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## **Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West's Steven Torres Talks Renewable Energy at IMLA Mid-Year Seminar**

Providence, RI (May 9, 2013) – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) partner Steven A. Torres presented an engaging program on renewable energy last month at the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) Mid-Year Seminar.

Attorney Torres presented *Energy Performance Contracting and Renewable Energy* at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. . Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESPC) provides a self-funded mechanism for government agencies to upgrade facilities and realize energy cost savings. In his presentation, Attorney Torres explained this complex procurement and contracting avenue, which requires specific legislative authorization or enabling laws. He explained that for ESPCs to be successful, they must include a specific energy conservation measure, measurement and verification mechanisms and a savings guarantee.

The IMLA is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the interests and education of local government lawyers. IMLA champions the development of fair and realistic legal solutions, and assists members on the vast and cutting edge legal issues facing local government lawyers today.

A former Corporate Counsel for the City of Fall River, MA and City Solicitor for Taunton, MA, Attorney Torres is member of PLDW's Municipal Infrastructure Team. Mr. Torres has managed in excess of \$1 billion in project value in the areas of utilities, water and wastewater, transportation, building construction and renewable energy. He has also negotiated and administered millions of dollars in Tax Increment Finance Agreements for multiple New England cities and towns. He is an author, editor and lecturer for the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) organization, and co-edited the Supplement Edition of MCLE's "Massachusetts Municipal Law". He is a sought-after speaker on municipal law and alternative delivery construction project development and financing.

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