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**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER APPOINTED TO THE NEVADA COUNCIL TO
ESTABLISH ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

LAS VEGAS (August 3, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Aaron Ford, partner in the Las Vegas office, has been appointed by Senate Majority Leader Steven A. Horsford to the Nevada Council to Establish Academic Standards.

During its 1997 and 1999 sessions, the Nevada legislature passed major education reform legislation. A major emphasis of the legislation was to create standards to help improve the academic achievement of Nevada's students. The Nevada Council to Establish Academic Standards was established to create these standards. In addition to instituting high, measurable standards in English language arts, mathematics and science, the Council was similarly charged with creating standards in social studies, computer and technology education, health and physical education, and the arts.

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. Ford earned a master's degree in International Education from George Washington University and both a master's and a PhD in Educational Administration from The Ohio State University. Ford spent three years teaching junior high and high school math.

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