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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Attorney Matthew G. Feher is featured contributor in MMA's "The Municipal Advocate" Quarterly Magazine**

Providence, RI (January 20, 2010) – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC Counsel Matthew G. Feher is a featured contributor in the recent quarterly edition of *The Municipal Advocate*, a publication of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) that presents in-depth articles about innovative solutions and problem-solving strategies for municipal executives, public agency leaders and private business owners.

Attorney Feher's article is entitled, "Is there a 'smarter' way to build affordable housing in Massachusetts" and presents information about an alternative, 'smart growth' oriented affordable housing production tool for the Commonwealth known as Chapter 40R. The 40R program provides communities the opportunity to receive financial assistance and credit toward their required affordable housing goal if they opt to develop an overlay zoning district in 'smart' locations according to the statute's criteria. To access the article, please [click here](#).

Mr. Feher is a member of the PLDW Municipal Infrastructure and Government & Legislative Strategies Teams with his practice focused primarily on representing local, regional and federal governments in the areas of public contracts, water law, solid waste management, environmental law, litigation, real property law, construction law, special appropriations public finance and procurement law. Mr. Feher is considered a subject matter expert on Massachusetts' affordable housing law and served on former Governor Mitt Romney's Chapter 40B Reform Task Force.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Feher spent the past decade representing the 351 cities and towns of Massachusetts at both the state and federal levels of government as a senior lobbyist with the MMA. During this time, Mr. Feher was active on legislative issues, executive branch decisions, and state-level court cases involving public works, transportation, public utilities, procurement, real estate development and municipal and regional administration matters.

Among several task forces and commissions on which he served, Mr. Feher was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature's Special Commission on Public Construction Reform that revamped the state's public construction laws as they relate to both horizontal and vertical public construction projects, notably authorizing public awarding authorities to utilize alternative delivery methods. Most recently, he was named a member of Governor Deval Patrick's Federal Stimulus Task Force, and Chair of the Legislative Committee for the City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association. He also served on the Massachusetts Highway Association Board of Government as legislative counsel. Mr. Feher earned his J.D. from New England School of Law, and is admitted to practice law in Massachusetts and is a licensed executive and legislative agent in the Commonwealth.

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