

SNELL & WILMER ADDS FORMER UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AS PARTNER

Gregory A. Brower Joins Las Vegas Office

LAS VEGAS (October 5, 2009) — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that Gregory A. Brower, former United States Attorney for the District of Nevada, will join the firm as a partner on October 12, 2009. Mr. Brower recently stepped down after nearly two years as Nevada's U.S. Attorney. He was nominated by President George W. Bush and was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in December of 2007. He continued to serve under President Barack Obama until last month. Mr. Brower will be based out of the firm's Las Vegas office.

Mr. Brower's practice will focus on complex civil litigation, as well as federal and state criminal investigations and regulatory enforcement actions, corporate compliance matters, internal investigations, and administrative law issues.

In his role as Nevada's chief federal law enforcement officer, Mr. Brower supervised all federal criminal investigations and prosecutions, as well as all civil litigation involving the federal government. During his tenure as U.S. Attorney, his office successfully prosecuted numerous noteworthy cases. He also chaired the local Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council and played a key role in the creation of the Southern Nevada Mortgage Fraud Task Force.

"A respected white collar crime and investigations team is an essential part of a first-class litigation practice," said John J. Bouma, Chairman of Snell & Wilmer. "We are very eager for Greg to join Snell & Wilmer as we continue to build on our ability to serve our clients' particular needs in this area. His unique background and experience in the government arena, combined with his demonstrated success as a litigator and his deep ties to the Nevada legal and political establishment, will enable him to make an immediate contribution to our firm's ongoing success."

"Snell & Wilmer has a well-deserved reputation throughout the country as a premier law firm dedicated to delivering the highest caliber of legal services to its clients. I am very excited to be joining such an outstanding group of lawyers," said Mr. Brower.

Prior to his appointment as U.S. Attorney, Mr. Brower practiced law for more than a decade in both Nevada and in Washington, D.C. where he recently served in a series of senior government positions. From 2006 to 2007, he was General Counsel to the United States Government Printing Office (GPO), a federal agency with more than 2,300 employees and in excess of \$1 billion in annual revenue. From 2004 to 2006, he served as GPO's Inspector General, supervising all internal audits and investigations. From 2003 to 2004, he served at the United States Department of Justice as Legislative Counsel in the Executive Office for United States Attorneys.

Beyond his government service, Mr. Brower has significant experience as a litigator in the private sector, having successfully represented a broad range of clients before trial and appellate courts, administrative tribunals, legislative bodies, and in all types of alternative dispute resolution settings. He is admitted to practice both in Nevada and California, as well as in several federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Brower's prior public service also includes being twice-elected to the Nevada State Assembly where he served on the Assembly Judiciary Committee and was the Minority Whip during his second session. He has also served on a broad range of local, state, and national advisory commissions and task forces including the following: White House Council On Integrity and Efficiency; National Conference of Uniform State Law Commissioners; Nevada Juvenile Justice Commission; Nevada Technological Crime Task Force; Task Force on Nevada's Criminal Corrections System; Nevada State Sentencing Commission; the Washoe County Bench-Bar Committee; and the Nevada State-Federal Judicial Council.

After growing up in Las Vegas, Mr. Brower received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California, Berkeley in 1986. He served in the United States Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer before attending The George Washington University Law School where he received his J.D. in 1992.

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