



For information, contact:  
Clare Eckert at [ceckert@pldolaw.com](mailto:ceckert@pldolaw.com)  
401-855-2601

## **PLDO Partner Benjamin L. Rackliffe to Lead Workshops on “Marijuana Business Law in Rhode Island”**

Rhode Island – April 27, 2018 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC ([PLDO](#)) Partner Benjamin L. Rackliffe, a prominent business and corporate attorney, will be a featured speaker for two workshops during a National Business Institute (NBI) seminar on “Marijuana Law in Rhode Island” on Friday, May 18, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Avenue in Warwick.

Attorney Rackliffe’s workshop on “Marijuana Businesses Law in Rhode Island” is scheduled from 10:55 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and will cover topics such as negotiating third-party agreements, preparing for state regulatory agency inspections, allowable business types and employment rules and restrictions for cannabis businesses. In the afternoon, Attorney Rackliffe will lead a discussion on “Obtaining a Rhode Island Cannabis Business License” from 12:45 p.m. to 1:35 p.m., where he will provide information on application procedures and how to avoid mistakes, license renewals and transfers, and appealing license denials. For more information on the seminar, continuing education credits and to register, visit [Marijuana Business Law in Rhode Island](#).

Attorney Rackliffe concentrates his practice in the areas of closely held business and tax-exempt organizations and is considered a leading authority in the areas of corporate and regulatory compliance. He is a frequent author and speaker on the medical and recreational marijuana industry and has represented multiple marijuana dispensaries and cultivators participating in state-sanctioned industries throughout the country. He has been recognized as a Rhode Island Rising Star by Thomson Reuters, a distinction that recognizes the top 2.5 percent of Rhode Island lawyers under the age of 40 or those in practice for 10 years or less.

Attorney Rackliffe earned his J.D. degree from Roger Williams University School of Law and his undergraduate degree from Providence College, where he is a special lecturer for an undergraduate course entitled, "Legal Environment of Business". He is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York, and is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Roger Williams University School of Law Pro Bono Collaborative and on the Board of Directors of The Steel Yard.

To contact Attorney Rackliffe, email [brackliffe@pldolaw.com](mailto:brackliffe@pldolaw.com) or call 401-824-5100. For information about PLDO, visit [www.pldolaw.com](http://www.pldolaw.com) and follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.

**About Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC**

Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara (“PLDO”) attorneys are highly skilled with a proven track record of achievement representing clients with respect to complex matters in a wide range of disciplines and industries. The founders of PLDO were formerly partners in an international law firm and are trained in multiple disciplines. The primary areas of practice for the firm include business law, special masterships, government relations and legislative strategies, civil litigation, real estate development, commercial lending, municipal law, nonprofit law, health care, white collar defense, estate planning, probate administration and trust litigation. The core values of respect, integrity, quality service and responsiveness are stressed each day at PLDO and the firm is committed to supporting the community in a meaningful way. The firm is headquartered at 1301 Atwood Avenue in Johnston, RI with offices in Massachusetts and Florida. For more information, visit [www.pldolaw.com](http://www.pldolaw.com).