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**THE 2013 AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION GAMING LAW MINEFIELD CONVENTION  
FEATURES SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS AS PANELISTS**

**PHOENIX (February 18, 2013)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Phoenix partner Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier and Las Vegas associate Daron Dorsey were both recently panelists at the 2013 American Bar Association Gaming Law Minefield conference in Las Vegas.

The annual conference, which is the only gaming law conference sponsored by the American Bar Association, featured speakers and panelists from some of the nation's foremost gaming experts such as gaming law attorneys, compliance officers, Native American leaders, regulators and legislators. Panels discussed revolutionary legal, regulatory and ethical issues confronting both commercial and Native American gaming and shared valuable insights about the ever-changing field of gaming.

Staudenmaier, a partner in the firm's Phoenix office and nationally recognized in the areas of Indian Law, Gaming Law and Business Litigation, participated in the Gaming in Indian Country on After-Acquired Land; the Aftermath of the Carcieri Decision and an Update on Sovereign Immunity discussion. The panel focused on issues such as federally recognized tribes that continue to seek to develop casinos on after-acquired land, the dramatic reorganization the Bureau of Indian Affairs has undergone that has had a significant impact on the processing of petitions being filed by Indian tribes, and tribal casino operations that are being challenged based upon the Supreme Court's decision in the Carcieri case.

Dorsey, an associate in the firm's Las Vegas office, was involved in the Gaming Litigation Update panel which presented commentary on a variety of federal and state law issues affecting the commercial gaming industry's expansion into new markets and the internet, along with possible litigation concerns and strategy. His practice is concentrated in commercial litigation, with a focus on administrative law, zoning and land use, gaming, licensing and government relations.

Founded in 1878, the ABA is committed to supporting the legal profession with practical resources for legal professionals while improving the administration of justice, accrediting law schools, establishing model ethical codes, and more. Membership is open to lawyers, law students and others interested in the law and the legal profession. They have a national headquarters in Chicago and maintain a significant office in Washington D.C.

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