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PLDW Municipal Infrastructure Attorneys Steven A. Torres and Matthew G. Feher to Provide Insight into ‘Green’ Project Delivery Best Practices and Financing

Massachusetts (September 10, 2013) – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) municipal infrastructure attorneys Steven A. Torres and Matthew G. Feher will share their wide-ranging experience helping cities and towns benefit through ‘green’ project delivery contracting and procurement initiatives as panelists for a discussion on “Municipal Energy Contracts” at the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association’s (MMLA) September 12 meeting. The meeting will be held at Pappa Razzi Restaurant in Burlington, MA.

With the passage of the Commonwealth’s Green Communities Act in 2008, Massachusetts municipalities are offered incentive funding for public-private partnerships that promote eco-friendly project development on public land and buildings. The PLDW attorneys will be joined by a representative of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources and others to discuss municipal procurement of green projects under the Act, including evaluating proposals, negotiating contracts and implementing energy efficiency and renewable generation projects.

Attorneys Torres and Feher will offer their insight on performance contracting to retrofit inefficient public buildings with costs recoverable from energy savings, considerations for communities hosting solar and wind projects, including economic benefits from net metering, rent and and/or payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs), and no-bid energy conservation contracts with

utilities and their subcontractors. For more information about the Association or the meeting, visit <http://www.massmunilaw.org/>

Attorney Torres is a Partner and member of PLDW's Municipal Infrastructure Team. He has managed in excess of \$1 billion in project value in the areas of utilities, water and wastewater, transportation, building construction and renewable energy, and has negotiated and administered millions of dollars in Tax Increment Finance Agreements for multiple New England cities and towns. Mr. Torres is a sought-after speaker on municipal law and alternative delivery construction project development and financing and has been invited to share his knowledge and experience at the Design-Build Institute of America Annual Conference, the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the Solid Waste Association of North America Conference. He is also an author, editor and lecturer for the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) organization, and co-edited the Supplement Edition of MCLE's "Massachusetts Municipal Law".

Attorney Feher is an Associate and member of the firm's Municipal Infrastructure and Government & Legislative Strategies Teams. His practice focuses 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 is a member of the Executive Committee of the MMLA and chair of the MMLA's Legislative Committee. His prior experience includes 10 years as a senior lobbyist with the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) representing the MMA's 351 cities and towns at the state and federal levels of government.

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corporate, municipal law, civil litigation, employment law, government relations, real estate, commercial lending, and estate planning and special masterships. The partners demand of themselves and those on the PLDW team, an unparalleled sense of urgency and responsiveness derived from an authentic appreciation for their clients and the community in which they serve. For more information, visit www.pldw.com.