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PLDW Partner Bruce H. Tobey Co-Authors Landmark Water Industry Study; Findings to be Released January 30

Boston, MA – January 21, 2014 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Partner Bruce H. Tobey, a leading water law authority and co-author of a landmark study and best practices guide for the nation's water utility provider industry on legal protection and claims management issues before, during, and after infrastructure failure events, will participate in the release of the study's findings on January 30, 2014 via a webinar hosted by the Water Research Foundation (WRF) scheduled from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST. The final project report entitled, "Water Utility Legal Protection and Claims Management from Infrastructure Failure," was commissioned by the WRF and co-authored by Attorney Tobey in collaboration with The Cadmus Group, Inc. of Massachusetts and DataRisk LLC of New Hampshire. To register for the WRF webinar, log on to [Water Research Foundation Webcast Registration](#).

The findings of the study are based on independent research, case studies and interviews with operators and risk management professionals from a cross-section of leading North American water utilities. The resultant guide provides background information on the legal principles governing this area of the law and effective measures utilities can employ both to defend themselves from the claims of those asserting damages from a break and to prosecute their own claims when breaks are not caused by either the utility's actions or failure to act.

Attorney Tobey is a member of the PLDW Municipal Infrastructure Team and a nationally recognized water law legal advisor, 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.

In addition to the WRF webinar, on February 26, 2014, Attorney Tobey and other members of the research team have been invited to present their findings of the year-long investigation at the [2014 AWWA-WEF Utility Management Conference](#), scheduled from Feb. 25-28, in Savannah, GA.

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