

**AARON FORD SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE
IN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE TO NEW ZEALAND**

Political Study Program to Focus on Citizen Diplomacy

LAS VEGAS (September 14, 2009) — Aaron Ford, J.D., Ph.D., an associate with Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. in Las Vegas, has been selected by The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) as a delegate to New Zealand for a 10-day political exchange program beginning on September 10, 2009. Ford will join six other young political and policy leaders from across the United States to study New Zealand's political system, engage in dialogue on international issues, and forge professional relationships and friendships. The program is arranged by the ACYPL and made possible by a grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.

“ACYPL has the unique mission of providing select young leaders with an opportunity to travel internationally and engage firsthand in public diplomacy,” said ACYPL Chief Executive Officer Linda Rotunno. “Our delegates have access to key leaders in the nations they visit. They engage in dialogue on sensitive issues, gain a unique perspective on the country's politics and its relations with the U.S., and, most importantly, forge professional relationships and friendships that can last a lifetime.”

Ford will join other delegates, each between the ages of 25 and 40, in Washington, D.C. for briefings by the United States Department of State and other regional experts before flying to Auckland. The program will provide the delegates opportunities to travel within the country and to interact with key national and local leaders, business representatives, and civic and community groups.

“I am honored to have been selected to participate in this ACYPL exchange to New Zealand,” said Aaron Ford. “This will be an excellent opportunity for me to learn about the current political and social dynamics there and help the people of New Zealand better understand the United States.”

Recognized by the U.S. Congress as a pre-eminent catalyst for introducing rising political leaders and policy makers to international affairs and to each other, ACYPL is a bi-partisan, not-for-profit international exchange organization based in Washington, D.C. Since its founding in 1966, ACYPL has, with generous support from the U.S. Department of State, corporations, foundations and individuals, conducted programs and exchanges with 100 countries, producing a global network of over 7,500 alumni. Former ACYPL participants include over 40 sitting members of the U.S. Congress, six sitting U.S. governors and ambassadors, cabinet ministers and parliamentarians around the globe. For more information on ACYPL, please visit <http://www.acypl.org>.

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