

**SNELL & WILMER GROWS HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE
WITH ADDITION OF ATTORNEY JOHN K. CARSON**

DENVER (March 20, 2009) — The Denver office Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce the addition of John K. Carson as of counsel. Carson's practice covers housing and community development, Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/Federal Housing Administration (FHA) financed development, financial services, the federal response to the economic and foreclosure crisis, and government relations. In addition to housing and development issues, his expertise includes the federal legislative process as well as banking, transit and tax law.

Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Carson was the Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). During his time as the top official of the six-state Rocky Mountain region of HUD, Carson oversaw affordable housing, public housing, home ownership, Indian housing, fair housing, and community and economic development programs in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. Carson also spent many years in Washington, D.C., serving on the staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, the House Budget Committee, and as counsel to members of Congress, including former U.S. Senator Wayne Allard of Colorado.

"Adding John to our team was an easy decision for us. He brings many years of experience in housing and development and further adds to our capabilities in these areas," said Tim O'Neill, Administrative Partner at Snell & Wilmer.

Carson received his law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law, and received his Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation from Georgetown University. John is a member of the Douglas County Board of Education, which oversees Colorado's third largest school district. He is a graduate of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Denver program and served on the University of Colorado Law Alumni Board.

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