

SNELL & WILMER PARTNER BRIAN J. BURT SPEAKS AT THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

PHOENIX (October 3, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Brian J. Burt, a partner in the firm’s Phoenix office, was a speaker at “A New Beginning: Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation.” This event, held on September 30th at ASU Skysong, was sponsored by the U.S. State Department and hosted by the World Affairs Council of Arizona.

At the event, 32 entrepreneurs representing a variety of businesses from Albania, Algeria, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei, Chad, Egypt, France, Gambia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mauritania, Netherlands, Niger, Pakistan, Qatar, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Syria, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda and Yemen, were joined by Arizona business and government leaders.

The New Beginning initiative is part of the International Visitor Leadership Program, which was started in 1940 to identify future leaders in countries across the globe and bring them to the U.S. to interact with Americans.

The Department of State had outlined the following specific objectives for the project: create networking opportunities to share innovative entrepreneurial business strategies; highlight the variety of market niches served by successful entrepreneurs and innovators in such sectors as high tech, new media, finance, retail, and consumer services; enhance understanding of partnerships that link capital, business development services, and market access, and that enable entrepreneurs to build high-growth and high-impact ventures; meet social entrepreneurs who are filling gaps between government and the private sector.

Burt discussed the ways in which the U.S. legal system promotes entrepreneurship and business growth.

Burt, who is the Chair of Snell & Wilmer's Emerging Business Group, advises entrepreneurs and emerging growth companies in all stages of development, from formation to liquidity. He also represents banks, financial services companies, private investors, and venture capital funds. Burt represents clients in a wide variety of industries, including banking and financial services, biotechnology, capital investment, consumer products and services, education, entertainment/media, healthcare, high tech, Internet, manufacturing, marketing/public relations, medical device, nutraceuticals, outdoor, professional services, real estate development, renewable energy and software and information technology. He earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was managing editor of the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*.

For more information about The New Beginning Initiative, please visit the following website:
<http://www.state.gov/s/partnerships/newbeginning/index.htm>

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