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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West appoints prominent MA municipal official
Bruce H. Tobey as Of Counsel to Municipal Infrastructure Team**

Providence, RI (April 1, 2011) – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) today announces the appointment of Bruce H. Tobey as Of Counsel to the firm’s Municipal Infrastructure Team. Mr. Tobey is the former Mayor of Gloucester, MA (1993 through 2002), and has been a City Councilor for the City of Gloucester since 2006.

“We are pleased to have the high caliber of legal experience that Attorney Tobey brings to the firm’s Municipal Infrastructure Team,” said PLDW Partner Teno A. West, who leads the Municipal Infrastructure Team. “His strong and substantial background in municipal government and the private sector in the areas of public-private partnership collaboration on alternative delivery projects, and in the areas of financial and regulatory matters will serve our growing client portfolio well. We are delighted that he has joined the PLDW team.”

Mr. Tobey has extensive legal experience advising and 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 and other business development opportunities for sustainable communities. He has served on numerous Federal Advisory Committees of the United State Environmental Protection Agency, as President of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, and as Chair of the Advisory Council of the National League of Cities.

He was elected Mayor of Gloucester, MA in 1993 and held that position until 2002, when he joined Aquarion Company as Director of Business Development. Mr. Tobey is a past member and chair of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Local Government Advisory Committee, served on the Commonwealth's Federal Stimulus Task Force, and is currently a member of its Water Infrastructure Finance Commission. Prior to joining PLDW, Mr. Tobey was Vice President Business Development for HomeServe USA, leading the company's national campaign to develop public-private partnerships with water and wastewater utilities.

A 1975 graduate of Wesleyan University, Mr. Tobey earned his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in 1978, and his MBA from Suffolk University in 2005. He also served as Lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard Judge Advocate General Corps from 1978 to 1982, and as a senior attorney at the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. He is admitted to practice law in New York and Massachusetts.

The PLDW Municipal Infrastructure Team provides legal advice and consultation to public entities involved in the construction and improvement of all types of public facilities, including water and sewer facilities, municipal buildings, recreational facilities, transportation systems and other public projects, and are in the forefront of legal developments in the field of project management, particularly those constructed on a design-build and design-build-operate basis, from bonding to structuring contract documents, insurance or other aspects of municipal law as it relates to a public projects.

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The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) are committed to developing practical and cost-effective solutions while also being supportive of the community in a meaningful way. With offices in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Florida, PLDW has developed a business model that combines international expertise with a more cost-effective delivery system that involves cross training of lawyers and a more practical approach to problem solving. 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. The partners demand of themselves and those on the PLDW team, an unparalleled sense of urgency and responsiveness which is derived from an authentic appreciation for their clients and the community in which they serve. For more information, visit www.pldw.com.