

**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER TIMOTHY G. O'NEILL ADMITTED TO
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS**

DENVER (March 9, 2009) — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that Timothy G. O'Neill has been inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America.

The induction ceremony at which O'Neill became a Fellow took place recently before an audience of nearly 600 people during the recent 2009 Spring Meeting of the College in Puerto Rico.

Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only, and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility, and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of 15 years trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship.

Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province. There are currently approximately 5,739 members in the United States and Canada, including active Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Judicial Fellows (those who ascended to the bench after their induction) and Honorary Fellows.

The College strives to improve and elevate the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice, and the ethics of the trial profession. Qualified lawyers are called to Fellowship in the College from all branches of trial practice. They are carefully selected from among those who customarily represent plaintiffs in civil cases and those who customarily represent defendants, those who prosecute individuals accused of crime and those who defend them. The College is thus able to speak with a balanced voice on important issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice.

O'Neill is a partner with the law firm of Snell & Wilmer and has had an active trial practice with the firm for more than 23 years. He represents major corporate defendants as regional and national trial counsel, particularly in "pattern" tort litigation, and has tried cases to verdict in numerous federal and state courts around the country. O'Neill is the Administrative Partner of Snell & Wilmer's Denver office and is a member of the firm's Executive Committee. He is an alumnus of the Arizona State University School of Law from which he graduated *cum laude* in 1985.

About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 425 attorneys practicing in eight offices, throughout the western United States and Mexico, including Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Denver, Colorado; Los Cabos, Mexico; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Salt Lake City, Utah. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit www.swlaw.com.