

MICHAEL C. GROSS NAMED PARTNER AT ENVIRONMENTAL LAW FIRM MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP

Philadelphia, PA (January 8, 2008) – Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), an environmental, energy and land use law firm in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., announced that attorney Michael C. Gross has been named partner. Gross, who began his career as a summer associate at MGKF in 1999, 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.

Prior to earning his law degree, Gross spent six years on Capitol Hill, working as an environmental policy legislative assistant and press secretary for three Members of the U.S. Congress. 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.

"We are delighted to have Michael as a partner," said Managing Partner Robert Fox. "Michael has been with us since law school and brings tremendous judgment and people skills to our regulatory and transactional practice."

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. Gross resides with in Merion, Pennsylvania with his wife and two children.

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