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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Partners named
to *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2011**

Providence, RI (August 5, 2010) – All five partners at the law firm Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) have been selected by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2011, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession.

“It is humbling to have been recognized through a peer review process as among the “best lawyers” in Rhode Island for 2011,” said PLDW Managing Partner Gary R. Pannone. “We are honored for this recognition and we are committed to serving our clients at the highest level.”

Pannone was recognized in multiple practice areas, including administrative law, corporate governance and compliance law, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions and nonprofit/charities law. William P. Devereaux was selected in the practice area of criminal defense law and white collar law, and William E. O’Gara for his expertise in labor and employment law. Matthew A. Lopes Jr. was named for his work in government relations law, and Teno A. West was also selected in the practice area of government relations law as well as in the subspecialties of municipal infrastructure and water law.

PLDW was founded in March 2006 by partners in an international law firm and is now recognized as one of the most distinguished law firms in the New England and New York regions. The firm has expanded its footprint in the marketplace each year since it was founded. The platform at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West is structured to deliver large firm expertise and business consulting in a cost-effective manner. PLDW partners and staff embrace a culture of commitment to ‘client and community’ as is reflected in its recognition as a Best Places to Work in Rhode Island for three years in a row (2008, 2009, 2010) by PBN and The Best Companies firm, an independent research company.

“If you deploy resources and quality legal work more efficiently the client benefits on all levels. The partners are committed to a more entrepreneurial and business approach to the practice of law.” said Pannone. “We have invested in technology and utilized strategic alliances rather than the traditional law firm model which has embedded overhead that increases the costs to the client.”

Pannone added that “what also makes PLDW unique is that we have expertise in specialty areas, including special masterships and municipal infrastructure law, both of which are in high demand and difficult to develop which provides the firm with a competitive edge with the larger firms. The model that we employ is truly a one-firm concept with full integration of the skill sets across legal disciplines with a goal of delivering high quality legal services in a more efficient manner.”

Best Lawyers started in 1983, and has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Because Best Lawyers is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which more than 39,000 leading attorneys cast almost 3.1 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in Best Lawyers is considered a singular honor. 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.

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About PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & WEST LLC

The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) are committed to providing cost effective solutions and serving 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 by cross training of lawyers and using strategic alliances to more effectively serve the client. The primary areas of practice for the firm include administrative, corporate and municipal law, civil litigation, government relations, and estate planning and special masterships. Resolving client issues with a sense of urgency and commitment to the community is a daily routine at PLDW. For more information, visit www.pldw.com.