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## **Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Named a 2016 “Best Law Firm” by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*®**

Providence, RI – November 2, 2015 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC ([PLDW](#)) has been named to the 2016 “Best Law Firms” in America list by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers* for the sixth consecutive year in the metropolitan area/Rhode Island. PLDW was recognized in a total of 16 practice areas. The “Best Law Firms” rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process. Lawyers also voted on expertise, responsiveness, integrity, cost-effectiveness, whether they would refer a matter to a firm, and whether they consider a firm a worthy competitor.

“PLDW is proud to be recognized by our colleagues and clients in earning this prestigious designation in the legal profession,” said Gary R. Pannone, PLDW Managing Partner. “It is the commitment and dedication by our staff and attorneys to deliver quality service and be responsive to the needs of our clients that make it possible for our firm to receive this honor.”

Among the PLDW practice areas cited for the top tier ranking include Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Government Law, Government Relations Practice and Non-Profit/Charities Law. Other practice areas recognized for outstanding quality are Administrative / Regulatory Law, Corporate Law, Mediation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar and Non-White-Collar, Corporate Law, Securities and Capital Markets Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Health Care Law and Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management and Litigation - Labor & Employment.

The 2016 rankings are based on the highest number of participating firms and highest number of client ballots on record. To be eligible for a ranking, a firm must have a lawyer listed in The Best Lawyers in America, which recognizes the top 4 percent of practicing attorneys in the U.S. Over 21,000 attorneys provided almost 700,000 law firm assessments, and over 8,000 clients provided more than 47,000 evaluations. According to *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers*, firms included in the 2016 “Best Law Firms” list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise.

For more information about PLDW, visit [www.pldw.com](http://www.pldw.com) or follow us on Twitter (@pldwllc) and stay up-to-date with the firm’s activities on YouTube, LinkedIn, Facebook, Google+ and Pinterest.

**About Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC**

The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) are committed to developing practical and cost-effective solutions while also being supportive of the community in a meaningful way. PLDW has developed a business model that combines international expertise with a more cost-effective delivery system that involves cross training of lawyers and a more practical approach to problem solving. PLDW’s primary practice areas include corporate and business law, nonprofit law, health care law, municipal infrastructure, government relations and legislative strategies, employment law, special masterships, criminal defense, civil litigation, estate planning, probate and trust litigation, and real estate development and commercial lending. The partners demand of themselves and those on the PLDW team, an unparalleled sense of urgency and responsiveness which is derived from an authentic appreciation for their clients and the community in which they serve. For more information, visit [www.pldw.com](http://www.pldw.com).