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Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Senior Counsel Bruce Tobey Appointed Co-Principal Investigator for National Water Research Foundation Project

Providence, RI – February 23, 2012 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Senior Counsel Bruce H. Tobey, a member of the firm’s Municipal Infrastructure Team, has been appointed Co-Principal Investigator for a Water Research Foundation (WRF) Project that will examine legal issues and challenges faced by utilities should an infrastructure failure occur, and produce a best practices guide for U.S. water utility companies to help them protect against, prevent and reduce claims. The Project was commissioned by the WRF, a global research organization dedicated to advancing the science of water, and awarded to The Cadmus Group, Inc. of Massachusetts. Attorney Tobey will work with Cadmus’ Senior Associate and Project Principal Investigator Katherine Martel, P.E. The collaborative nature of this Project will help water utilities improve their programs and practices to minimize risk. Seven water utilities have volunteered to participate in this project: Charleston Water, SC; District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water); Louisville Water Company, KY; Pawtucket Water Supply Board, RI; City of Minneapolis, MN; Water District No. 1 of Johnson County, Kansas; and EPCOR Water Services, Inc., Edmonton, Canada.

Mr. Tobey's practice includes 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 has served 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. He was elected Mayor of Gloucester, MA from 1993 to 2002. Mr. Tobey led the General Law Department at the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and was Vice President Business Development for HomeServe USA, leading the company's national campaign to develop public-private partnerships with water and wastewater utilities.

The PLDW Municipal Infrastructure Team, led by Teno A. West, Principal, delivers responsive, cost-effective and strategic legal counsel and guidance to states, counties, municipalities and public authorities across the country seeking solutions to complex infrastructure projects. The firm's Municipal Infrastructure attorneys are at the forefront of new developments in efficient methodologies for water and sewer treatment facilities, solid waste management facilities, municipal buildings, recreational facilities, transportation systems and other public infrastructure projects. The Team draws upon in-depth experience in law, public finance, project management, real estate, contract maintenance and other disciplines to solve complicated legal issues on municipal projects from conception to completion. Whether a project involves financing, structuring contract documents, design-build, design-build-operate or the design of comprehensive public-private partnerships as it relates to a public project, PLDW attorneys deliver the fullest range of legal services to clients nationwide, as well as Puerto Rico.

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