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Attorney Gary R. Pannone is Selected as 2014 Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers®

Providence, RI – September 27, 2013 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Managing Partner Gary R. Pannone, who leads the firm’s Business Law and Nonprofit Organizations Teams, was recently recognized as the 2014 Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers® in the metropolitan area of Providence, RI in the areas of business law, administrative and regulatory law. The selection by Best Lawyers®, which is one of the oldest and most respected publications in the legal profession, is given to one lawyer in a practice area in a designated metropolitan area and based on a peer-review assessment. Attorney Pannone was also named to the list of The Best Lawyers in America® 2014 by *U.S. News* and Best Lawyers® in his business practice and has been recognized for his legal work by Chambers USA, Super Lawyers and Corporate Counsel.

According to Best Lawyers, the practitioners honored as “Lawyer of the Year” are selected based on “impressive voting averages received during exhaustive peer-review assessments” conducted by the publication. “Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned among other leading lawyers in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, their professionalism, and their integrity.”

Attorney Pannone has been representing closely held business owners and nonprofit organizations for most of his 30 year career. His areas of practice include business formations, corporate restructuring, mergers, acquisitions and corporate compliance. Mr. Pannone serves on several boards and governance committees of nonprofit organizations, is a former Town Solicitor and has served as special counsel to several municipalities.

He is a frequent lecturer and author in the areas of corporate compliance, board governance and best practices. Earlier this year, Attorney Pannone was published by ExecSense under the title, *The Business Lawyer as Entrepreneur*. ExecSense is the world's largest publisher of professional webinars, eBooks, eDocuments and podcasts.

Prior to the founding PLDW in 2006, Mr. Pannone served as the managing partner of the Providence office of Holland & Knight LLP, an international law firm.

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The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) are committed to the development and implementation of practical and cost-effective solutions for their clients as well as serving the community in a meaningful way. With offices in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Florida, PLDW has a well-defined business platform that combines international expertise with a cost-effective delivery system that is based upon a fully integrated approach to problem solving. The primary areas of practice at PLDW include administrative, corporate and municipal infrastructure, civil litigation, employment, government relations, real estate development, debt and equity financing, trust litigation, estate planning and special masterhips. At PLDW there is a sense of urgency to be responsive and provide quality legal services in a cost-effective manner. For more information, visit www.pldw.com.