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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Attorney Brian J. Lamoureux Featured in  
*Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly***

Providence, RI (July 15, 2011) - Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Senior Counsel Brian J. Lamoureux's editorial entitled "It's time to retire Rhode Island pleading tradition" was featured in the June 13, 2011 issue of *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly*.

This provocative essay questions the practice of pleading avoidance as a maneuver to be an impermissible hedge. "If you've been practicing in Rhode Island, you know all about this frustrating practice," said Mr. Lamoureux. "It's time to retire this pleading tradition in Rhode Island and require defendants to do what they're supposed to do: admit, deny or claim a lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief regarding the truth" of allegations in a complaint.

To read the complete essay, visit <http://rilawyersweekly.com/blog/2011/06/09/it's-time-to-retire-rhode-island-pleading-tradition>.

Mr. Lamoureux is an accomplished business litigator with more than 11 years of experience in commercial litigation matters. He practices before state, federal and bankruptcy courts in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. He is also a Rhode Island courts approved receiver. His areas of expertise include labor and employment law, creditors' rights, surety law, construction law, telecommunications zoning, structured settlement transfers, and student loan bankruptcy matters. Mr. Lamoureux has also developed substantial expertise on the topics of e-communications and social networking in the workplace. He has written several articles on these topics in The Providence Business News, has appeared several times as a guest on NBC10, and has presented the topic of 'social media in the workplace and the law' to hundreds of business leaders, employers and human resource professionals.

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