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Social Media Lawyer Brian J. Lamoureux, Partner at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West, to Present 'Cyberbullying and the Law' at Warwick School Community Summit

Wyman Elementary School to Host Educational Forum for Parents and Teachers, March 21

Providence, RI (March 13, 2013) – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Partner Brian J. Lamoureux, a national legal voice on the use of social media in businesses and schools, will lead an interactive educational discussion on cyberbullying and the law for parents and educators on March 21st at 7 pm. The free event is hosted by the E.T. Wyman Elementary School's Parent Teachers Association and is open to the public. It will be held in the school's multipurpose room, 1 Columbia Avenue, Warwick.

"Social media opens up a whole new social dynamic for schools, children and parents," Attorney Lamoureux said. "Bullying that was once confined to the school yard is now playing out on a much larger stage. The consequences can be tragic. We'll look at challenges schools and parents face and the steps parents and educators can take to mitigate cyberbullying."

According to Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project November 2011 study, 95 percent of all teens ages 12-17 are online with 80 percent of the teens using social media sites. The research results also found 58 percent of teen internet and cell phone users say their parents have been the biggest influence on what they think is appropriate or inappropriate when using the internet or a cell phone.

"Schools can be very effective brokers in working with parents to stop and remedy cyberbullying situations," explains Wyman School Principal Ron Celio. "We are having this assembly to educate parents on social media use by children, to make them aware of the threat of cyberbullying, and prevent this type of behavior from harming our students."

Attorney Lamoureux is a Warwick native and the father of a school-aged child. He has conducted numerous seminars on the emerging legal issues of social media and the law, and is a published author and commentator on the use and abuse of social media in education and the workplace. His presentations and workshops incorporate the latest information from case law on social media use and provide practical tips for employers, educators, business leaders and other professionals. He has presented nationally to Fortune 150+ executives and thousands of business, marketing and human resource executives in and beyond the local market.

Mr. Lamoureux is also an accomplished business litigator in the areas of employment law, social media law, creditors' rights, surety law, construction law and student loan bankruptcy matters. He is also qualified to serve as a receiver in Rhode Island Superior Court. He was named to the Providence Business News Class of 2011 *40 Under Forty*, having distinguished himself in the practice of law and as a community leader.

To learn more about the topic of social media and the law, view a video featuring Mr. Lamoureux or read his essays, please visit www.pldw.com or log onto the firm's YouTube Channel at PLDW-YouTube. To reach Mr. Lamoureux, please call 401-824-5100, or email bjl@pldw.com. For further information about PLDW, please contact David Sweet, PLDW Director of Administration, at 401-824-5100 or visit www.pldw.com.

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