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**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER LEON MEAD NAMED TO UTAH SHAKESPEARE
FESTIVAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

LAS VEGAS (July 7, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Leon F. Mead II has been named to the Utah Shakespeare Festival’s Board of Governors.

Founded in 1961, the Utah Shakespeare Festival is committed to excellence through diversity with Greenshows, tours, seminars and orientations. The festival is located in Cedar City, Utah and aims “to present life-affirming classic and contemporary plays in repertory, with Shakespeare as its cornerstone.” These plays are enhanced by interactive festival experiences that entertain, enrich and educate attendees.

“We are proud to have Leon Mead join the Utah Shakespeare Board of Governors,” said Scott Phillips, executive director of the Utah Shakespeare Festival. “His leadership qualities and professional experience will assist us in our expansion and fundraising goals.”

In addition to helping raise awareness and generate community involvement, Mead will use his construction law background to assist the festival in its most recent venture of building a new \$33.7 million Shakespearean theatre. The state-of-the-art facility is designed to enhance the festival experience while still providing an intimate presentation of Shakespeare under the stars.

“Snell & Wilmer is dedicated to supporting the arts and the communities in which we live and work,” said John Bouma, chairman of Snell & Wilmer. “Leon’s appointment is a great opportunity for him and others at our firm to assist the festival with its key objectives.”

Mead is a partner in the Las Vegas office and is ranked as one of the top construction law lawyers in the State of Nevada for several years running. He has been handling construction law matters for clients for over 20 years. His practice is primarily devoted to representation of public and private owners, contractors, specialty contractors, construction managers, material suppliers and design professionals in construction contracts; LEED Certification/Green Building compliance; litigation, arbitration and mediation; construction claims, mechanics lien remedies and construction defect defense including residential and commercial deficiency design and construction claims; delay, disruption, acceleration and other impact claims; construction industry issues; and commercial and business litigation.

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