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Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Named a 2017 "Best Law Firm" by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*®

Providence, RI – November 1, 2016 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (<u>PLDW</u>) announced that it has been named to the 2017 "Best Law Firms" in America list by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers* in the metropolitan area/Rhode Island for the seventh consecutive year. PLDW was recognized in a total of 16 practice areas.

The "Best Law Firms" rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process. Lawyers also voted on expertise, responsiveness, integrity, cost-effectiveness, whether they would refer a matter to a firm, and whether they consider a firm a worthy competitor.

Among the PLDW practice areas cited for the top tier ranking include Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Government Relations Practice and Non-Profit/Charities Law. Other practice areas recognized for outstanding quality are Administrative / Regulatory Law, Corporate Law, Mediation, Criminal Defense: General Practice and White-Collar, Securities and Capital Markets Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Health Care Law and Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management and Litigation - Labor & Employment.

According to *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers*, firms included in the 2017 "Best Law Firms" list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise. Eligible firms must have a lawyer listed in *Best Lawyers* in America. Five PLDW attorneys were recognized in 2017, with Managing Partner Gary R. Pannone named 2017 Lawyer of the

Year by *Best Lawyers*® in the metropolitan area of Providence, RI for his legal skills in the area of corporate governance law.

For more information about PLDW, visit www.pldw.com or follow us on Twitter (@pldwllc) and stay up-to-date with the firm's activities on YouTube, LinkedIn, Google+ and Facebook.

About Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC

The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) are committed to delivering cost-effective solutions for their clients as well as supporting the community in a meaningful way. Many of the lawyers at PLDW lawyers were formerly members of international law firms and are trained in multiple disciplines including the areas of corporate and business law, special masterships, government relations and legislative strategies, municipal infrastructure, civil litigation, real estate development and commercial lending, nonprofit law, health care, white collar defense, estate planning, probate and trust litigation. The core values of integrity, quality services and responsiveness are stressed each day at PLDW. For more information, visit www.pldw.com.