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“The Future of Environmental Due Diligence & Risk Management”
for RE3 Conference 2015

Philadelphia, PA (September 17, 2015) – Christopher D. Ball, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), the environmental, energy and land use law firm based just outside of Philadelphia participated in a panel discussion on “The Future of Environmental Due Diligence & Risk Management”. His presentation, which is part of the RE3 (Remediation + Redevelopment + Results) Conference 2015, was held on Wednesday, September 16 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

Although the process and procedures for environmental due diligence and risk assessment in mergers and acquisitions, real estate transactions, and remediation projects have changed little in 30 years, there is a significant need for improved decision making concerning the environmental risks impacting transactions and projects. Competition for funding is increasing and the timeframe to analyze deals is decreasing. Ball and his fellow panelists introduced sophisticated modeling process tools that can transform qualitative suppositions into quantitative assurances which can facilitate the development of risk mitigation, reduction, and elimination strategies. This session discussed the process and presented real world case studies.

A partner focused on environmental litigation and regulatory compliance, Ball counsels clients with a unique perspective resulting from his significant regulatory work at both the state and federal levels. As a former deputy attorney general for the state of New Jersey, Chris's litigation experience includes complex federal Clean Air Act citizen suit actions, state solid waste enforcement cases, and administrative challenges to

United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") rulemaking. Having also served as a state liaison for USEPA Region III, he has similarly substantial regulatory experience under a wide range of federal environmental statutes. His practice at Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox puts this cumulative environmental experience to the benefit of his clients through creative approaches to matters ranging from toxic tort and Superfund litigation to the management of potential liabilities in individual property transactions.

Ball plays an active role in the Environmental Bar of New Jersey as a member of the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar Association, an officer in the Stewart G. Pollack Environmental American Inn of Court, a co-author of the *New Jersey Environmental Law Handbook* (Eighth Edition), and an adjunct faculty presenter for the New Jersey Institute of Technology Environmental Problem Solving Seminar, and he regularly represents the firm in meetings of the Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey and the Southern New Jersey Development Council.

MGKF concentrates its practice in environmental, energy, safety, 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. 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.

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