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## MGKF's Joseph Manko Receives Best Law Firm Mentor Award



Joseph M. Manko (R) receives his Best Law Firm Mentor Award from Zack Needles, Managing Editor of *The Legal Intelligencer*.

Philadelphia, PA (July 5, 2018) – Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox Partner Joseph Manko was recognized as one of the Best Law Firm Mentors at a special awards ceremony June 27 at the Crystal Tea Room. Best Mentors honors senior attorneys who have taken it upon themselves to prepare the next generation of legal talent. Manko and other mentors were recognized not only for sharing their valuable knowledge with younger attorneys, but also for paving the way for personal and industry advancement. These Awards, organized by *The Legal Intelligencer*, were gear exclusively to firms with fewer than 200 attorneys.

MGKF Managing Partner Jonathan Spergel explained, “Joe has always been a visionary and mentor. People questioned his decision to leave an established partnership at a large firm to start our firm. But nearly three decades later, his vision for an environmental and energy law firm with a national presence has been realized.” Spergel continued, “Mentorship has always been a priority for Joe, and it has played a key role in our success with one-third of our attorneys, including me, having started their careers as summer associates at the firm.”

Joseph Manko brings more than 40 years of experience advising clients on environmental matters involving real estate transactions and development, regulatory permitting and compliance, environmental reporting and alternative dispute resolution. He has received numerous honors over the course of his career and most recently was named a Lifetime Achievement “Influencers of Law” by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Prior to founding the firm in 1989, he founded and chaired the Environmental Department at Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen. Manko spent 18 years teaching environmental law courses at the University of Pennsylvania and Vermont Law Schools. He is the past chair of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, former vice chair of the State Water Law Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and past chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Joe serves as the Vice President and Development Co-Chair of the Fairmount Park Conservancy and as an Executive Committee member and Co-Chair of the Development Committee for the Philadelphia Orchestra.

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