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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Attorney Matthew Feher to speak on
Massachusetts affordable housing policy at municipal organization meeting**

Providence, RI (Oct. 18, 2010) Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Attorney Matthew G. Feher will participate as a panelist on legislative and legal issues regarding affordable housing in Massachusetts on Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. before the Planning Board of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG). The FRCOG is a regional service organization serving the 26 towns of Franklin County in Massachusetts. It is a nonprofit, membership organization, overseen by a 29-member Council and 40 staff. Mr. Feher will be joined by Joanie Bernstein, Massachusetts Assistant Director of Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority. The two will present information relative to the proposed repeal of the state's affordable housing law, known as Chapter 40B, that is on the state's ballot in November.

"The potential repeal of Chapter 40B raises many questions and concerns among municipal authorities across the Commonwealth," said Feher. "I am pleased to participate in this forum to provide municipal leaders with information on the statute as part of their deliberations and preparation for decision-making following the outcome of the November vote, and for future planning purposes." Mr. Feher is considered a subject matter expert on Massachusetts' affordable housing legislation and legal matters and served on former Governor Mitt Romney's Chapter 40B Reform Task Force.

He is a member of the PLDW Municipal Infrastructure Team 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.

Prior to joining PLDW this year, Mr. Feher represented the 351 cities and towns of Massachusetts at both the state and federal levels of government as a senior lobbyist with the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA). During this time, he actively participated 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. He had also served on the Massachusetts Highway Association Board of Government as legislative counsel. Most recently, he was named a member of Governor Deval Patrick's Federal Stimulus Task Force.

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

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