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## 20TH ANNUAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON GAMING LAW MINEFIELD WELCOMES PHOENIX ATTORNEYS PATRICK FOWLER AND HEIDI MCNEIL STAUDENMAIER

**PHOENIX (February 22, 2016)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Phoenix partners <u>Patrick</u> <u>Fowler</u> and <u>Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier</u> were included as part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual National Institute on the Gaming Law Minefield on February 11-12, 201 in Henderson, NV.

Staudenmaier was moderator and Fowler was one of the panelists in the discussion, "Gambling, Credit Cards, Privacy: A Regulatory Environment Trifecta." The panel addressed the interrelationship among money processors' willingness to process payments for online gaming, the success of the legal online gaming markets in the United States and the likelihood of expanded legalization of online gambling at the state, tribal and federal levels. In addition, the panel discussed the impact of the recent use of Merchant Category codes (MCCs or transaction codes) for legal online gaming by the nation's largest credit card companies, as well as other issues driving whether money processors are willing to process online gaming transactions. They also discussed cyber security issues facing the gaming industry.

At Snell & Wilmer, Fowler chairs Snell & Wilmer's privacy, data protection and cyber security practice area and is a leader of the firm's e-discovery and document management committee. His practice is concentrated on defending companies facing high-stakes product liability and business claims. He also helps companies dealing with technology issues related to internet/e-commerce claims, intellectual property disputes, data privacy and security concerns, and e-discovery issues. Fowler holds leadership positions on the State Bar of Arizona's Standing Committee on Technology, the State Bar of Arizona Internet and eCommerce Section, and the Phoenix Chapter of the International Association of Privacy Professionals.



Patrick Fowler

Staudenmaier is nationally recognized in the areas of Indian law, gaming law and business litigation. She represents tribes, tribal entities and businesses who engage in business transactions with tribes and tribal entities. Staudenmaier is a past president of the International Masters of Gaming Law, a founding member of the Native American Bar Association of Arizona and the executive editor of Gaming Law Review and Economics. She has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup> in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Gaming Law and Native American Law (2005-2016) in addition to being named Phoenix Lawyer of the Year for Native American Law (2015) and Phoenix Gaming Lawyer of the Year (2011 and 2016) by Best Lawyers. She was also recognized by Southwest Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup> in Native American Law (2014-2016).



Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier

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