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**PLDW Partner Bruce H. Tobey is a Featured Panelist at the AWWA-WEF Conference on
“When Failure is Not an Option: How to Avoid Legal Issues in Infrastructure Projects”**

Boston, MA – February 6, 2014 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Partner Bruce H. Tobey, a member of the firm’s Municipal Infrastructure Team and leading U.S. water law authority, will be a featured speaker at the AWWA-WEF Utility Management Conference, scheduled from Feb. 25 to 28, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, Savannah, GA. Attorney Tobey, who co-authored a landmark study for water utility providers on legal protection and claims management issues, will present the findings of the report in a session entitled, “When Failure is Not an Option: How to Avoid Legal Issues in Infrastructure Projects” on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 11:30 a.m. He will be joined by Josh Habib with The Cadmus Group, Inc. and a member of the project research team.

Attorney Tobey and Mr. Habib will discuss the results of the study, which are based on independent research, case studies and interviews with operators and risk management professionals from a cross-section of leading North American water utilities. The project produced an industry practices guide, which provides background information on the legal principles governing this area of the law and effective measures utilities can employ both to defend themselves from the claims of those asserting damages from a break and to prosecute their own claims when breaks are not caused by either the utility's actions or failure to act.

The study was commissioned by the Water Research Foundation (WRF), an internationally recognized leader in cutting-edge water research projects that result in the discovery of practical solutions to the complex challenges facing the utility provider industry and the public. On January 27, 2014, Attorney Tobey and his collaborators released their findings to the public during a WRF webinar, with more than 120 attendees. To learn more about the project, log on [here](#).

Attorney Tobey is a nationally recognized water law legal advisor, representing governments including municipalities, counties, public authorities and federal agencies, as well as private companies on environmental policy, programs, and financial and regulatory matters with a specialty in water and wastewater infrastructure, public-private partnerships, and other business development opportunities for sustainable communities.

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