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Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Partner Steven A. Torres Invited to Address the Large Cities Council at the National League of Cities' Annual Conference

Massachusetts – November 13, 2012 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Partner Steven A. Torres has been invited to address the Large Cities Council at the National League of Cities' annual conference on Nov. 29 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Boston Convention & Exposition Center, Boston, MA. Attorney Torres will discuss design-build principles and applications in public projects. The program will introduce attendees to specific components including statutory authority for design build procurement, general procurement and contracting requirements and other key components of design build. For information about the Large Cities Council or to register for the session, contact John Pionke at 202-626-3189 or Pionke@nlc.org.

"I am honored to be selected to speak before the very dynamic leadership of our nation's largest cities on the important topic of design-build opportunities for public construction projects," said Mr. Torres.

Attorney Torres is a member of the firm's Municipal Infrastructure Team. He is a highly experience municipal lawyer having served as a city attorney for four consecutive mayoral administrations in two Massachusetts cities. He was Corporate Counsel for the City of Fall River, responsible for the leadership of many municipal building projects, including design-build-

finance-operate emerging technology energy projects, school building and utility design and construction projects. From 2000 until 2009, he served as City Solicitor for the City of Taunton for three mayoral administrations.

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". Attorney Torres is a sought-after speaker on municipal law and alternative delivery construction project development and financing options and has been a speaker at the Design-Build Institute of America Annual Conference, the International Municipal Lawyers Association, the Solid Waste Association of North America Conference, the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association and other regional organizations.

He earned his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, cum laude, and received his undergraduate degree in computer science from Daniel Webster College. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1987-1990 as a nuclear operations officer. Attorney Torres is admitted to practice law in Massachusetts and is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

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