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PLDW Managing Partner Gary R. Pannone Named 2017 Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers*[®]

Providence, RI – August 16, 2016 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Managing Partner Gary R. Pannone has been named 2017 Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers* in the metropolitan area of Providence, RI for his legal skills in the area of corporate governance law. Attorney Pannone serves as the team leader for the practice areas of business, nonprofit organizations and health care. The selection by *Best Lawyers* is based upon a peer-review assessment and awarded to one lawyer in a practice area in a designated metropolitan area. Attorney Pannone was also named to the list of *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] 2017 by *U.S. News* and Best Lawyers in his business practice.

According to *Best Lawyers*, the practitioners honored as “Lawyer of the Year” are selected based on “impressive voting averages received during exhaustive peer-review assessments” conducted by the publication. “Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned among other leading lawyers in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, their professionalism, and their integrity.”

Attorney Pannone has been representing closely held business owners for more than thirty years in multiple industries including manufacturing, service and health care industries. His practice includes business formations, succession planning, corporate restructuring, mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures. Mr. Pannone is a frequent lecturer in the areas of board governance, ethical compliance and nonprofit organizations. In addition to his role as managing partner of the firm, he serves on several boards and governance committees for nonprofit organizations, and has acted as special counsel and solicitor to several municipalities.

Attorney Pannone received his J.D. from Suffolk Law School after earning his undergraduate degree in Finance and Accounting from the University Of Notre Dame. He is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island, the U.S. District Court and First Circuit. To contact Attorney Pannone, call 401-824-500 or email gpannone@pldw.com.

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