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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Senior Counsel Leonard L. Lopes appointed
to newly elected RI Attorney General's transition team**

Providence, RI (November 17, 2010) – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Senior Counsel Leonard L. Lopes was appointed to Attorney General-elect Peter Kilmartin's transition team. Mr. Lopes will join other leaders of the community from various professions including academia, law enforcement, business and government to assist Attorney General-Elect Kilmartin as he prepares to take office in January 2011.

"I am pleased to be named a member of this important transition committee and honored to serve with so many of the state's distinguished leaders," said Mr. Lopes. "I look forward to helping support the goals of Attorney General-Elect Kilmartin as he prepares to take over as the state's chief law enforcement official."

As PLDW Senior Counsel, Mr. Lopes is a member of the firm's Government and Legislative Strategies Team, director of government affairs and legislation, and serves as the chief lobbyist and advisor for the firm's private and public sector clients. He is also a member of the firm's Sports Law Team, representing athletes and coaches on all contractual matters.

Prior to joining PLDW, Mr. Lopes served as the Chief of Staff and Director of Policy & Legislation to Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch at the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General (2003-2006). In this position, he served as the Attorney General's senior policy advisor and liaison to all state agencies and to the Rhode Island legislature. Before working at the Department of the Attorney General, Mr. Lopes served as the Legal Counsel to Charles J. Fogarty, Lieutenant Governor (1999-2003). In that capacity, Mr. Lopes represented the Office of Lieutenant Governor in all legal matters and was a key lobbyist.

Mr. Lopes earned his Juris Doctorate from the University Of Miami School Of Law and his undergraduate degree in Legal Studies from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Mr. Lopes is an active community volunteer for several nonprofit organizations including Children Friends and Service, Pawtucket Day Child Development Center and St. Mary's Home for Children.

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