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*Gregory A. Brower Receives Patriot Award
For Exceptional Support of National Guard and Reserve Employees*

LAS VEGAS (December 21, 2009) — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) has awarded Gregory A. Brower, a partner in the firm's Las Vegas office, its Patriot Award for his exceptional support of a strong National Guard and Reserve force while serving as United States Attorney for the District of Nevada.

The Patriot Award is given to employers who show exceptional leadership and maintain personnel policies that support employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve components of the armed services. During Brower's tenure as U.S. Attorney, several of the office's employees served as members of the Guard or Reserve, including two who were called up to active duty and deployed to Iraq.

Civilian employers play a critical role in the defense of the nation by complying with existing employment laws protecting the rights of workers who serve in the Reserve component. A Department of Defense (DoD) organization, ESGR was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. It is the lead DoD organization for this mission under DoD Directive 1250.1. Today, ESGR operates through a network of thousands of volunteers throughout the nation and Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Brower is himself a U.S. Navy veteran, having served as a surface warfare officer on active duty and in the Naval Reserve. He recently joined Snell & Wilmer as a partner after serving for almost two years as Nevada's U.S. Attorney. His practice focuses 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.

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