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## Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP Welcomes Three Associates



Megan Elliott



Shelby Hancock



Adam Podowitz-Thomas

Philadelphia, PA (October 18, 2018) – Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), an environmental, energy, land use law and litigation firm based just outside of Philadelphia, PA, is pleased to announce that Megan Elliott, Shelby Hancock and Adam Podowitz-Thomas have joined the firm as associates. Elliott is a recent graduate of Villanova University’s Charles Widger School of Law and a former MGKF summer associate. Prior to joining the firm, Hancock and Podowitz-Thomas clerked with the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh and Fourth Circuits respectively.

The addition of these three associates strengthens the depth and breadth of the MGKF team. “Adam and Shelby bring meaningful federal clerkship experiences to our firm, while Megan starts her legal career with us after participating in our 2016 summer program,” explained Managing Partner Jonathan Spergel. “Her hiring continues to highlight the strength of our summer program and the importance it plays in the long-

term sustainability of our firm.” He added, “To date, a dozen current associates and partners, including myself, started as summer associates at MGKF.”

Adam Podowitz-Thomas came to the firm after clerking for the Hon. Magdeline Coleman on the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Hon. James A. Wynn, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. In addition, Adam worked for several years in the San Francisco office of Latham & Watkins, LLP as an environmental litigation associate and at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill in the Office of University Counsel.

Adam earned his law degree from Stanford Law School. At Stanford, he served as editor-in-chief of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and was president of the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation. Adam was awarded the Gerald Gunther Prize for Outstanding Performance in Environmental Law and First Amendment Law. He also worked for two years as an advanced environmental practitioner with the Stanford Environmental Law Clinic. Adam received his Bachelor degree (Geography and History) from the University of Georgia, where he graduated magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Highest Honors, and as a Foundation Fellow. He is admitted to the California State Bar and is awaiting admissions to Pennsylvania.

Shelby joined the firm after completing a judicial clerkship for the Honorable Ed Carnes, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She is admitted to the Georgia State Bar and will sit for both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Bars in 2019.

Shelby graduated with high honors from Emory University School of Law, and at graduation, received the State Bar of Georgia Environmental Law Award. While in law school, she served as a Staff Writer and Notes & Comments Editor for the *Emory Law Journal* and as President of the Environmental Law and Conservation Practice Society. She also completed several environmental internships, working at Emory’s Turner Environmental Law Clinic, the Environmental Division of the North Carolina Department of Justice, and Atlanta-based firm, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP. Before law school, Shelby attended Auburn University, graduating *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature.

Megan Elliott is a 2018 graduate of Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, and she received her Bachelor of Arts in History from Brown University. She was recently admitted to the Pennsylvania bar.

During law school, Megan was a member of the Villanova Environmental and Energy Law Society. She was also a Staff Writer and Associate Editor of Villanova's Moorad Sports Law Journal. Megan was awarded the journal's Outstanding Staff Writer award in 2017 for her work on NCAA rulemaking and compliance. She also participated in the Villanova Student Ambassador program, which helps the admissions office to attract and mentor incoming students. Additionally, Megan was an intern in Villanova's Clinic for Law and Entrepreneurship.

While at Brown, Megan was awarded the history department's Samuel C. Lamport Prize for International Understanding. Before law school, Megan worked as a middle school teacher in both Pennsylvania and Los Angeles, California.

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