

SNELL & WILMER ADDS TWO ATTORNEYS TO LOS ANGELES OFFICE

Formerly Benefits & Compensation Attorneys With Skadden

LOS ANGELES (September 20, 2010) – Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that Samuel W. Krause and David McFarlane have joined the downtown Los Angeles office of Snell & Wilmer, as Counsel, in the Employee Benefits and Compensation Group. With these additions the Los Angeles office will be able to further expand the range of services to its clients from transactional and regulatory to national and international businesses with interests throughout California and the Pacific Rim.

Krause and McFarlane previously practiced with the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, L.L.P. & Affiliates.

“With the addition of Sam and David to our team, we truly enjoy the benefits of a full-service practice in Los Angeles to better meet our clients’ needs,” said Cary Jones, Administrative Partner of Snell & Wilmer’s Los Angeles office. “Sam and David are talented attorneys with a number of high profile clients in Los Angeles County and the West.”

Krause has been assisting employers with their employee benefits and executive compensation issues for more than a decade. He focuses a large portion of his practice on ERISA-related issues in structured finance transactions, private equity and hedge fund formation, bankruptcy proceedings and proxy contests. Krause also has significant experience in the areas of tax-qualified and non-qualified pension and welfare plans, including fiduciary responsibility and prohibited transactions, and single and multi-employer plan liability matters. He also works with boards of trustees of pension and other employee benefits funds, as well as financial institutions and companies sponsoring such funds, concerning their duty of care, fiduciary responsibilities, conflicts of interest, and other statutory duties under state and federal laws.

McFarlane also focuses his practice in employee benefits, executive compensation and human resources law. He has worked in these areas, in the United States and Canada, for more than two decades assisting many national and international clients with their employee benefits and executive compensation issues in corporate transactions, plan administration, regulatory compliance and bankruptcy. McFarlane has considerable experience dealing with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, the Department of Labor and the IRS in connection with pension and benefit plan issues including those involving multi-employer plans and union negotiations. He is advisor to Compensation Committees, Boards of Directors and Human Resources Departments on a wide variety of plan administration issues including matters involving COBRA, TARP legislation, retiree benefits and IRC 409A compliance.

Krause earned his B.A. degree in History with a China Studies emphasis from California State University, Northridge, his LLM in Tax from the New York University School of Law and his J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law with distinction. McFarlane earned his B.A. in Political Science from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, a B.A. and his J.D. from the University of Windsor Law School, Ontario, Canada, *cum laude*.

About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

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