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**SNELL & WILMER WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATE TO REAL ESTATE,
ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY & FINANCE PRACTICE GROUP**

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. (July 31, 2009) — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce the addition of David M. Buchanan to its Orange County office. Buchanan joins the firm as an associate of its Real Estate, Environmental, Energy & Finance (REEF) practice group.

Buchanan's practice is focused on finance, mergers and acquisitions, and bankruptcy, with a primary focus on leveraged and asset-based finance, acquisition finance, and restructuring transactions. His background includes representing private equity firms, corporate borrowers and lenders, including banks, commercial finance companies and corporations across a broad range of industries. Buchanan also has experience in a variety of insolvency matters on behalf of secured creditors, debtors, unsecured creditors and purchasers in bankruptcy proceedings and out-of-court workouts.

Buchanan earned his juris doctor degree, cum laude, from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where he also received his bachelor of arts degree in English. During this time, he served as a senior editor of the B.Y.U. Law Review and received a Merit Scholarship.

In addition to being a member of the State Bars of California and Illinois, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jane Dickson McKeag, U. S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California from 1999 to 2000. Buchanan is fluent in Spanish and is a resident of Ladera Ranch, California.

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