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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Attorney Joel Goloskie to co-chair
and moderate Boston Bar Association, Health Law Section
course on ‘meaningful use’ in health care**

Providence, RI (November 15, 2010) Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Attorney Joel K. Goloskie will co-chair and moderate the Boston Bar Association, Health Law Committee’s Nov. 18 continuing legal education course on “Meaningful Use” – The Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Association’s headquarters, 16 Beacon St., Boston, MA. Joining Mr. Goloskie as co-chair is Kimberly A. Haddad, General Counsel and Health Policy Advisory in the Office of Massachusetts Senator Richard T. Moore.

“The Meaningful Use legislation is classic ‘carrot and stick’ as it provides significant financial incentives for demonstrating Meaningful Use of a Certified EHR system in a timely fashion, but significant reductions in Medicare and Medicaid payments for those who fail to comply,” said Mr. Goloskie, a member of the PLDW Health Care Team. “The attorney has a critical role not only in helping the client secure these incentive payments, but in ensuring letter-perfect compliance that will survive future government audits. This seminar is important for attorneys to learn more about the complexities of this new regulation.”

The term 'meaningful use' has its genesis in the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, which includes billions of dollars in Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments for hospitals and physicians to transform, manage, monitor and maintain their information infrastructures from "paper" to electronic for patient portability of medical records. As part of the regulatory process to receive the incentive money, the US Department of Health and Human Services (US DHHS) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology recently released the final rules for the making of "meaningful use" of certified EHR technology and will oversee the execution of EHR in health care facilities.

Panelist for this important discussion include, Rick Hoover, Health Insurance Specialist, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Reimbursement, Region 1, Terrence G. Dougherty, Director of Massachusetts Medicaid, Deb Schiel, Project Manager, ARRA Medicaid, EHR Provider Incentive Payment Program and Richard Shoup, Ph.D., Director of Massachusetts eHealth Institute, State HIT Coordinator, Jim Fahey, Partners Health care, Health Information Services and Susan A. Miller, J.D. Attorney and Consultant.

Prior to joining PLDW, Mr. Goloskie founded and spent ten years at the helm of a highly-successful consulting firm, providing reimbursement, compliance and corporate consulting services to hospitals and health care systems in fifteen states. Mr. Goloskie's reimbursement efforts directly resulted in the recovery by his clients of many tens of millions of dollars from federal and state health care programs. He assisted multiple clients as they faced or dealt with compliance orders and deferred prosecution agreements. Mr. Goloskie's work also included guiding clients through a variety of start-ups configuration, acquisitions, and multi-party joint ventures, and he served as founding executive director of a non-profit corporation comprised of four hospitals and nine community health centers. His wealth of knowledge and experience are increasingly valuable commodities in today's ever-changing health care environment.

Mr. Goloskie earned his J.D. from Boston College Law School, an M.B.A. from Webster University, and a B.S. in Marketing-Management from Thomas College. While at Boston College, he interned for a U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge in Boston. He contributes actively to several sections of the Boston Bar Association. Mr. Goloskie's practice areas include civil litigation, health care and employment law, commercial, corporate and bankruptcy law and municipal infrastructure.

For more information about the course or to register, please call the Boston Bar Association at 617-778-2020 or online at www.bostonbar.org/cle. For information about PLDW, please call 401-824-5100 or online at www.pldw.com.

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