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## **MGKF's Brenda H. Gotanda Featured on ThinkTech Hawaii's *Making Leadership Work*: Cross-Country Law Practice is the Way of the Future**



Philadelphia, PA (February 22, 2018) – Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox Partner Brenda H. Gotanda was featured on ThinkTech's *Making Leadership Work* series on a program entitled "Cross-Country Law Practice is the Way of the Future," on Monday, January 29, 2018. In the interview Gotanda discussed how, after over two decades of practicing environmental law with MGKF in the Philadelphia and New Jersey region, an opportunity arose to relocate to Honolulu, Hawaii when her husband became President of Hawai'i Pacific University. She embraced the chance to expand MGKF's environmental, energy and sustainability law practice to Hawaii and, after passing the Hawaii bar exam, was sworn in to the state bar at a ceremony at the Hawai'i Supreme Court. In addition to developing the firm's Hawai'i practice, Brenda has continued to represent and counsel clients on Pennsylvania and New Jersey matters and to lead MGKF's sustainability practice group. She explained how today's advanced communication technology

provides a virtually seamless link with her mainland colleagues and clients and she provided insights on how to effectively support clients from a distance.

In the interview, Brenda also described MGKF's environmental stewardship goals and sustainable business practices, highlighting the how the firm used the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Green Building Rating System as a guide for the sustainable design and construction for the buildout of its new office space in 2014. She noted that MGKF was the first Philadelphia-area law firm to achieve the prestigious LEED® Gold certification for its Commercial Interior Office buildout. She highlighted various sustainable aspects of the office design and construction. The show can be viewed on the ThinkTech Hawaii YouTube channel [here](#).

Ms. Gotanda currently serves as a co-program director for the Environmental, Energy and Resources Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association. She previously served as co-chair for the Philadelphia Bar Association Environmental Law Committee. Her environmental law practice addresses a broad range of complex issues involving the regulation of water, waste, air, and chemical substances; site remediation and brownfield redevelopment; business and real estate transactions; green building, renewable energy, and sustainability; wastewater discharge permitting and water quality standards; and spill prevention and emergency response. She has represented a diverse array of clients in a broad range of sectors including manufacturing, municipal, industrial, real estate, retail, railroad, academia, energy and power, wastewater treatment, redevelopment, construction, and waste management.

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