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Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Announces the Promotion of Five Attorneys to Partner & Recent Appointments

PLDW's vitality and service to clients ignites unprecedented growth

Providence, RI – January 4, 2012 - Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) announces the promotion of five attorneys to Partner, including Linda E. Holden, Mohamedu F. Jones, Brian J. Lamoureux, Josh J. Meyer and Jeffrey W. Ray. The new partners are active in the practice areas of Corporate & Business Counseling, Real Estate & Commercial Lending, Litigation, Employment, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Special Masterships and Municipal Infrastructure. PLDW attorneys serve clients nationally and operate from eight regional offices in Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island.

In addition, the firm is pleased to announce the appointments of John (Jay) R. Gowell as Partner with the Business Law Team and Stephanie B. Kosmos as Senior Counsel with the Municipal Infrastructure Team. The firm also announces the following attorneys as Associates: Zachary H. Klein and Lee Apotheker with the Municipal Infrastructure Team, Rebecca M. McCormick with the Litigation Team and Marilyn Schoening with the Real Estate & Commercial Lending Team.

“PLDW is committed to maintaining a viable business model that is responsive and cost-effective for our clients and supports the communities in which we serve. This philosophy requires new ideas and leadership in all corners of the firm,” said Gary R. Pannone, PLDW Managing Partner. “These promotions to Partner and appointments recognize our firm’s vitality in the legal profession and our continued and growing strength in serving our clients with a team of attorneys who have the business and legal knowledge and problem-solving skills necessary to solve complex business and legal issues across our practice areas.”

The following attorneys have been promoted to Partner:

Brian J. Lamoureux

Practice Areas: Litigation, Employment Law and Corporate & Business Counseling

[Brian J. Lamoureux Expanded Profile](#)

Mr. Lamoureux has an extensive legal practice including counseling clients on complex commercial litigation, employment issues, social media law, creditors' rights, surety law, construction law, structured settlement transfers and student loan bankruptcy matters, and is qualified to serve as a receiver in Rhode Island Superior Court. He is a 2011 member of Providence Business News' *40 Under Forty*, and is a frequent presenter, published author and broadcast commentator on the topics of e-communications and social media in the workplace. He is admitted to practice in state and federal courts in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Josh J. Meyer

Practice Area: Municipal Infrastructure

[Josh J. Meyer Expanded Profile](#)

Mr. Meyer has national experience in his practice which includes assisting clients with respect to public-private partnerships, alternative delivery construction projects and financing and refinancing of infrastructure projects, including waste-to-energy facilities, landfill gas-to-energy facilities, industrial facilities, water and wastewater treatment facilities, and residuals management facilities. Mr. Meyer has served as lead negotiator and special procurement and contract counsel for municipal clients throughout the United States in connection with the privatization of numerous new and existing public infrastructure assets, and has considerable experience representing public and quasi-public clients in affordable housing and hotel development projects. He is admitted to practice in New York.

Linda E. Holden

Practice Area: Special Masterships

[Linda E. Holden Expanded Profile](#)

Ms. Holden concentrates her efforts full time in her role as Deputy Special Master and monitor for mental health in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. She is an experienced and highly respected appellate lawyer, and is a former special assistant attorney general in Rhode Island and member of the Rhode Island Board of State Bar Examiners. She is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island.

Mohamedu F. Jones

Practice Area: Special Masterships

[Mohamedu Jones Expanded Profile](#)

Mr. Jones concentrates his practice as a Deputy Special Master for mental health in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. He is a veteran advocate and attorney on civil rights matters in the U.S. and in his native country of Liberia, and is the founder of an advocacy organization for immigration relief for Liberian citizens in the United States. He is admitted to practice law in New York and Maryland.

Jeffrey W. Ray

Practice Area: Real Estate & Commercial Lending

[Jeffrey W. Ray Expanded Profile](#)

Mr. Ray is a highly skilled attorney with 26 years of experience handling complex legal matters in the areas of real estate transactions and development and commercial lending and banking in the private, public and nonprofit sectors. He is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island.

The following attorneys are recent appointments:

John (Jay) R. Gowell, Partner

Practice Area: Business Law

[John \(Jay\) R. Gowell Expanded Profile](#)

Mr. Gowell has extensive experience in the areas of corporate law, finance and real estate development in both the private and public sectors, and has represented many private developers, public agencies and corporate clients in development, permitting, construction, leasing and financing transactions and in the purchase and sale of office buildings, shopping centers, assisted living facilities, nursing homes and other real estate assets. In addition, he has experience in mergers and acquisitions and divestitures of companies. Mr. Gowell is a listed bond counsel in the Bond Buyer "Red Book", and has served as bond counsel, issuer's counsel, and underwriter's counsel in various public bond financing transactions. His comprehensive legal portfolio of work also includes corporate law, commercial lending, and distressed debt and loan workouts. He is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Zachary H. Klein, Associate

Practice Area: Municipal Infrastructure

[Zachary H. Klein Expanded Profile](#)

Mr. Klein concentrates his practice in providing legal advice to public entities involved in the construction, financing and improvement of all types of public facilities including water and sewer projects, municipal buildings, recreational facilities, transportation systems and other public projects. He is admitted to practice law in New Jersey.

Lee Apotheker, Associate

Practice Area: Municipal Infrastructure

[Lee Apotheker Expanded Profile](#)

Mr. Apotheker concentrates his practice in the areas of municipal infrastructure projects, litigation, contract procurement, water law, solid waste management, design/build and design/build/operate projects, and other alternative delivery projects. He is admitted to practice in the State of New York and the following U.S. District Courts: Southern District of New York, Eastern District of New York, Northern District of New York, and Western District of New York, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Stephanie B. Kosmos, Senior Counsel

Practice Area: Municipal Infrastructure

[Stephanie B. Kosmos Expanded Profile](#)

Ms. Kosmos has more than a decade of legal experience advising clients on all phases of municipal infrastructure project development and asset ownership, including risk analysis, procurement practices and procedures, contract negotiation, asset operation, and regulatory compliance matters. She has represented governments of all sizes, including municipalities, counties, public authorities and agencies located throughout the country, as well as private companies on project development and asset ownership. She is admitted to practice law in New York.

Rebecca M. McCormick, Associate

Practice Area: Litigation

Ms. McCormick concentrates her practice on providing legal support, advocacy and counsel representing clients including performing pre-trial investigation and discovery, and motions and pleadings preparation through trial, settlement and the appeal process. She is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Marilyn Schoening, Associate

Practice Area: Real Estate & Commercial Lending

Ms. Schoening concentrates her practice on corporate law, finance and real estate transactions in both the private and public sectors. Ms. Schoening has substantial legal experience in real estate and vendor contract management and negotiations, mortgage refinancing, commercial loan acquisitions, drafting purchase and sale agreements and advising on federal, state and local compliance and regulatory matters in real property transactions. Her legal background also includes working for international companies in the medical supply and financial industries. She is admitted to practice law in New York.

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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, 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.