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Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, Presents

Environmental Issues Update for Commercial and

Industrial Real Estate Deals

at the Temple University Real Estate Institute

April 3 and May 8, 2014

Philadelphia, PA (April 8, 2014) – MGKF founding partner Joseph M. Manko, along with partners Brenda H. Gotanda and Rodd W. Bender presented *Environmental Issues Update for Commercial and Industrial Real Estate Deals* as part of the Temple University Real Estate Institute. The course was offered on Thursday, April 3 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and will be presented again at the same time on Thursday, May 8.

Attendees gained valuable tools to assist clients in identifying and successfully addressing the important environmental considerations on the path to the closing table. Both commercial and industrial licensees will become aware of the latest updates on key environmental issues that can significantly impact property transactions.

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. Joe was a member of the board of the Fairmount Park Commission and serves on the board of the Fairmount Park Conservancy, the Philadelphia Film Society, and the Philadelphia Orchestra. He currently co-chairs Mayor Nutter's Sustainability Advisory Board.

Brenda Gotanda is Co-Chair of the MGKF Sustainability practice and is a LEED® Accredited Professional (LEED AP). She represents and counsels clients on a broad range of environmental, energy, land use, and

health and safety issues in regulatory compliance, transactional, permitting, and enforcement matters. Her practice includes green building, alternative energy and energy efficiency, sustainability programs, due diligence, brownfield redevelopment, water and waste compliance, spill response, and site remediation. Brenda serves on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council and was a member of the Greenbuild 2013 Host Committee.

Rodd Bender has concentrated on brownfield transactions and compliance counseling across a variety of regulatory programs since joining the firm in 1997. He has extensive experience structuring environmental due diligence for real estate and business transactions, negotiating environmental provisions in transactional documents, and advising developers on satisfying state and federal cleanup programs and property transfer laws consistent with business objectives.

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. For the tenth consecutive year, MGKF has been listed in the top tier for environmental law in Chambers USA—America's Leading Lawyers for Business. Offices are located at: 401 City Avenue, Suite 901, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania; 535 Route 38, Suite 145A, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; and at 25 West Third Street, Suite 303, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. For additional information, visit www.mankogold.com or call 484-430-5700, 856-317-1299, or 570-567-7325.