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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Attorney Rebecca E. Dupras  
Named Vice Chair of Public Education Committee for the ABA**

**Providence, RI** (May 26, 2010) – Rebecca E. Dupras, an attorney with Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW), was appointed Vice Chair of the American Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division (ABA YLD), Committee on Public Education. The ABA YLD Public Education Committee focuses on increasing the public's understanding of and access to the legal system.

Ms. Dupras has been a member of the ABA YLD since 2006. In addition, she is a founding member of the ABA’s Championing Our Students (COS) initiative. Launched in November 2009, COS is a law-related mentoring program that matches youth with legal professionals. COS was launched in five cities across the country, including Providence, to help high school students learn more about the legal profession and potential career paths. Ms. Dupras is currently mentoring a sophomore student from The Met school in Providence, RI.

The appointment to Vice Chair of the Public Education Committee for the ABA will also afford Ms. Dupras the opportunity to participate and have input in the ABA’s Touch 10,000 Program that links new bar admittees with lawyers who act as a resource to help them to navigate their way through their new careers.

Ms Dupras is an experienced lawyer in the practice areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, and probate litigation. She earned her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School and is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island. Ms Dupras is a member of the Board of Directors for the Women’s Center of Rhode Island.

For information about PLDW, contact PLDW Director of Administration David Sweet at 401-824-5100 or email: [dsweet@pldw.com](mailto:dsweet@pldw.com). For more information about ABA's YLD or COS programs, please visit <http://www.abanet.org>.

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