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**PLDW Attorney Rebecca M. Murphy’s Legal Essay on the Interplay Between RI Probate Court and Superior Court Jurisdictions Featured in *Roger Williams University Law Review***

Providence, RI – June 24, 2015 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Attorney Rebecca M. Murphy, who is a member of the firm’s Litigation Team, was a featured author in the Summer 2015 edition of the *Roger Williams University Law Review*. The title of the legal essay is “Murder, Fraud, and Tortious Interference: The Interplay Between Probate Court Jurisdiction and Superior Court Jurisdiction in Rhode Island” and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

The article delves into nuances of Rhode Island Probate Court and Superior Court jurisdiction, and explains in detail the need for attorneys to first identify the nature of their client’s claim to determine the appropriate forum. The essay discusses the differences between litigating claims in probate versus superior court, the jurisdictional interplay between the two court systems, statutory causes of action relating to or affecting will contests, which at times are hotly contested, and the superior court’s exercise of equity and supplemental jurisdiction.

Attorney Murphy concentrates her practice on providing legal support, advocacy and counsel, to clients from pre-trial investigation and discovery, motions and pleadings preparation, through trial, settlement and the appeal process. She earned her J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law, where she was Competition Editor of the Connecticut Law Review, a Dean's Scholar, and a member of the Public Interest Law Group. Attorney Murphy is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. She is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association, the Rhode Island Women’s Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association.

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