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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Releases Partner William E. O’Gara’s
Informational Video on Employment Law**

Providence, RI (July 18, 2011) - Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Partner William E. O’Gara, chair of the firm’s Litigation and Employment teams, discusses current trends in employment law and provides his top three recommendations for companies striving to maintain a satisfied workforce in the firm’s recently released informational video, available to the public at www.pldw.com.

“Discrimination, wage-and-hour and other types of labor cases are growing rapidly and more employees are willing to go to court than ever before,” explains Mr. O’Gara. “These trends make it imperative for companies of all sizes to be proactive and take preventative measures, such as preparing a personnel handbook, to avoid costly litigation.”

Mr. O’Gara is a highly respected law practitioner who remains at the forefront of rapidly changing developments in the field of labor and employment law. With nearly 20 years of experience, Mr. O’Gara represents employers in matters ranging from sexual harassment to retirement issues. His diverse practice includes defending wrongful termination and discrimination claims, contract negotiations, and matters of union representation. Mr. O’Gara is a frequent contributor and editor of human resource and personnel policy handbooks and guides for small and large private and public sector entities.

Employment Law is the third video, following vignettes on Public Private Partnerships and Social Media in the Workplace, released to the public as part of the firm’s online informational video project. The entire series can be found on www.pldw.com.

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