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PLDW's Bruce H. Tobey Elected President of the Massachusetts Municipal Councillors' Association

Providence, RI – January 30, 2013 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Senior Counsel Bruce H. Tobey has been elected President of the Massachusetts Municipal Councillors' Association (MMCA) for his “innovation and effective leadership.” The announcement was made on January 25, 2013 at the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) 34th Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Boston. Attorney Tobey is a former president of the MMA, a former mayor of the City of Gloucester, MA (1993 -2002) and is currently a City Councilor of the City.

“Bruce Tobey is recognized by his colleagues as an innovative and effective leader in his city and across the state,” said Geoffrey C. Beckwith, MMA Executive Director. “The councillors of our state have elected him to serve as President of the Massachusetts Municipal Councillors' Association to advance the needs of our communities, and we are very pleased that he has accepted this key leadership post.”

As the MMCA President, Mr. Tobey serves on the Massachusetts Municipal Association Board of Directors and plays a key role advancing the needs of all communities. In this capacity, he is also a member of the statewide Local Government Advisory Commission (LGAC), which meets throughout the year with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to discuss issues facing cities and towns. During their six years in office, Governor Patrick and Lt. Governor Murray

have relied on the LGAC for advice, consultation and input on municipal issues. The MMA is the statewide nonprofit, nonpartisan association that provides advocacy, training, publications, research and other services to Massachusetts cities and towns.

As a PLDW attorney, Mr. Tobey is a member of the firm'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.

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.

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