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## **UIM Magazine Features PLDW Partner Bruce H. Tobey's Article on Water Utility Preparedness to Mitigate Legal and Claims Issues**

White Plains, NY – April 21, 2014 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC ([PLDW](#)) Partner Bruce H. Tobey, a member of the firm's Municipal Infrastructure Team and leading U.S. water law authority, was selected to be a featured author in the April edition of the *Water Utility Infrastructure Management* (UIM) magazine, a national trade publication for the water and construction industry. The article, entitled, "Preparing for Failure: U.S. Water Utilities Often Need Guidance to Manage and Avoid Costly Claims and Legal Issues," is co-authored by Katherine Martel, P.E., a senior associate with The Cadmus Group, Inc., and analyzes the results of a recent Water Research Foundation study. The article also acts as a best practices guide for water utility providers, so they may best protect themselves against legal and claims management issues before, during, and after infrastructure failure events. The entire article can be accessed by logging on [here](#).

Attorney Tobey is a nationally recognized water law legal advisor, representing governments including municipalities, counties, public authorities and federal agencies, as well as private companies on environmental policy, programs, and financial and regulatory matters with a specialty in water and wastewater infrastructure, public-private partnerships (P3), and other business development opportunities for sustainable communities. In March, Attorney Tobey testified before the U.S. Congressional Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) Panel to assist lawmakers in their examination of P3 models for project development in cities and towns across the nation.

The PLDW Municipal Infrastructure Team delivers responsive, cost-effective and strategic legal counsel and guidance to states, counties, municipalities and public authorities across the country seeking solutions to complex infrastructure needs. The firm's Municipal Infrastructure attorneys are at the forefront of new developments in efficient methodologies for water and sewer treatment, solid waste management, municipal buildings, recreational facilities, and other public infrastructure projects. The Team draws upon in-depth experience in multiple areas of law, as well as public finance, project management, real estate, contract maintenance and other disciplines to solve complicated legal issues on municipal projects from conception to completion. Whether a project involves financing, structuring contract documents, design-build, design-build-operate or the design of comprehensive public-private partnerships as it relates to a public project, PLDW attorneys deliver the fullest range of legal services to clients nationwide.

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