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## **PLDW Attorneys Lead Panel Discussion on “Social Media and Employment Issues” at MA Municipal Lawyers Association Annual Conference**

Providence, RI – October 15, 2013 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) attorneys will lead a panel discussion on “social media and employment issues” at the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association (MMLA) Annual Conference, scheduled from October 17-19 at the Red Jacket Inn, South Yarmouth, MA. PLDW Partners William E. O’Gara and Brian J. Lamoureux, both widely recognized for their employment law practices and knowledge about the use of social media in the workplace, will provide their insight and knowledge as panelist on topics including social media policy development, disciplinary issues for violations of social media policies and municipal use of social media during the hiring practice. Moderators for the panel discussion, which is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17 at 4 p.m., will be PLDW Attorney Matthew G. Feher and Stacey Bloom, Esq., from the Massachusetts’ Department of Youth Services. For further information or to register, log onto [MMLA Annual Conference](#).

Attorney O’Gara leads the firm’s Litigation and Employment Teams and has significant depth of experience handling diverse matters before federal and state courts and administrative agencies, including the Rhode Island Commission on Human Rights and the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination. With over 20 years of experience, Mr. O’Gara routinely represents employers in matters ranging from sexual harassment to retirement issues. Attorney O’Gara was recognized as the 2013 Rhode Island “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers® for his practice of Labor Law – Management. His diverse practice includes defending wrongful termination and discrimination claims, contract negotiations and matters of union representation, and he is a frequent guest speaker to business and HR organizations.

Attorney Lamoureux is a member of the Litigation, Employment and Corporate & Business Teams. He is an accomplished business litigator with an extensive practice in the areas of employment law, complex commercial litigation, social media law and creditors' rights. Attorney Lamoureux is also a nationally-recognized speaker on cutting-edge legal issues relating to social media, and has presented to thousands of individuals on the subject matter including Fortune 150+ executives, other business leaders, employers, educators, and HR executives. His essays, webinars and radio commentaries on social media and workplace issues have been published and distributed by local and national multimedia companies, and he is a frequent broadcast analyst on breaking news regarding legal issues associated with social media and the law. In addition to his law practice, Attorney Lamoureux is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Business Law at Providence College, and is the creator and author of the College's first MBA curriculum for a course titled "Digital and Social Media on the Business Environment" which he will begin teaching to graduate students in the summer of 2014.

Attorney Feher is a member of the firm's Municipal Infrastructure and Government & Legislative Strategies Teams. His practice focuses primarily on representing local and regional governments in the areas of public contracts, public finance, water law, solid waste management, environmental law, real property law, construction law and procurement law. Mr. Feher also serves as bond counsel, issuer's counsel and underwriter's counsel in connection with public bond financing transactions. Attorney Feher serves on the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association, and was named a member of Governor Deval Patrick's Federal Stimulus Task Force. Prior to joining the law firm, Mr. Feher was senior lobbyist for the Massachusetts Municipal Association for 10 years, representing the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns on legislative issues include public works, transportation, public utilities, procurement, real estate development and municipal and regional administrative matters.

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