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**MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX CONTINUES COMMITMENT TO ASSISTING CLIENTS WITH SUSTAINABLE BUILDING WITH LEED® AP ACCREDITATION OF MEREDITH DuBARRY HUSTON**

**Philadelphia, PA (July 16, 2009)** – Meredith DuBarry Huston, an attorney with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), an environmental, energy and land use law firm, has earned the designation of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional (LEED AP) under the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) professional credentialing program. Huston, who has written on the potential liability risks associated with green building, is one of a limited number of attorneys in Pennsylvania to have achieved this designation. She pursued the LEED AP designation in order to advise clients with respect to LEED certification matters and to better serve clients in dispute resolution matters arising in the green building context. Huston joins Brenda Hustis Gotanda, a partner with MGKF, and in-house technical consultant, Michael Nines, a Pennsylvania-licensed professional engineer, both whom received LEED AP accreditations during the past year. Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, is a member of the USGBC.

The LEED professional accreditation is awarded to those who have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and who have the knowledge and skills to successfully steward the LEED certification process. LEED is currently the leading benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings.

“MGKF is proud of Meredith’s designation as a LEED® Accredited Professional,” said Managing Partner Robert Fox. “With more than two decades of experience in environmental legal matters and with the recent LEED accreditation of two of our attorneys and one of our in-house technical engineers, we are well positioned to provide counsel and representation to clients developing or retrofitting high performance green buildings.”

Huston counsels clients on issues related to litigation, including challenges to agency action, class actions, toxic tort claims, cost recovery actions, and actions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA") and other federal and state environmental laws. In addition to litigation, Huston advises clients on a range of environmental matters, including compliance with federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements, including the New Jersey Spill Act and the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law.

Huston graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, where she served as an articles editor for the University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Economic Law and taught legal writing to first-year law students. She received her bachelor’s degree in Environmental Studies, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Middlebury College.

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. MGKF’s offices are located at 401 City Avenue, Suite 500, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, and 535 Route 38, Suite 145A, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. For additional

information on MGKF's green building and sustainability practices, visit [www.mgkflaw.com](http://www.mgkflaw.com) or call 484-430-5700 or 856-317-1299.

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