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Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC named 'top' bond counsel in the Northeast by *The Bond Buyer*

Providence, RI – August 23, 2012 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) was recognized by *The Bond Buyer* as one of the top five bond counsel law firms in Massachusetts as part of the newspaper's Northeast region review. *The Bond Buyer* is a highly respected, national trade newspaper for government officials, traders and financial institutions engaged in municipal bond transactions.

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