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Joseph M. Manko and Bryan P. Franey, of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, Guests Speakers at Pennsylvania Bar Institute's 16th Annual Real Estate Institute

Wednesday, December 5, 2012 – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Philadelphia, PA (November 20, 2012) – Founding Partner Joseph M. Manko and attorney Bryan P. Franey of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, the environmental, energy and land use law firm based in Bala Cynwyd, PA, will participate in the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's 16th Annual Real Estate Institute on Wednesday, December 5, 2012. From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., they will present "New Requirements for Benchmarking and Reporting Energy and Water Usage in Commercial Buildings in Philadelphia -- What Real Estate Lawyers Need to Know."

Manko and Franey will address the recent trend of city/state mandates for the benchmarking and reporting of energy and water usage. They will focus specifically on the recent energy/water benchmarking mandate for certain commercial buildings adopted in Philadelphia and will discuss potential legal issues for building owners/tenants as well as future legislative initiatives. For additional details and to register, visit the PBI website at www.pbi.org (Course Code #7444).

Joseph M. Manko has 40 years of experience advising clients on environmental issues relating to real estate development, regulatory permitting and compliance, and transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, environmental reporting, and alternative dispute resolution matters. Manko is a member of the Fairmount Park Conservancy Executive Committee and served for the past ten years as the chair of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure and Investment Authority (PENNVEST). He currently co-chairs the Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board..

Franey has experience in counseling and representing clients on a range of environmental, energy, and health and safety matters. His practice focuses on the environmental aspects of commercial transactions and real estate development, regulatory compliance matters (particularly in the area of air quality), permitting, sustainability, energy efficiency and renewable energy development.

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 was honored to be the toprated law firm in the Top Workplaces 2012 and 2011 surveys by the Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com. Offices are located at 401 City Avenue, Suite 500, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania; 535 Route 38, Suite 145A, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; and now at 25 West Third Street, Suite 303, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. For additional information, visit www.mgkflaw.com or call 484-430-5700, 856-317-1299, or 570-567-7325.

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