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## **PLDW Partner Teno A. West Adds Expertise to Thomson Reuters' Aspatore Book Legal Series**

New York, NY - February 12, 2013 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Partner Teno A. West, who is nationally recognized in the practice area of municipal infrastructure and alternative delivery models, was selected to author a chapter for a just released Thomson Reuters' Aspatore Book, *Representing Municipalities in Litigation*. The book is part of the publishing firm's legal series, *Inside the Minds*.

Attorney West's chapter is entitled, "Influencing Factors and Trends in Municipal Litigation." The chapter updates readers on recently impacted municipal litigation with a focus on public works projects and the litigation that may ensue. It highlights important factors that must be considered by every municipal lawyer to both avoid litigation and effectively defend a municipality once a lawsuit is filed. The book is available in electronic or hard copy by logging onto <http://store.westlaw.com/representing-municipalities-in-litigation-leading-lawyers-analyze-recent-trends-guide/188378/41419466/productdetail>

Aspatore Books publishes works written by C-Level executives and partners from the world's most respected companies and law firms. The Thomson Reuters publishing house contains the personal insights of executives from leading companies and attorneys from most of the nation's top 250 law firms. Attorney West is one of six US attorneys each selected to author a chapter for this edition of *Inside the Minds* on municipal law and litigation.

Attorney West is a highly skilled municipal attorney in the areas of municipal litigation; public-private partnerships; water and wastewater law; solid waste management; alternative energy projects; procurement law; and alternative delivery projects. He routinely represents

government agencies in many parts of the United States dealing with the challenges associated with the development of municipal infrastructure projects. Mr. West is experienced with all aspects of municipal litigation focusing primarily on litigation related to municipal projects including construction claims, various environmental matters affecting local governments and issues associated with zoning laws and municipal solid waste flow control laws, among others. He is a skilled problem solver with a track record of overcoming difficult project challenges on behalf of his clients, which is demonstrated by the recent successful defense of a multifaceted legal challenge to the construction of a minor league ballpark in Ramapo, New York. Mr. West has written several published works in his practice areas of public-private partnership and wastewater management in the U.S., and has been invited to speak at national and international trade association events and global conferences.

The PLDW Municipal Infrastructure Team delivers responsive, cost-effective and strategic legal counsel and guidance to states, counties, municipalities and public authorities across the country seeking solutions to complex infrastructure needs. The firm's Municipal Infrastructure attorneys provide legal advice to public entities involved in the construction and improvement of all types of public facilities, including water and sewer facilities, solid waste management, municipal buildings, recreational facilities, and other public infrastructure projects. The Team draws upon in-depth experience in multiple areas of law, as well as its knowledge of public finance, project management, real estate, contract administration and other disciplines to solve complicated legal issues on municipal projects from conception to completion. Whether a project involves financing, structuring contract documents, alternative project delivery methods such as design-build, the creation of comprehensive public-private partnerships as it relates to a public project, or the defense of such projects, PLDW attorneys deliver the fullest range of legal services to clients nationwide.

For more information about the firm's Municipal Infrastructure Team, contact Mr. West at [twest@pldw.com](mailto:twest@pldw.com) or call [914-898-2497](tel:914-898-2497). To learn more about PLDW, contact David C. Sweet, Director of Administration, at [dsweet@pldw.com](mailto:dsweet@pldw.com) or call [401-824-5100](tel:401-824-5100), or visit [www.pldw.com](http://www.pldw.com).

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