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Essential Components of Private Operating Contract for Public Water & Wastewater Utilities

SPEAKERS:

Steven A. Torres is a Partner with Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC and a member of the firm's Municipal Infrastructure Team. Prior to joining Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC, Attorney Torres served for thirteen years as a city attorney for four consecutive mayoral administrations in two cities. He was Corporate Counsel for the City of Fall River, MA and responsible for the leadership of many municipal building projects, including design-build-finance-operate emerging technology energy projects, school building and utility design and construction projects.

He is a former member of the Massachusetts Bar Association's Public Law Section Council, and a past member of the Executive Committee of the City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association. He is also an author, editor and lecturer for the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE), and co-edited the Supplement Edition of MCLE's "Massachusetts Municipal Law".

From 2000 until 2009, he served as City Solicitor for the City of Taunton, MA under three mayoral administrations. During this time, Attorney Torres accomplished one of the first Construction Manager (CM) at risk school building construction projects in Massachusetts and led a team to develop a \$500 million waste-to-fuels project under a design-build-operate (DBO) model using emerging technology.

He earned his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, cum laude, and received his undergraduate degree in computer science from Daniel Webster College. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1987-1990 as a nuclear operations officer. He is admitted to practice law in New York and Massachusetts and is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the New York Bar Association.

Jillian Jagling is an accomplished attorney with experience in both the public and private sectors. She represents and provides legal advice to public entities, including municipalities and public authorities, in connection with the construction, improvement and operation of all types of public facilities and operations, including water and wastewater facilities, municipal buildings, recreational facilities, transportation systems, solid waste management, and other public projects and facilities.

Her practice includes, structuring procurements from start to finish, including drafting and managing the procurement process, drafting and negotiating contracts, project financing, contract management and governance, as well as disputes. Many of these public projects incorporate alternative project delivery models including design-build, design-build-operate, and public private partnerships. She also provides counsel on matters related to municipal law and regulations, including energy management, zoning, land use, planning, conservation, and labor and employment, among others.

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