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## **PLDW Attorney Benjamin L. Rackliffe to be a Featured Speaker at Hope & Main's "Food Startup Workshop" Series**

Providence, RI – March 18, 2014 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC ([PLDW](#)) business attorney Benjamin L. Rackliffe will lead a discussion on corporate formations and governance for entrepreneurs and business owners on Saturday, March 22, at 9 a.m., as part of Hope & Main's "Food Startups Workshop" series. The seminar will be held at the company's facility at 569 Main St., Warren, RI. Attorney Rackliffe's presentation, "Legal Basics for Food Startups" will include information on the importance of having a legal strategy as a business owner, and will provide attendees with a basic legal checklist to operate a successful food venture. Hope & Main is a business incubator helping local entrepreneurs "jump-start" early-stage food companies and food-related businesses. For more information on the organization, visit [www.makefoodyourbusiness.org](http://www.makefoodyourbusiness.org).

Attorney Rackliffe is a member of PLDW's Corporate & Business, Nonprofit Organizations and Litigation Teams. He concentrates his practice in the areas of closely held business, tax-exempt organizations, general civil litigation and real estate. In 2013, Attorney Rackliffe was named 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.

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