

**SNELL & WILMER AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS
THROUGH ITS DIVERSITY PRE-LAW PROGRAM**

PHOENIX (December 9, 2010) – The Diversity Committee at Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce the names of the two undergraduate students who have been selected to receive The Snell & Wilmer LSAT Scholarship. The Snell & Wilmer LSAT Scholarship, a component of the Snell & Wilmer Pre-Law Program, pays the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) registration fee and the cost of a commercially-available LSAT preparation course on behalf of an eligible diverse individual who plans to attend law school, and who either is about to earn or has already earned his or her undergraduate degree. The goal of the firm's Pre-Law Program is to promote diversity in the legal profession. The two recipients selected to receive The Snell & Wilmer LSAT Scholarship are Conrad Crump and Kwadwo Osei-Opare.

Conrad is a student at the University of California, Berkeley where he majors in sociology. In his essay, he described his path to pursuing a legal education as “very unconventional.” After high school, Conrad joined the Bloods street gang where he engaged in activities that he regrets. Conrad turned away from that life after a close friend was convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison. Conrad began attending community college while working full time. He was admitted to UC Berkeley and is expected to graduate in December 2010 with a degree in Sociology. Conrad has taken on multiple leadership positions and responsibilities while at UC Berkeley, and has earned a variety of awards and other recognition as an outstanding student there. During Spring Semester 2010, Conrad worked as a legislative clerk in Washington, D.C., where he excelled and earned the strong recommendation from the Director of that program. Conrad is an honor student, husband and father to three young girls. He looks forward to pursuing a legal education and to reaching out to disadvantaged and misguided youth to encourage them to make superior choices to enable a promising future. Conrad was thrilled to learn that the Diversity Committee had selected him to receive The Snell & Wilmer LSAT Scholarship.

Kwadwo is a student at Stanford University majoring in History. He is an immigrant from South Africa who moved to Newark, New Jersey in 2002. In his essay, Kwadwo explained the difficulties he experienced regarding his skin color once he moved to Newark. In the United States, Kwadwo was ridiculed at school by black children for the darker color of his skin and his accent. He worked to minimize his accent after believing that something was wrong and ugly about himself. In 2003, his father discovered a bottle of skin lightener in his room. Kwadwo was horribly embarrassed and felt that he had not only disappointed his father, but everyone who looked like him. Kwadwo recalled then the words from “Invictus,” the film about South Africa’s victorious World Cup Rugby team in 1995, which resonated with him: “The most potent weapon of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.” Kwadwo believed that he was losing the battle within his mind by allowing himself to think that he was less due to the color of his skin. Kwadwo recognizes now that his skin color has shaped the way he understands the world. Kwadwo intends to succeed in law school and in life “if not for me, then for the next man.” Kwadwo is a senior at Stanford University and will graduate in June 2011 with a degree in history. He was very excited to receive his scholarship and postponed taking the LSAT offered in October 2010 until the December 2010 test now that he has the means to participate in a commercial preparation course.

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is a standardized test that is required for all ABA-approved law school applicants as part of the admission process. Most law schools place significant weight upon the

LSAT score. Since 2009 when the Diversity Committee launched The Snell & Wilmer LSAT Scholarship, the firm has awarded a total of eight scholarships to financially-disadvantaged diverse students. Twice a year, the Diversity Committee reviews dozens of applications to select the award recipients. In order to apply for the scholarship, applicants are required to submit their resume, a copy of their undergraduate transcript, a copy of most recent FAFSA SAR, a letter from one academic reference and an essay explaining why they are interested in attending law school and how their background will enrich diversity in the legal profession.

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