

SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY TIMOTHY O'NEILL PARTICIPATES ON A PANEL AT THE AMERICAN CONFERENCE INSTITUTE'S ANNUAL DRUG AND MEDICAL DEVICE LITIGATION CONFERENCE

DENVER (December 19, 2012) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Timothy O'Neill, a partner of the firm's Denver office, recently participated on a panel at the American Conference Institute's Annual Medical Device Litigation Conference which serves as the flagship conference for trial attorneys and in-house counsel who manage pharmaceutical and medical device litigation around the country. More than five hundred people attended the three-day conference held at the Millennium Broadway Hotel in New York, New York.

During his presentation, entitled "Ethical Considerations in Jury Selection," O'Neill gave insight into developments regarding the use of social media to screen potential jurors and ethical considerations implicated by these developments. O'Neill also discussed leading cases such as *Batson* and its progeny concerning improper use of peremptory challenges during the jury selection process. Other topics covered at the conference included analyzing products liability trends outside the U.S., best practices for bellwether trial selection in mass tort litigation, and current judicial views on pharmaceutical and medical device litigation.

O'Neill manages the firm's office in Denver, Colorado and is a member of the firm's Executive Committee. O'Neill is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and his national litigation practice focuses on complex business litigation and product liability tort litigation, particularly regional and national "pattern" litigation. He represents major corporate defendants as regional and national trial counsel with extensive jury trial experience in numerous federal and state courts around the country. He is admitted to practice law in the Supreme Court of Colorado; Supreme Court of Arizona; United States Supreme Court; United States District Court, District of Colorado; United States District Court, District of Arizona; United States District Court, Southern District of Texas; United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; and United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit. O'Neill is fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and Litigation Counsel of America and member of the Product Liability Advisory Council; Defense Research Institute; International Association of Defense Counsel; American Bar Association; and the Colorado Fellows of the American Bar Foundation.

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