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## **Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP First Philadelphia-Area Law Firm to Achieve Prestigious LEED® Gold Certification for its Commercial Interior Office Buildout**

Philadelphia, PA (May 7, 2014) –Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), the environmental, energy and land use law and litigation firm, utilized sustainable design and construction when relocating its headquarters office from the fifth floor to the ninth floor of 401 City Avenue in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. MGKF's commercial interior buildout project has achieved the prestigious LEED Gold® certification under the LEED Green Building Rating System for Interior Design and Construction: Commercial Interiors (LEED® ID+C: Commercial Interiors). MGKF is the first law firm in the Philadelphia region to achieve Gold level certification under LEED for Commercial Interiors for its office space.

The LEED recognition was particularly important to the firm since sustainability has always been an important component of the firm's culture and professional practice. MGKF made the commitment to pursue certification of its new office suite and used the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Green Building Rating system as a guide for the buildout. "When it was time to relocate our offices, we wanted to demonstrate market leadership, reduce environmental impacts, and promote employee health and well-being," explained Brenda H. Gotanda, head of the firm's Sustainability practice and a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP). Managing Partner Robert Fox added, "Our LEED-certified office space is a reflection of our practice, firm culture and business operations."

The new office suite achieved LEED Gold certification for implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions aimed at achieving high performance in: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. LEED is the foremost program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. More than 44,000 projects are currently participating in the commercial and institutional LEED rating systems, comprising over 9 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 120 countries.

“MGKF’s LEED certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership,” said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO and Founding Chair, USGBC. “The urgency of USGBC’s mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and MGKF’s LEED Gold ID+C: Commercial Interiors law office serves as a prime example of just how much we can accomplish.”

*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](http://www.mankogold.com) or call 484-430-5700, 856-317-1299, or 570-567-7325.*

*The US Green Building Council’s LEED® green building program is the preeminent program for the design, construction, maintenance and operations of high-performance green buildings. Learn more at [usgbc.org/LEED](http://usgbc.org/LEED).*

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