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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West's David Sweet
Receives Providence Business News' "40 Under Forty" Award**

Providence, RI (June 30, 2010) – David Sweet, Director of Administration with Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW), has been recognized as one of Providence Business News' 40 Under Forty award recipients. Since joining the company in 2006, the year it was founded, Mr. Sweet has been acknowledged for his exceptional contributions to PLDW in his area of expertise and in particular his skill in the area of human resources.

Mr. Sweet possesses more than fifteen years of human resources and operations management experience. During the course of his career he has worked for local, regional and international law firms, and since the founding of PLDW, has been instrumental in the firm's success. In addition to his human resource responsibilities, Mr. Sweet is a key member of the management team at the firm and in this capacity has demonstrated a unique talent in assembling and training a talented staff with a fully integrated team approach. Through his graphic design background and innate creativity he has led the firm's marketing initiatives to develop a comprehensive marketing approach for the firm profile which has included the design of a new website and collateral materials.

Mr. Sweet has worked closely with firm management from inception in developing a law firm and business consulting platform that now has offices in Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island, and serves a variety of clients ranging from individuals to public companies and municipalities throughout the region. His leadership skills have been instrumental in keeping a watchful eye on maintaining a collegial environment while the firm has grown from eight employees to almost 50 in a four year period. Mr. Sweet employs an inclusive and pro-active management style and demonstrates a genuine care for his fellow employees; the combination of which has been a driving force behind PLDW also achieving recognition in Providence Business News' Best Places to Work in RI for three years in a row.

“David is a uniquely talented individual and consummate professional and we are very fortunate to have him as a key member of our management team. He never ceases to amaze me in his ability to deliver a positive result regardless of the challenge,” states Gary Pannone, Managing Partner at PLDW. “In my thirty years of practice I have never worked with anyone with the combination of skills he possesses and a twenty-four hour positive attitude. He has such a true sense of who we are as a law firm and his ability to read people and make the right judgment impacts all aspects of our success. This award was designed for a person of David’s quality and passion to succeed as a professional and more importantly as a person.”

This award program, presented by the Providence Business Journal in Providence, RI, captures the entrepreneurial spirit and dynamism of Rhode Island’s business community. The forty under 40 awards recognize business people under the age of 40 who balance bottom line results with a desire to participate in charitable and community activities. Nominated by their peers/staff, the nominees are evaluated using three criteria: career accomplishments, professional expertise and community and charitable involvement.

For further information, contact the firm at 401-824-5100 or log onto www.pldw.com.

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ABOUT PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & WEST LLC

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, 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.