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Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Announces that James W. Ryan has joined the firm as a Partner

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Providence, RI – June 18, 2012 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) is pleased to announce that James W. Ryan, former Chief of the Criminal Division for the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General, has joined PLDW’s Criminal Defense, Health Care and Litigation Teams as a Partner.

“Jim Ryan joining the PLDW litigation team is terrific news for our firm,” states Managing Partner Gary R. Pannone. “Jim is a highly respected trial lawyer with a wealth of experience in both the criminal and civil court rooms. In addition to his success in private practice, Jim has had a successful public service career prosecuting cases in New York and Rhode Island. He is among Rhode Island's most highly respected lawyers and he has an impeccable reputation in the areas of white collar and criminal defense as well as civil trial law during a 20 year career.”

Mr. Ryan’s practice includes white-collar criminal defense, complex commercial litigation and corporate compliance. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Ryan served as the Chief of the Criminal Division for the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General from 1987 through 1996. During that period of his career, Attorney Ryan prosecuted high profile felony cases and was

involved in the investigation and prosecution of the collapse of the Jefferson Loan and Investment Bank in the early 90s. Mr. Ryan has also served in the District Attorney's Office of Manhattan as the Assistant District Attorney during which time he was appointed Senior Trial Counsel and Bureau Chief in the Trial Division by District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau.

In addition to his full time practice, Mr. Ryan has held several high profile community and volunteer positions in Rhode Island, including serving as a member of the Governor's Economic Crime Commission, the Teitz Commission on the Future of the Courts and as a board member for the Cornerstone Adult Services, Inc. He earned his J.D. from Fordham University of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from the College of the Holy Cross. He is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York, and is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court in MA, RI, SDNY, EDNY; U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit and 2nd Circuit. To reach Mr. Ryan, please email jryan@pldw.com or call [401-824-5100](tel:401-824-5100).

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The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) develop practical, cost-effective solutions for their clients. In addition to the practice of law, the firm is very supportive of the communities in which they serve their clients. With offices in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Florida, PLDW has developed a business model that combines international expertise with a more cost-effective delivery system that is based upon a team approach to problem solving with lawyers that are trained in more than one discipline. The primary areas of practice for the firm include administrative, corporate, municipal law, civil litigation, government relations, real estate, commercial lending, and estate planning and special masterships. The partners demand of themselves and those on the PLDW team, an unparalleled sense of urgency and responsiveness derived from an authentic appreciation for their clients and the community in which they serve. For more information, visit www.pldw.com.