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Robert Bergen is Of Counsel with Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC and a member of the Municipal Infrastructure Team. He has devoted virtually his entire career to representing and counseling of government entities, private sector companies and their leadership and staff. He has worked as an attorney both in government and in international law firms and also served as a senior executive, advising on and handling a broad range of commercial, infrastructure, finance, outsourcing, in-sourcing, legislative, and regulatory matters. Mr. Bergen has handled arbitrations as well as litigation and appeals in administrative agencies and state and federal courts and has also been involved in transactions both large and small.

Prior to joining PLDW, Mr. Bergen served as the Executive Vice President of MTA-NYC Transit for more than five years. Reporting to NYC Transit's President, he was involved with all aspects of the operations of the nation's largest transit agency, including protection and restoration of service during hurricanes Irene and Sandy. He also had responsibility for a dozen of the agency's support divisions. These included procurement, finance, budget, revenue, operations planning, logistics, human resources, government affairs, and others. NYC Transit is the largest operating agency of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and is the largest transit agency in the country.

Mr. Bergen's career in government began as an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the City of New York's Law Department, representing the City and its agencies, officials, and employees. Mr. Bergen later served New York's MTA for more than eleven years, including assignments as General Counsel of Metro-North Commuter Railroad, an MTA subsidiary, and as General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of the MTA. In his positions with the MTA, Mr. Bergen managed legal and claims staff and directly handled litigation and transactions. He was the chief legal advisor to senior executives of those agencies and their Boards of Directors.

In addition to his government service, he was a partner in two, large international law firms and represented a wide variety of public agencies across the United States and domestic and foreign companies in matters affecting all modes of transportation, as well as federal and municipal park concessions, corporate mergers and acquisitions and regulatory matters, litigation, and appeals. Specifically, he handled matters that involved contracting, including public-private partnerships and design-build-operate-maintain arrangements, procurement, valuations, drafting legislation and regulations, litigation, appeals, arbitrations, and internal investigations.

Mr. Bergen is a frequent speaker on matters involving procurement. He has served as Chair of the Legal Affairs Seminar of the American Public Transportation Association, Chair of the Transportation Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and a member of various committees and panels for the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Science.

Mr. Bergen earned his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and a B.A. from Rutgers University. He is admitted to practice law in New York State, the U.S. Supreme Court and in various U.S. federal Circuit and District Courts.

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