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SNELL & WILMER PARTNER AARON D. FORD NAMED TO 40 UNDER 40

LAS VEGAS (March 17, 2011) – Aaron D. Ford, a partner in the Las Vegas office of Snell & Wilmer, has been named to the *In Business Las Vegas* annual "40 Under 40" listing. The special publication recognizes forty individuals who have had a positive impact on Southern Nevada by making it a better place to live and work.

Ford was acknowledged for his legal success at Snell & Wilmer, his selection as a Business Law Ambassador of the American Bar Association and his extensive community involvement.

There were over 250 submissions for this year's exclusive list. All candidates were evaluated in the areas of community service, entrepreneurial spirit and impact within their respective industry. Ford and the other recipients, who included CEOs, CFOs and non-profit influencers, were honored this week at an event held at Tao Nightclub inside The Venetian.

"Aaron's energy, intelligence and commitment have provided significant benefits to our clients and to the larger community we serve," said Patrick Byrne, administrative partner for the Las Vegas office of Snell & Wilmer. "We value his contributions and sound judgment and believe he has earned this prestigious honor."

Ford was named partner at Snell & Wilmer earlier this year. He practices in the area of complex commercial litigation, focusing on business, real estate and contract disputes. He also has experience in the areas of school and public law. Ford received his B.S. from Texas A&M University and his J.D. and Ph.D. in Educational Administration from The Ohio State University.

About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

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