

**LEGAL AID CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA HONORS SNELL & WILMER
WITH MULTIPLE PRO BONO AWARDS**

LAS VEGAS (December 15, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that the firm, and several of its attorneys, received awards and recognition for their pro bono contributions to the local Las Vegas community by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. The awards were presented at the Legal Aid Center’s 2011 Pro Bono Awards Luncheon. Snell & Wilmer was the recipient of the Lied Award as law firm of the year for contributing the most pro bono hours of any firm in Southern Nevada for 2011 (recording 1330 combined hours as a firm). In addition to the firm’s recognition, Richard C. Gordon, a partner in the Commercial Litigation Group of the Las Vegas office, received the Lied Award for the most pro bono hours of an attorney in 2011.

Lied Awards are given in recognition of the Lied Foundation which gave the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada a Challenge Grant in 2000 to pay off its building mortgage. The grant is based on how many pro bono hours lawyers and law firms donate to the Legal Aid Center on a yearly basis.

Richard Gordon was also presented with the Myrna Williams Children’s Pro Bono Award as Child Advocate of the Year for 2011. This award is given in honor of Myrna Williams, who was instrumental in helping establish a program for the legal representation of abused and neglected children in Southern Nevada, and recognizes an attorney who has done an extraordinary job in giving a voice to our community’s most vulnerable victims. Gordon and a team of Snell & Wilmer attorneys, including Ray Jones, Brian Reeve and Kelly Dove, successfully represented three minor children (ages 5, 9 and 13) who sought reunification with their natural mother. The Snell team prevailed after a contentious 14 day termination of parental rights trial that lasted over a span of four months.

Several individual Snell & Wilmer attorneys were also recognized for the many pro bono hours they gave to the community as evidenced by their induction into the 100 Hours Club or 50 Hours Club. The following is a complete list of Snell & Wilmer attorneys who were recognized by the Legal Aid Center in 2011:

100 Hours Club

Richard C. Gordon, 500+ hours
Kelly H. Dove, 200+ hours
Ray C. Jones
Brian Reeve

50 Hours Club

Marek P. Bute
Jennifer Hargis
Michael L. Iosua

The Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation which is a charitable organization dedicated to providing free community legal services to those in need. Their mission is to preserve access to justice and the provision of quality legal counsel, advice and representation for individuals who are unable to protect their rights because they cannot afford an attorney.

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 Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Denver, Colorado; 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 <http://www.swlaw.com>.