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**Rodd W. Bender and Lynn R. Rauch
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Guest Speakers on “Due Diligence in Real Estate and Business
Transactions -- Property and Environmental Considerations”
for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute**

**March 7, 2013 – Philadelphia
April 22, 2013 - Pittsburgh**

Philadelphia, PA (February 11, 2013) – Rodd W. Bender and Lynn R. Rauch, partners with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), the environmental, energy and land use law and litigation firm based in Bala Cynwyd, PA, will participate on a panel at two Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI) programs on March 7 and April 22, 2013. They will speak on environmental due diligence considerations in real estate and business transactions.

The seminar entitled, “Due Diligence in Real Estate and Business Transactions – Property and Environmental Considerations” will take place on March 7, from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., at the CLE Conference Center, Wanamaker Building (now Macy's), 10th Floor, Ste. 1010, Philadelphia, PA. The April 22 program in Pittsburgh will be held at the PBI Professional Development Conference Center at 339 Sixth Ave., Suite 760, from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The course has been approved for four CLE credits. For additional details and to register, visit the PBI website at www.pbi.org (Course Code #7720).

Bender, the course planner, will address due diligence perspectives for various transactional contexts as well as environmental due diligence tasks including Phase I and II environmental site assessments and regulatory compliance assessments. Rauch will provide an overview of the CERCLA liability scheme and defenses, and will focus on all appropriate inquiry and bona fide prospective purchaser issues, as well as litigation considerations and case law.

Rodd Bender has been with MGKF since 1997. He concentrates his practice in brownfield and development transactions, as well as providing compliance counseling across a variety of regulatory programs. He represents a range of clients, such as developers, municipalities, economic development authorities, industrial companies, and telecommunications firms. He received his Juris Doctor from University of Pennsylvania Law School and his Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy & American Institutions from Brown University, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa.

At MGKF, Partner Lynn Rauch focuses on environmental litigation cutting across the firm's air, water, waste, remediation, and toxic tort practice areas. Lynn represents clients in state and federal courts, as well as administrative forums, in a wide range of matters. Rauch received her Juris Doctor from University of Pennsylvania Law School and her Bachelor of Arts in political science from Duke University, *magna cum laude*.

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 top-rated 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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