



CANADA ARIZONA BUSINESS COUNCIL RE-ELECTS SNELL & WILMER TUCSON ATTORNEY LOWELL THOMAS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TUCSON (June 1, 2015) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce <u>Lowell Thomas</u>, a partner in the firm's Tucson office, has been re-elected to the <u>Canada Arizona Business Council</u> (CABC) board of directors.

The CABC was formed to promote and increase bilateral trade between Canada and Arizona. It brings together senior players in every industry on both sides of the border, facilitating business arrangements at the decision maker level. These business leaders include CEOs, presidents, entrepreneurs and other professionals. Mr. Thomas has been with the CABC board or in an officer capacity since its inception, over 10 years ago. Having practiced law in Canada for the first half of his career, Mr. Thomas has extensive connections in business, the capital markets and government on both sides of the border.

Canada is the largest and fastest growing component of Phoenix International Travel, with transportation at the top of both the import and export lists between Canada and Arizona. Arizona's recent growth has propelled it to become the fastest growing state in the United States, with a population increase of 40 percent since 1990. Bilateral trade with Canada has evolved into \$3.9 billion dollars annually, excluding tourism. Canada is the largest foreign investor in Arizona. A vibrant new trade paradigm has emerged eclipsing the traditional markets of tourism and agriculture. The total Canadian footprint in Arizona in 2012 was larger than \$6 billion dollars and growing, with more than 872,000 Canadians visiting in 2012.

At Snell & Wilmer, Mr. Thomas brings 25 years of corporate and securities law experience where he serves as lead counsel for equity and debt financings, mergers, acquisitions and other restructuring transactions across a broad range of industries for public and private corporations. His practice is focused in the mid-market. Mr. Thomas is licensed to practice law in Arizona and in British Columbia and has a significant cross border practice. He also advises emerging growth companies in the formation and growth stages and advises corporate boards on governance matters.

About Snell & Wilmer

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