarding his appointment, Manko said, “This is the area that I see as the 21<sup>st</sup> Century’s most important environmental, economic and social challenge, and the SAB will provide Anne and me the opportunity to foster high level collaboration between government, non-profits and the private sector in the City and its surrounding suburbs and serve as a forum in which to share information, advice and expert support.”

SAB members are appointed by the Mayor for a two-year term and will meet quarterly on a voluntary basis. The first meeting is scheduled for October 20.

Manko is a member of the Fairmount Park Commission and Conservancy and had served as Commissioner to Lower Merion Township for 27 years until his retirement from the Board of Commissioners in 2006, making him the township’s longest serving elected official. Last year he and his wife Lynn moved to Center City. In addition to being a founding partner of MGKF, Manko has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1991. For 18 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. He graduated magna cum laude from Yale University in 1961 and cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1964.

Papageorge joined the University of Pennsylvania in 2006 and has responsibility for Planning; Design and Construction; Facilities Operations; Maintenance; and Utilities; and Real Estate Operations and Development. She is a licensed landscape architect and was previously the Senior Vice President and Memorial Design Director for the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. (LMDC), managing the planning, design and construction of the nearly \$1 billion project encompassing the World Trade Center Memorial, Memorial Museum, Visitor’s Center and related facilities. Prior to joining the LMDC, she

worked in design and construction for the City of New York, where she served as first deputy commissioner of the Department of Design and Construction. At Penn, which is a national leader among universities in wind energy procurement, she is leading the development of a long range strategic plan for Penn to achieve climate neutrality. Papageorge holds a bachelor's degree (magna cum laude) from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry School of Landscape Architecture and an M.B.A. from the City University of New York Baruch College (summa cum laude).

Additional members of the SAB are: Carol Aichele, Chair, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and Chester County Commissioner; Della Clark, President, The Enterprise Center; Nick DeBenedictis, Chairman and President, Aqua America, Inc.; Michael DiBerardinis, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Patrick J. Eiding, President, Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO; Raj Gupta, Chairman and CEO, Rohm and Haas Company; John Hanger, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; William P. Hankowsky, Chairman, President and CEO, Liberty Property Trust; Feather Houstoun President, William Penn Foundation; Hon. James F. Kenney, Councilman At-Large, Philadelphia City Council; Christine Knapp, Director of Outreach, PennFuture; Christina Lurie, Philadelphia Eagles; Tim McDonald, Founding Member, Onion Flats; Jane G. Pepper, President, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; Liz Robinson, Executive Director, Energy Coordinating Agency; RoseAnn B. Rosenthal, President and CEO, Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern Pennsylvania; Jerome Shabazz, Executive Director, JASTECH Development Services, Inc. and Overbrook Environmental Center; Patrick Starr, Vice President, Pennsylvania Environmental Council; and Sandy Wiggins, Chairman, e3 Bank.

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