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**THE LAS VEGAS CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION
RECOGNIZES SNELL & WILMER AS THE 2011 “LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR”**

LAS VEGAS (November 29, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce it was recognized as the 2011 “Law Firm of the Year” by the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association (LVNBA). Snell & Wilmer received the award at the LVNBA’s 22nd Annual Scholarship Gala on November 19, 2011.

The Gala is the LVNBA’s largest fundraiser for minority law students, many of whom have become lawyers in Nevada. The “Law Firm of the Year” award goes to a law firm that has demonstrated a commitment to diversity at all levels including hiring, retention, promotion, pro bono efforts, and/or has handled cases or matters yielding a positive benefit to the greater community, especially communities of color or low-income communities in Southern Nevada.

“It is a great honor for Snell & Wilmer to be recognized with this award,” said Aaron D. Ford, partner in Snell & Wilmer’s Las Vegas office. “The firm has demonstrated a commitment to diversity in hiring, retention and promotion of minority attorneys. Its commitment to community service is authenticated by the mentoring program between our attorneys and minority law students, our scholarship programs, and through the encouragement Snell & Wilmer provides their attorneys to extend pro bono legal services.”

The LVNBA was founded in 1981 with a mission to enhance the professional lives of its members and the larger legal community of Las Vegas. The LVNBA is Nevada’s only affiliate member of the National Bar Association.

About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 400 attorneys practicing in nine locations throughout the western United States and in Mexico, including Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Denver, Colorado; Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Los Cabos, Mexico. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit www.swlaw.com.

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