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Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Announces the Promotion of Jeffrey W. Ray to Partner

Providence, RI – January 18, 2012 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) announces the promotion of Jeffrey W. Ray to Partner. Mr. Ray is an accomplished attorney with the firm’s Real Estate and Commercial Lending Team. He has over 26 years of experience handling complex legal matters in the areas of business, real estate development, commercial lending and banking.

“Jeff is a highly skilled attorney who offers exceptional knowledge, skills and wisdom to his clients and to our firm,” said Gary R. Pannone, PLDW Managing Partner. “We are pleased to announce his promotion to Partner for his commitment and dedication to the legal profession, our firm and to his community.”

Mr. Ray, of Newport, joined the firm in 2009, after working in Las Vegas, Nevada for 15 years where he served as counsel to both lenders and developers. Earlier in his career, he worked as an Assistant Town Solicitor for North Kingstown, where he served primarily as legal counsel to the North Kingstown Zoning Board of Review and the North Kingstown Planning Commission.

As a leader in the nonprofit community, Mr. Ray has devoted significant time to volunteering for several organizations, including his representation of the Rhode Island Dream Center through the Roger Williams University School of Law Pro-Bono Collaborative Project, and serving as a board member for The Sunrise Children's Hospital Foundation and The Rudy Ruettiger Foundation in Nevada.

Mr. Ray earned his J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School and his undergraduate degree from Niagara University. He is also a graduate of the American Arbitration Association's Mediation & Arbitration Advocacy Program. He is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island and is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association.

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About Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC

The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) are committed to developing practical and cost-effective solutions while also being supportive of the community in a meaningful way. With offices in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Florida, PLDW has developed a business model that combines international expertise with a more cost-effective delivery system that involves cross training of lawyers and a more practical approach to problem solving. The primary areas of practice for the firm include administrative, corporate and municipal law, civil litigation, government relations, real estate and commercial lending and estate planning and special masterships. The partners demand of themselves and those on the PLDW team, an unparalleled sense of urgency and responsiveness which is derived from an authentic appreciation for their clients and the community in which they serve. For more information, visit www.pldw.com.