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Pannone Lopes Devereaux and West Attorneys Selected as *Best Lawyers in America*® for 2014

Providence, RI – August 16, 2013 - Several Partners at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2014, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession.

"It is always an honor to be recognized by colleagues in your profession," said Gary R. Pannone, Principal and Managing Partner. "Awards like this are a reflection of the dedication, hard work and commitment of all our attorneys and our entire staff."

Since its inception in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed and inclusion in Best Lawyers is considered a singular honor. Corporate Counsel magazine has called Best Lawyers "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice." It is important to note that the lawyers listed in Best Lawyers have no say in deciding which practice areas they are included in. They are voted into practice areas entirely as a result of the votes they receive from their peers. The subspecialties listed after their names are based on information from a variety of sources.

The PLDW attorneys and their practice areas for which they were selected follow:

- **William P. Devereaux** was recognized in the practice areas of Criminal Defense, including White-Collar and Non-White-Collar.
- **Matthew A. Lopes Jr.** was selected for his practice in Government Relations, Mediation, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Special Masterships.
- **William E. O'Gara** was named as a 'best lawyer' for his practice in the areas of Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor & Employment, and Workers' Compensation Law – Employers.
- **Gary R. Pannone** was selected for his practice areas of Administrative/Regulatory Law, Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Health Care Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Non-Profit/Charities Law and Securities/Capital Markets Law.

- **Teno A. West** was selected for his practice in Government Relations in the areas of Energy, Environmental, Land Use, Municipal, Municipal Infrastructure, Public Utility and Water.

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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. With offices in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Florida, 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. The primary areas of practice for the firm include administrative, corporate and municipal law, civil litigation, employment, government relations, real estate and commercial lending and estate planning and special masterships. 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.