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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Named to *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*
2010 ‘best law firms’ showcase**

Providence, RI (September 17, 2010) – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) today announced that *U.S. News and Best Lawyers*® named the firm to the partnership’s 2010 *Best Law Firms* in America list for Rhode Island. This inaugural list is a showcase of law firms in 81 practice areas throughout the United States. The rankings are based on both objective data and peer evaluations. PLDW was ranked in the metropolitan level/Rhode Island for its work in the areas of government relations, securities/capital markets law, corporate law and criminal defense: white collar. The 2010 *Best Law Firms* list will be featured in the October print issue of *U.S. News & World Report* which will be available on Sept. 27, 2010. The list and selection methodology are available at www.usnews.com/bestlawfirms.

“U.S. News is the world’s leading publisher of institutional rankings based on both objective data and peer evaluations,” says Steven Naifeh, President of Best Lawyers. “We are combining this expertise with Best Lawyers’ experience of providing rankings of individual lawyers based on peer reviews for almost three decades. By combining hard data with peer reviews, and client assessments, we believe that we are providing users with the most thorough, accurate, and helpful rankings of law firms ever developed.”

In August, all five partners at the law firm were announced as ‘best lawyers’ by Best Lawyers in America® for 2011, the oldest peer-review publication in the legal profession. Managing Partner Gary R. Pannone was recognized in multiple practice areas, including administrative law, corporate governance and compliance law, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions and nonprofit/charities law. William P. Devereaux was selected in the practice area of criminal defense law and white collar law, and William E. O’Gara for his expertise in labor and employment law. Matthew A. Lopes Jr. was named for his work in government relations law, and Teno A. West was also selected in the practice area of government relations law as well as in the subspecialties of municipal infrastructure and water law.

PLDW was founded in March 2006 by partners in an international law firm and is now recognized as one of the most distinguished law firms in the New England and New York regions. The firm has expanded its footprint in the marketplace each year since it was founded. The platform at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West is structured to deliver large firm expertise and business consulting in a cost-effective manner. PLDW partners and staff embrace a culture of commitment to 'client and community' as is reflected in its recognition as a Best Places to Work in Rhode Island for three years in a row (2008, 2009, 2010) by Providence Business News and The Best Companies firm, an independent research company.

Best Lawyers started in 1983. It's annual list of 'best lawyers' is based on a peer-review surveys. Lawyers listed in *Best Lawyers* have no say in deciding which practice areas they are included in. They are voted into practice areas entirely as a result of the votes they receive from their peers. The subspecialties listed after their names are based on information from a variety of sources.

U.S. News & World Report magazine is part of The *U.S. News Media Group* with one of its signature franchises, *America's Bests*, used by the public as consumer guides that include rankings of colleges, graduate schools, hospitals, health plans, and more.

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About PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & WEST LLC

The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) are committed to providing cost effective solutions and serving 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 by cross training of lawyers and using strategic alliances to more effectively serve the client. The primary areas of practice for the firm include administrative, corporate and municipal law, civil litigation, government relations, and estate planning and special masterships. Resolving client issues with a sense of urgency and commitment to the community is a daily routine at PLDW. For more information, visit www.pldw.com.