

THE NEVADA OFFICES OF SNELL & WILMER HONORED AS 2014 PHILANTHROPIC BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (PRIVATE COMPANY) AND RECOGNIZED WITH AN ANGEL AWARD BY VEGAS INC.

LAS VEGAS (Sept. 10, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that it was recognized as the 2014 Philanthropic Business of the Year (Private Company) and honored with an Angel Award by <u>Vegas</u> Inc. at a reception at the Hard Rock Live in Las Vegas on September 8.

The Angel Awards were established to acknowledge and encourage the accomplishments and contributions of outstanding community leaders and honor the people and businesses in Southern Nevada who make a difference in the community's charitable landscape. The Angel Award winners were also included in Vegas Inc.'s special publication, The Giving Guide, which showcases nonprofit organizations across the valley.

Seven individuals and companies received awards in the following categories: Humanitarian of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Cultural Advocate of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year, Philanthropic Business of the Year – Corporate, Philanthropic Business of the Year – Private and Foundation of the Year.

Leon F. Mead II, partner in Snell & Wilmer's Las Vegas office, accepted the award on behalf of the firm. In his remarks, he noted that "Snell & Wilmer is both humbled and honored to receive this award. The firm was founded in 1938 upon the credo that its members would work hard to provide its community with leadership, not only in the provision of legal services, but in demonstrating the strongest personal commitment to serve their community. In 2001, that firm came to Las Vegas bringing that same commitment to the community of Nevada. This award shows 76 years have not diminished the vision Frank Snell and Mark Wilmer had for their firm and their lawyers in 1938."

In The Giving Guide, <u>Patrick G. Byrne</u>, administrative partner of the Nevada offices, noted that the firm is also a strong supporter of pro bono legal services, saying that "Everyone is strongly encouraged to do pro bono work, which is free legal services for the indigent. We are very active with various organizations in Nevada in that regard." Some of those organizations include the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, the Rocky Mountain Innocence Center and the Nevada Bar Foundation. Snell & Wilmer sets a minimum 50-hour annual goal of pro bono service for each of the firm's roughly 425 lawyers.

Among the non-profit and charitable organizations to which Snell & Wilmer Nevada attorneys contribute both time and financial resources, including board leadership, are Aid for AIDS of Nevada, Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada, C.A.S.A. Foundation, Communities in Schools, Henderson Development Association, I Have A Dream Foundation, KNPB Channel 5 Public Television, Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation, Leadership Academy of Nevada, The Modern Contemporary Art Museum, Nevada Lawyer, Nevada Board of Bar Examiners, Nevada Museum of Art, Nevada Succeeds, Nevada District Export Council, Nevada Public Radio, Nevada Blind Children's Foundation, Reno Philharmonic, S.A.F.E. House, The Smith Center for the Performing Arts and St. Thomas More Society of Nevada.

The Nevada offices of Snell & Wilmer serve a wide range of clients in the following practice areas: civil and commercial litigation; administrative law; real estate transactions; finance; corporate and tax; bankruptcy; government affairs; employment and labor; gaming; and construction law.

About Snell & Wilmer

Founded in 1938, <u>Snell & Wilmer</u> is a full-service business law firm with more than 400 attorneys practicing in nine locations throughout the western United States and in Mexico, including Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Denver, Colorado; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Los Cabos, Mexico. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit <u>www.swlaw.com</u>.