

**SNELL & WILMER EXPANDS RENO PRESENCE WITH ADDITION OF THREE
COMMERCIAL LITIGATION ATTORNEYS**

LAS VEGAS (March 20, 2012) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce the addition of three new attorneys to its Reno office from the commercial litigation firm of Morris Peterson: William E. Peterson, Suellen Fulstone and Janine (Jacey) C. Prupas

“Bill, Suellen and Jacey are great additions to our Reno office,” said Pat Byrne, Administrative Partner of Snell & Wilmer’s Las Vegas and Reno offices. “Their experience and abilities provide us greater ability to serve our clients needs in the Reno and Northern Nevada area.”

“We felt it was a natural fit for us to join Snell & Wilmer because of the resources the firm can provide to us to better serve our clients needs,” said Bill Peterson. “Snell & Wilmer’s presence in and commitment to the Nevada community are something we believe in and to which we can contribute.”

In addition to the group from Morris Peterson, Craig Denney joined our Reno office in July of last year.

- **William Peterson**, partner, has extensive commercial and administrative litigation experience in various fields, and transactional and litigation experience in energy law public utilities and corporate governance. Mr. Peterson has considerable trial experience, having obtained the largest jury verdicts in Lassen County, California and Carson City, Nevada (both since superseded), and has succeeded in reversing regulatory decisions disallowing over \$40 million in investment and or expense. He has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America in the areas of Energy Law (2008-2012), Commercial Litigation (2008-2012), Litigation – Land Use & Zoning (2008-2012), Litigation – Real Estate (2008-2012) and Litigation – Trusts and Estates (2008-2012). Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Mr. Peterson spent 18 years in private practice with Woodburn and Wedge, followed by ten years as Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary for all the NV Energy entities including its electric, gas and water utilities in Southern Nevada, Northern Nevada, and Eastern California, followed by six years at Morris Peterson. He is the current General Counsel for a digital TV, telephone and internet service provider serving residential and business customers in California and Kansas. He is also the General Counsel for a water sanitation utility in Northern Nevada. He is the Immediate Past Nevada State Chairman for the American College of Trial Lawyers, and a member of ABOTA. Mr. Peterson received his J.D. from the University of Southern California, where he was Order of the Coif and served on the law review, and attended the University of California Berkeley and College of the Holy Cross before obtaining his B.A. with honors from North Carolina State University. He was a commissioned officer in the United States Army and spent three years in the Army prior to going to law school.
- **Suellen Fulstone**, counsel, has practiced in the Reno area for over 35 years primarily in real property, property tax, general business and employment litigation. Ms. Fulstone’s employment litigation practice includes the defense of wrongful termination, employment discrimination, breach of non-competition agreements and employee benefits lawsuits. She has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America in the areas of Commercial Litigation (2007-2010), Litigation - Labor & Employment Litigation (2011-2012), Litigation – Real Estate Litigation (2011-2012)

and Litigation & Controversy – Tax (2011). She also regularly advises employers on various issues to help them avoid litigation. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Ms. Fulstone worked for Morris Peterson, Littler Mendelson and Woodburn and Wedge. She received her J.D. from Stanford University School of Law and her B.A. from the University of Nevada – Reno.

- **Jacey Prupas**, associate, has experience with all stages of litigation, including pretrial discovery, trial, appellate work and alternative dispute resolution. Ms. Prupas' practice includes representing businesses in all types of contract disputes, complex tort actions and product liability matters. She has been recognized in Nevada Super Lawyers, Rising Stars for General Litigation in 2009 and 2011. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer Ms. Prupas was an associate at Morris Peterson for seven years. Ms. Prupas was also a law clerk for the Honorable Janet J. Berry at the Second Judicial District Court for Washoe County. She received her J.D. and her B.A. from Santa Clara University.

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