

## **Pannone Lopes Devereaux and West Partners recognized by Best Lawyers in America® 2011**

Providence, RI – August 31, 2011 –Best Lawyers in America®, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession recently named all five partners at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) in their 2011 survey. This year’s survey was based upon an exhaustive response from more than 39,000 attorneys casting almost 3.1 million votes.

“We are all honored to be recognized by our colleagues in our profession with this year’s selection,” said Gary R. Pannone, Managing Partner at PLDW. “We are very proud of our entire team of lawyers and staff who are dedicated to providing quality legal services and committed to serving the needs of our clients.”

Mr. Pannone was recognized as a ‘best lawyer’ in the practice areas of Administrative / Regulatory Law, Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Health Care Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Non-Profit/Charities Law, and Securities / Capital Markets Law. William P. Devereaux was recognized in the practices of Criminal Defense: Non-White-Collar and Criminal Defense: White Collar; William E. O’Gara was named as a ‘best lawyer’ for his practice in the areas of Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation - Labor & Employment, and Workers’ Compensation Law. Matthew A. Lopes Jr. was named for his practice in Government Relations, and Teno A. West was also selected in the practice area of Government Relations and the subspecialty of municipal infrastructure.

The founders of PLDW were formerly partners in an international law firm who determined that they could deliver national firm expertise in a more cost effective manner. In the short span of five years the firm is now recognized as one of the fastest growing and most distinguished law firms in the region. In 2010, the firm was ranked by U.S. News and Best Lawyers® as one of the 2010 Best Law Firms in this region.

PLDW was established in 2006 to develop a more efficient platform for delivering legal and business expertise which is the cornerstone of the institution. Pannone states, “This profession is challenging in the best of times and the partners at PLDW decided that it was possible to create an environment that ensures quality legal services in a cost effective manner while maintaining a collegial environment for staff and clients.” He further states, “Our lawyers and staff truly embrace our mission which is a primary reason why we have enjoyed success during a challenging economic climate.”

Since its inception in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed; inclusion in Best Lawyers is considered a singular honor. Corporate Counsel magazine has called Best Lawyers “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.” It is important to note that the lawyers listed in Best Lawyers have no say in deciding which practice areas they are included in. They are voted into practice areas entirely as a result of the votes they receive from their peers. The subspecialties listed after their names are based on information from a variety of sources.

#### **About Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC**

The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) are dedicated to providing practical, cost-effective solutions by combining international expertise with a team approach to problem solving. With offices in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Florida, the primary areas of practice for the firm include administrative, corporate and municipal law, civil litigation, government relations, real estate and commercial lending and estate planning and special masterships. Our mission is to serve the client and our community with a sense of urgency. For more information, visit [www.pldw.com](http://www.pldw.com).