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PLDW Partner William E. O’Gara to Conduct a Comprehensive Review of RI’s Labor Laws and New Legislation to Care Providers and HR Managers

Providence, RI – August 12, 2013 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Partner William E. O’Gara will present a workshop on Rhode Island’s newly enacted legislation regarding same sex marriage, medical marijuana use, and the TDI Caregiver law and other general labor law topics on August 13 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1 Thurber St. in Warwick. The seminar is being hosted by Living In Fulfilling Environments, Inc. (L.I.F.E.) and the Community Provider Network of Rhode Island (CPNRI) HR Committee. His presentation will include an interactive discussion of the impact of the new laws for employers and how they affect HR policies and practices.

Attorney O’Gara leads the firm’s Employment and Litigation Teams and is the 2013 Rhode Island “Lawyer of the Year” for his practice of Labor Law – Management. He has an extensive practice representing employers in matters ranging from sexual harassment to retirement issues with significant depth of experience handling diverse matters before federal and state courts and administrative agencies, including the Rhode Island Commission on Human Rights and the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination. His diverse practice also includes defending wrongful termination and discrimination claims, contract negotiations and matters of union representation. Attorney O’Gara is a frequent lecturer on human resources management topics, and is a contributor and editor of human resource and personnel policy handbooks and guides for small and large private and public sector entities. He is the editor of the monthly PLDW Employment *ADVISORY*.

L.I.F.E. is a RI nonprofit organization providing community-based programs to individuals with developmental disabilities that operates 14 supportive group home residencies. CPNRI is a statewide membership organization for caregivers and providers of services and support to people with developmental disabilities in RI.

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