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Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Attorneys To Present at NY Association of Towns Annual Meeting

New York, NY – February 18, 2013 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Attorneys Teno A. West and Bruce H. Tobey will be joined by Christopher St. Lawrence, Town of Ramapo Supervisor and Chairman of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (RCSWMA), for a panel discussion on how to improve municipal waste collection and disposal during the New York Association of Towns 2013 Training School and Annual Meeting. The event is scheduled from Feb. 17 through Feb. 20 at the Hilton New York Hotel in New York City. PLDW attorneys and Supervisor St. Lawrence will present on February 19th at 11 am in the Petit Trianon Room.

The panelists' one-hour seminar entitled, *Trash Collection and Disposal: 21st Century Options for Local Governments*, will explore approaches for municipalities to consider to reduce service costs, options for public financing and the implementation of flow control mechanisms. The discussion will also include case studies of cutting-edge municipal solid waste organizations.

The Association of Towns of the State of New York, which has approximately 20,000 members, was established in 1933 to help towns obtain greater economy and efficiency. The organization's annual meeting and training event draws town officials from all over the state for more than 140 courses, seminars and programs over four days.

At PLDW, Attorney West focuses his practice primarily on representing municipal governments in the areas of administrative law, public contracts, water law, solid waste

management, municipal law, and construction law. He is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of his practice and is a leader in the field of alternative delivery approaches, including design-build, design-build-operate, and public-private partnerships. Mr. West is highly experienced in the areas of special appropriations, public finance and procurement law, and has taken the lead in drafting legislation required for the undertaking of alternative procurement approaches. Mr. West has served as the lead negotiator for the development of several cutting-edge environmental and civic municipal infrastructure projects throughout the United States.

His practice includes counseling his clients with respect to environmental infrastructure projects including water, wastewater, combined sewer overflow, solid waste, co-composting, materials recovery, and conversion technology and waste-to-energy projects. Additionally, Mr. West has special experience in the development of urban renewal and municipal construction projects representing municipalities and local development corporations in the procurement, construction, operation, and financing of a variety of civic projects, including sports stadiums, municipal buildings, and educational facilities.

Attorney Tobey 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's extensive public service includes participation on numerous Federal Advisory Committees of the United State Environmental Protection Agency and as Chair of the Advisory Council of the National League of Cities. In January, Attorney Tobey was elected President of the Massachusetts Municipal Councillors' Association (MMCA) for his "innovation and effective leadership." He was mayor of the City of Gloucester, MA from 1993 -2002, and is currently a City Councilor of the City.

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