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Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Attorney Bruce H. Tobey to Keynote MA Water Pollution Control Association Legislative Event

Massachusetts – October 3, 2012 - Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Senior Counsel Bruce H. Tobey will keynote the 2012 Legislative Reception at the Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association's (MWPCA) October 10th annual event. The program begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Parker House in Boston, MA, and will include a legislative update on local and national considerations affecting the water industry and water quality issues in the Commonwealth. Attorney Tobey will address the results of a report released in June by the state's Water Infrastructure Finance Commission, to which he was appointed by Governor Deval Patrick, and will provide an update on legislative initiatives the report will prompt.

"Massachusetts must address an estimated \$21.4 billion gap over the next 20 years in funding needed upgrades to aging water and sewer systems that are often out of sight and out of mind for the public," said Attorney Tobey. "It's important we share the commission's findings and promote the solutions it identified."

Attorney Tobey is a member of PLDW's Municipal Infrastructure Team and focuses his practice on representing local and regional governments in the areas of public contracts, water law, solid waste management, environmental law and litigation. He has extensive legal experience advising and representing governments, including municipalities, counties, public authorities and federal agencies, as well as private companies on environmental policy, programs and financial and regulatory matters with a specialty in water and wastewater

infrastructure, public-private partnerships and other business development opportunities for sustainable communities. Mr. Tobey presently serves as a City Councilor for the City of Gloucester, MA where he was Mayor from 1993 until 2002.

His extensive experience includes participation on numerous Federal Advisory Committees of the United State Environmental Protection Agency, as President of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, and as Chair of the Advisory Council of the National League of Cities. Mr. Tobey is also a past member and chair of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Local Government Advisory Committee, and he had served on the state's Federal Stimulus Task Force.

The MWPCA 2012 Legislative Reception is being co-sponsored by the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) and the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control. For information, contact the MWPCA office at (774) 276-9722 or mw pca2011@yahoo.com.

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