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Javellys Polanco is an Associate with Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC and a member of the firm's Litigation, Corporate & Business, and Banking & Creditor's Rights Teams. Leveraging her strong skills in legal research and analysis, Attorney Polanco provides essential support across the firm's practice areas, assisting with client representation in all stages of litigation, including in pre-trial investigation and discovery, motion practice and pleadings, trial, negotiations, settlements, and appeals.

Prior to joining PLDO, she was a Law Fellow at the Boston University Office of the General Counsel, where she conducted client interviews, revised agreements, drafted a wide range of pleadings in cases filed in federal and state court, as well as the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, and advised on a variety of issues, including employment discrimination, disability, and procedural issues. Also, during her fellowship, she argued alongside the Department of Unemployment Assistance and won opposition to judicial review in *Thomas v. Department of Unemployment Assistance*, No. 2348CV000056 (Mass. Dist. Ct. Oct. 19, 2023).

Attorney Polanco earned her J.D. from Boston University School of Law, where she was a Student Attorney in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic, and represented and won asylum for a Salvadoran asylum seeker in Immigration Court. She was also an Article Editor for the International Law Journal, she interned for the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Unit of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in Boston, MA, and she was a Student Ambassador for the Boston Bar Association. She received her B.A. in criminology from the University of Pennsylvania and an interdisciplinary Minor in Legal Studies and History with the Wharton School of Business. Attorney Polanco is licensed to practice in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

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