

**SNELL & WILMER'S AARON FORD SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S BUSINESS LAW AMBASSADORS PROGRAM**

LAS VEGAS (July 30, 2009) – Snell & Wilmer associate Aaron D. Ford, Ph.D. was selected to served as an Ambassador in the American Bar Association's (ABA) Business Law Section. Ford's tenure began July 30 during the ABA's annual meeting in Chicago. The Business Law Section's Ambassadors Program only selects five Ambassadors each year nationwide.

The Ambassadors Program was created to increase overall participation of minority attorneys within the ABA, with particular significance on improving minority involvement within the Business Law Section of the ABA. The Ambassadors Program invests in minority lawyers who are expected to contribute actively in the Business Law Section and advance to future leadership positions within the Business Law Section.

To be considered for selection as a Business Law Ambassador, a person must be an active member of a national bar organization for lawyers of color and have demonstrated a significant interest in an area of business law that coincides with the work of the ABA's Business Law Section. Candidates for the Business Law Ambassadors Program are selected through consultation with the leadership of the various national bar organizations for lawyers of color and with the Business Law Section's Committee on Diversity. Ford's selection was based largely on his activities with the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association, as well as his former participation in the J.L. Turner Legal Association, the African American Bar Association of Dallas, Texas. Ford has also been active with the ABA's Litigation Section, particularly with the Employment & Labor Relations and International Litigation Committees.

"I am honored to have been selected as a Business Law Ambassador with the ABA," said Ford. "It is a great privileged to work side-by-side with some of the most reputable attorneys in the country."

Ford's practice at Snell & Wilmer is concentrated on complex commercial litigation and dispute resolution with an emphasis in contract and real estate disputes, employment law and public/education law.

About The American Bar Association

With more than 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.

About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 400 attorneys practicing in eight offices throughout the western United States and in Mexico, including Las Vegas, Nevada; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona, Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Denver, Colorado; Los Cabos, Mexico; 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.