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MICHAEL C. GROSS OF MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP TO SPEAK ON ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE AND PERMITTING IN PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, PA (February 25, 2008) – Michael C. Gross, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), an environmental, energy, and land use law firm, will address attorneys, business owners, project managers, engineers, architects, developers, planners, and real estate professionals on environmental due diligence and permitting issues. He will speak during a one-day seminar, “Zoning and Land Use in Pennsylvania,” presented by Lorman Education Services on Wednesday, March 5 at the Crowne Plaza Allentown in Allentown, Pa.

Gross will discuss Environmental Due Diligence, focusing on the following topics: Bases for Federal and State Liability for Ownership or Operation of Contaminated Properties, Environmental Development Constraints, Due Diligence Steps, Effect of EPA’s “All Appropriate Inquiry” Rule, Liability Protection Tools, and Deed Disclosure Requirements. He will also present on Environmental Permitting, covering Wetlands Permitting and Stream Encroachments, Construction Storm Water Permitting and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program, Historic Resource and Endangered Species Protection, and Clean and Regulated Fill Issues.

At MGKF, Gross focuses his practice on brownfields redevelopment, transactional and regulatory compliance matters. He also has substantial environmental litigation experience, representing clients in civil enforcement actions, environmental insurance policy disputes, cost recovery actions and “toxic tort” matters. Gross currently serves on the Vapor Intrusion Task Group of ASTM International to craft a uniform standard for assessing vapor intrusion risks in commercial real estate transactions. He was appointed to serve on Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell's environmental policy transition team and is a member of the Delaware Valley Environmental Inn of Court. In December 2007, Gross was named a “Rising Star” in the area of Environmental Law by the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers publication and Philadelphia Magazine.

Gross holds a law degree from Temple University School of Law, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Temple Environmental Law & Technology Journal, and a Master’s Degree in Government from John Hopkins University. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Colorado College.

Lorman Education Services’ seminar on Zoning and Land Use in Pennsylvania will be held on Wednesday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Allentown, 904 Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pa. Registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Continuing Education credits are offered. For more information visit www.lorman.com or call 866-352-9539.

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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.