

## **Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West and UWRI schedule final seminar in their 2010 nonprofit leadership forums**

Seminar to highlight employment law issues and e-communications in the workplace.

Providence, RI (October 25, 2010) – The final session in the year-long series of joint seminars for nonprofit leaders co-sponsored by Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) and United Way of Rhode Island (UWRI) will focus on employment law issues and will highlight concerns regarding e-communications in the workplace. The event is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at UWRI's headquarters, 50 Valley St., Providence. PLDW Partner William E. O'Gara, who has concentrated his practice for 25 years in the area of employment law, will lead the final seminar. The seminar is free and refreshments will be served.

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The 2010 series is a continuation of the PLDW and UWRI partnership that was initiated last year in an effort to provide executive directors, chief executive officers, board members and executive staff of nonprofit organizations with cutting edge tools for managing their organization in a fast changing legal environment.

Entitled "Managing Your Organization's Future: Strategies for 21st Century Nonprofit Organizations," these seminars offer a "nuts and bolts" approach for decision-makers in a challenging industry while also addressing important regulatory and compliance issues confronting leadership.

Gary R. Pannone, Managing Partner at PLDW, who together with UWRI CEO Tony Maione initiated the seminar series and partnership said, "We are pleased to participate in this endeavor and support the nonprofit community by providing insight with respect to the regulatory environment confronted by nonprofit organizations during challenging times."

"We're grateful to Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West for sharing their expertise and insights as part of this seminar series," said Anthony Maione, president & CEO, United Way of Rhode Island. "We encourage our colleagues in the nonprofit sector to attend so they can gather critical information to further enhance their operational performance."

PLDW was founded in March 2006 by former partners in an international law firm who decided to establish a more efficient model to deliver legal services on a regional basis. The

firm is structured to offer large firm expertise and business consulting in a cost-effective manner, while embracing a culture of commitment to 'client and community.'

PLDW has become a prominent leader in the legal industry in the New England and New York regions. Recently, the firm was named by U.S. News and Best Lawyers® as a 2010 Best Law Firms in America for Rhode Island in several practice areas. It is also the recipient of a 'Best Places to Work' in Rhode Island recognition for 2008, 2009 and 2010, and will be honored as a 2010 Partner in Philanthropy during the 23rd Annual National Philanthropy Day ceremonies, sponsored locally by the Rhode Island Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals later this month.

For more information about the seminar and to pre-register, please call PLDW's Geri Riccio at 401-824-5100 or contact Ms. Riccio by email at [griccio@pldw.com](mailto:griccio@pldw.com).

#### ABOUT PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & WEST LLC

The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) are committed to developing practical and cost effective solutions while also being supportive of the community in a meaningful way. With offices in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Florida, PLDW has developed a business model that combines large firm expertise with a cost-effective delivery system derived from a team approach to problem solving. The primary areas of practice for the firm include administrative, corporate and municipal law, civil litigation, government relations, estate planning and special masterships. The partners demand of themselves and those on the PLDW team an unparalleled sense of urgency and responsiveness which is derived from an authentic appreciation for their clients and the community in which they serve. For more information, visit [www.pldw.com](http://www.pldw.com).

#### About United Way of Rhode Island

United Way of Rhode Island (UWRI) has been working to improve the quality of life in Rhode Island communities for over 80 years. UWRI's mission is to mobilize the caring power of the community to improve the lives of people in need and address the issues Rhode Islanders care most about. Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place. We believe that all Rhode Islanders deserve the opportunity to have a better life, as when any one of us succeeds, we all succeed. At United Way, we refer to this as advancing the common good. For more information, visit [www.LIVEUNITEDri.org](http://www.LIVEUNITEDri.org).