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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Attorney Matthew G. Feher to chair
legislative committee for The City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association**

Providence, RI (January 20, 2011) – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Attorney Matthew G. Feher was recently appointed Chair of the Legislative Committee for the City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association (CSTCA), the municipal bar association of Massachusetts. In this leadership role for 2011, Mr. Feher will work to advance the CSTCA government affairs positions on state policy issues that impact the municipal legal community and local government clients, and work in conjunction with the Association's national affiliate.

Mr. Feher is a member of the PLDW Municipal Infrastructure and Government & Legislative Strategies Teams with his practice focused primarily on representing local, regional and federal governments in the areas of public contracts, water law, solid waste management, environmental law, litigation, real property law, construction law, special appropriations public finance and procurement law. Before joining the firm, Mr. Feher spent the past decade representing the 351 cities and towns of Massachusetts at both the state and federal levels of government as a senior lobbyist with the MMA. During this time, Mr. Feher was active on legislative issues, executive branch decisions, and state-level court cases involving public works, transportation, public utilities, procurement, real estate development and municipal and regional administration matters.

Among several task forces and commissions on which he served, Mr. Feher was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature's Special Commission on Public Construction Reform that revamped the state's public construction laws as they relate to both horizontal and vertical public construction projects, notably authorizing public awarding authorities to utilize alternative delivery methods. Most recently, he was named a member of Governor Deval Patrick's Federal Stimulus Task Force, and is considered a subject matter expert on Massachusetts' affordable housing law. He also served on the Massachusetts Highway Association Board of Government as legislative counsel.

Mr. Feher earned his J.D. from New England School of Law, and is admitted to practice law in Massachusetts and is a licensed executive and legislative agent in the Commonwealth.

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