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Gary R. Pannone is a founder and Principal of Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC and has been representing closely held business owners for over forty years. He is an experienced business lawyer specializing in the areas of business formation, corporate restructuring, mergers, acquisitions and corporate compliance. In addition to representing closely held businesses, his practice includes the representation of nonprofit organizations in the areas of corporate governance, consolidations, mergers and acquisitions.

Attorney Pannone has served on multiple non-profit boards and as general counsel to several of the firm's corporate clients. He is a former Town Solicitor and was special counsel to numerous Rhode Island municipalities. In addition to practicing law, Attorney Pannone is a frequent lecturer and author in the areas of corporate compliance, best practices and business formation. Prior to the founding of Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC, he served as the managing partner of the Providence office of an international law firm.

Attorney Pannone is a prominent member of the legal community and was honored by his peers and judges in 2023 and 2024 with the AV Preeminent rating from Martindale Hubbell, which is the highest rating based on both legal ability and ethics. For over a decade, he been annually selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America in his practice areas and named Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year" in Rhode Island for multiple years. He has also been recognized by Chambers USA, Super Lawyers and Corporate Counsel. In 2020, he was a recipient of an "Excellence in the Law" and has received the Hall of Fame award by Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly for his lifetime achievements and outstanding professional accomplishments in the legal community. He is also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the nation's leading research institute for the study of law.

Attorney Pannone received his J.D. from Suffolk Law School after earning his undergraduate degree in Finance and Accounting from the University of Notre Dame. He is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island and the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

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