

SNELL & WILMER ADDS EIGHT NEW PARTNERS

PHOENIX (January 11, 2010) — Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Franc E. Del Fosse III, Brett W. Johnson, Brad Merrill, Anne M. Meyer, Kimberly Neville, Jonathan M. Saffer, Elizabeth M. Weldon and Nathan E. Wheatley have been elected to partner.

Franc Del Fosse, a business and finance attorney in Snell & Wilmer's Phoenix office, focuses his practice in general transactional, securities, finance and M&A matters. He heads the firm's Renewable Energy Industry Group and organized the firm's Sustainability Seminar Series, which focuses attention on renewable energy and clean technology issues and matters occurring within the firm's Southwestern footprint. Del Fosse received his B.A. in English from Arizona State University and his *juris doctor* from Columbia University School of Law.

Brett W. Johnson, who concentrates his practice in international trade, government contracting and litigation, has been with the firm's Phoenix office since 2006. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Johnson served in the United States Judge Advocate General's Corps. Johnson received his B.S. in Political Science from the Santa Clara University. He then went on to earn his *juris doctor* from Santa Clara University School of Law in 1999, followed by a Masters in International Law from the University of San Diego, and a Masters in International Management from the University of Maryland, University College. Johnson has also graduated from International Relations and Law Programs at the Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands and the U.S. Naval War College.

Brad Merrill, an attorney in Snell & Wilmer's Salt Lake City office, concentrates his practice in business and finance, general corporate and banking. He has extensive experience working with clients in several industries including telecommunications, manufacturing, commercial finance and banking. Merrill received his B.S. in Business Finance with *cum laude* recognition from the University of Utah. He then went on to earn his *juris doctor* from the University of Utah College of Law.

Anne M. Meyer concentrates her practice in employee benefits with an emphasis in ERISA matters in the firm's Phoenix office. She received her B.A. from Loras College in 1998 with *maxima cum laude* recognition. Meyer then went on to earn her *juris doctor* from the University of Iowa College of Law, where she also graduated *with distinction*.

Kimberly Neville's practice is concentrated in product liability and commercial litigation in the firm's Salt Lake City office. She has extensive experience working with clients in a variety of areas including product liability, false advertising and trademark infringement litigation, trade secret disputes, and shareholder disputes. Neville received her B.S. in Political Science from South Dakota State University, where she graduated with highest honors. She then went on to earn her *juris doctor* from the University of Utah College of Law.

Jonathan M. Saffer's practice is concentrated in bankruptcy, insolvency, business reorganization and commercial litigation in the firm's Tucson office. He has significant experience in representing debtors, unsecured and secured creditors, and insurers in a variety of forums. Saffer received his B.S. in Marketing from the University of Arizona, where he graduated with *magna cum laude* recognition. He then went on to earn his *juris doctor* from University of Arizona College of Law where he received *cum laude* recognition.

Elizabeth M. Weldon concentrates her practice in business litigation. She has extensive experience working with clients in franchising and intellectual property disputes in the firm's Orange County office. Weldon received her B.A. in Classics and Anthropology from the University of Arizona. She then went on to earn her *juris doctor* from the William & Mary School of Law.

Nathan E. Wheatley, an attorney in Snell & Wilmer's Salt Lake City office, concentrates his practice in commercial litigation, with an emphasis in complex commercial disputes. He represents clients in a variety of litigation matters, including cases involving contracts, intellectual property, corporate and partner disputes, business torts, securities, corporate fraud and unfair competition. Wheatley received his A.A. in Foreign Languages with an emphasis in Arabic from Monterey Peninsula College. He then went on to earn his B.S. and MBA in Public Administration from Brenau University, followed by his *juris doctor* from Syracuse University College of Law where he graduated with *magna cum laude* recognition.

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