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**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER TO SPEAK AT  
NATIONAL BLACK LAW STUDENTS' ANNUAL CONVENTION**

*Aaron Ford will be keynote speaker at Awards Gala on January 22<sup>nd</sup>*

**LAS VEGAS (January 18, 2011)** – Aaron Ford, partner at Snell & Wilmer Las Vegas, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Western Region Black Law Students Association (WRBLSA) Awards Gala later this month.

WRBLSA is one of the many parts of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA), the nation's largest student-run organization with more than 200 chapters and over 6,000 members at law schools throughout the country.

NBLSA seeks to increase representation and support for black law students while in law school and black attorneys in the legal profession.

“As an accomplished legal professional, we believe that Aaron would be an excellent person to speak at this event. His presence would certainly inspire our members,” says Dr. Carroll G. Robinson, National Chief of Staff for NBLSA.

The gala will take place at Bally's Las Vegas on Saturday, January 22, 2011. The reception will be at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Awards Gala at 8:00 p.m.

Aaron Ford was named Partner at Snell & Wilmer earlier this year. Ford practices in the area of complex commercial litigation, focusing on business, real estate and contract disputes. He also has experience in the areas of school and public law.

**About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.**

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