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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux and O’Gara Principals are Named 2018  
"Lawyer Of The Year" in Metropolitan/Providence by *Best Lawyers in America*®**

Rhode Island – August 15, 2017 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC ([PLDO](#)) principals were recently recognized by their peers as “Lawyer of the Year” in their respective practice areas for Metropolitan/Providence over and above their selection to the list of 2018 *Best Lawyers in America*®. *Best Lawyers* is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession.

PLDO principals and their practice areas for which they were selected as “best lawyers” and “Lawyer of the Year” include:

- **William P. Devereaux** was selected in the practice area of Criminal Defense – General Practice and White-Collar. Attorney Devereaux was recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” in the Criminal Defense: White-Collar category.
- **Matthew A. Lopes Jr.** was selected for his Mediation and Government Relations practice. Attorney Lopes was recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” for his Government Relations practice.
- **William E. O’Gara** was selected for his practice in the areas of Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment and Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers. Attorney O’Gara was selected “Lawyer of the Year” for his practice in Employment Law – Management.
- **Gary R. Pannone** was selected for his practice areas of Administrative/Regulatory Law, Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Health Care Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Nonprofit/Charities Law and Securities/Capital Markets Law. Attorney Pannone was named “Lawyer of the Year” in his practice area of Mergers and Acquisitions Law.

*Best Lawyers* was established in 1983 and has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. *Best Lawyers* lists are compiled based on an exhaustive peer-review evaluation. Lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor.

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**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).