

**SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS NICOLE ONG AND KARL RILEY NAMED TO
LAWYERS OF COLOR'S HOT LIST**

LAS VEGAS (June 19, 2013) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Nicole A. Ong](#), an attorney in the firm's Phoenix office, and [Karl O. Riley](#), an attorney in the Las Vegas office, have been named to Lawyers of Color's (LOC) inaugural Hot List for the Western U.S. region. Ong and Riley are among the 100 early- to mid-career minority attorneys who were recognized during a June 18 reception at Reed Smith's office in Los Angeles. The honorees will also be profiled in LOC's special issue in July 2013.

Ong practices in the firm's [real estate](#) group and handles matters involving retail and commercial leasing, purchase and sale transactions, and land use projects. She represents real estate investment trusts (REITs) on single and multi-tenant shopping centers on a national basis. She also represents clients in real estate development on Native American lands. Ong is a member of Snell & Wilmer's Ethics Committee and Committee on Diversity & Inclusion. She sits on the board of directors of the Arizona Asian American Bar Association. She received her B.S., *summa cum laude*, from the University of San Francisco and her J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law.

Riley practices in the firm's [commercial litigation](#) group. He represents clients in various contract disputes, particularly in banking, real estate, entity control, business conflicts and a variety of financial issues. Riley also defends clients in all types of discrimination and harassment claims under Title VII and state law, as well as in wage and hour disputes. He serves on the National Advisory Board of the National Black Law Students Association, previously serving as its Midwest regional chair and director of corporate relations. He received his B.S. from Washington University and his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law.

"It is an honor to be selected from a vast group of my peers," said Riley. "I plan to continue my efforts to strengthen the legal profession through diversity."

The honorees were chosen through a two-pronged process. According to LOC, its selection committee spent months reviewing nominations and researching bar publications and legal blogs in order to identify promising candidates. LOC also accepted nominations from mentors, peers and colleagues and made editorial picks based on its research of attorneys who had noteworthy accomplishments or were active in legal pipeline initiatives.

LOC, founded as On Being A Black Lawyer, has been recognized by the American Bar Association, the National Black Law Students Association and the National Association of Black Journalists. Founded in 2008 as a news and resource center, the company has grown into a social media firm providing research, career development, and brand marketing opportunities to clients.

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