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PLDW Partner Bruce H. Tobey to Address the U.S. Congressional Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Public-Private Partnerships Roundtable

The Committee Roundtable will be broadcast live on March 25 beginning at 10 a.m.

Boston, MA – March 23, 2014 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC Partner Bruce H. Tobey, a member of the firm's Municipal Infrastructure Team and leading U.S. water law authority, has been invited to participate in a roundtable policy discussion of the bipartisan U.S. Congressional Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) Panel on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 10 a.m. in the Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. Attorney Tobey is a nationally recognized water law legal advisor, representing cities, towns, counties and public authorities, as well as private companies, on environmental policy and 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. The Committee's P3 Panel Roundtable will be broadcast live, and can be accessed at the start of the discussion here: [Public-Private Partnership Roundtable](#).

"As water and wastewater utilities in the U.S. continue to confront the infrastructure finance gap, the use of P3s is likely to become more prevalent throughout the country," said Attorney Tobey. "I am pleased to support the Committee's work as they examine the benefits of P3 models as a vital means to rebuild, repair and rehabilitate the country's aging water system infrastructures in the most cost-efficient manner. I am certain that as knowledge of P3s grows, their use will increase, and the prospect of this occurring is enhanced by more recent industry trends whereby public water and wastewater utilities are increasingly operated to align with the disciplines of a private business model."

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, chaired by Bill Shuster (R-PA) and Ranking Member Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV), established the Panel on Public-Private Partnerships in January to “focus on the use of and opportunities for public-private partnerships across all modes of transportation, economic development, public buildings, water, and maritime infrastructure and equipment.” The full committee’s Vice Chairman, U.S. Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN), chairs the Panel and U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano (D-MA) serves as the ranking member.

Attorney Tobey will be joined by other panelists, including Deborah Robertson, Mayor of the City of Rialto in California; Dan Sugarman, Vice President, United Water; Sandra Sullivan, President-Elect, National Council for Public-Private Partnerships, and Mitch Jones, Program Director, Food & Water Watch.

According to a Committee press announcement, the Congressional Committee is seeking information from the P3 panelists as to the current state of P3s in the U.S. with three objectives: 1) to identify the role P3s play in the development and delivery of transportation and infrastructures and on the economy, 2) if and/or how P3s enhance delivery and management of transportation and infrastructure projects beyond the capabilities of government agencies or the private sector acting independently, and 3) how to balance the needs of the Overview of Public-Private Partnerships for Water Supply and Treatment.

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