

**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER APPOINTED TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIR OF
BI-NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION**

DENVER (January 26, 2009) — Richard M. Krumbein was recently elected to serve a one-year term as Vice-Chair and Director of the U.S.-Mexico Bar Association (USMBA), a bi-national Bar Association comprised of attorneys located in both the United States and Mexico. In his new role, Krumbein will be responsible for various areas of the USMBA and oversee several of the USMBA committees. Krumbein is a partner at Snell & Wilmer's Denver office and co-manages the firm's office in Los Cabos, Mexico.

Prior to his election as Vice-Chair, Krumbein served two years as Treasurer and three years as U.S. Director for the USMBA. Involved in the Bar Association since 1994, Krumbein was also the first member and board member to reside outside of the state of Texas or Mexico. "It's encouraging to see the growth of business transactions between the U.S. and Mexico throughout the years. This Bar Association is a great organization that brings together those practicing law on either side of the border," Krumbein said.

In 2008, Snell & Wilmer became the first United States-based major law firm to open an office in the Baja California Sur with their office in Los Cabos, Mexico. "Richard was a driving force behind Snell & Wilmer's decision to open an office in Los Cabos. The Mexico office has proven to be very valuable to our clients who are interested in transactions throughout all of Latin America," said Tim O'Neill, Administrative Partner at Snell & Wilmer's Denver office.

A native of Argentina, Krumbein received his law degree at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio and his MBA in international finance from Pace University in New York. Krumbein has taught online and traditional courses in business law for the University of Phoenix and has given many seminars on the topics of real estate law and investing in Mexico.

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