

**SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY AARON FORD RECOGNIZED FOR HIS WORK
DURING THE 2013 NEVADA LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

LAS VEGAS (August 15, 2013) – [Snell & Wilmer](#) attorney [Aaron D. Ford](#) was recently recognized by two Nevada news organizations and one community foundation for his work in his role as a Nevada State Senator during the 2013 Nevada State Legislative session.

The *Las Vegas Review-Journal (LVRJ)* recognized Ford as the best Senate freshman in a poll “which has been conducted at the end of each session for 20 years,” according to the publication. The *LVRJ* story notes “he was saluted for his intelligence, politeness and fairness in leading the Senate Natural Resources Committee, a committee that often drew hundreds of spectators because of its bills regarding animals.”

The *Reno Gazette Journal’s* veteran reporter Ray Hagar named Ford its Rookie of the Year, noting he was “instrumental in getting Brianna’s Law passed with his amendment to form a subcommittee to focus on any possible misapplication of the DNA sampling bill in minority communities.” Hagar also notes that “his exchange with lobbyist Janine Hansen on the sex education bill was one of the best this Legislature.”

Help Animals Nevada (HAN), a volunteer effort that works on the municipal, county and state level to ensure the passage of animal welfare ordinances and legislation, named Ford its Senator of the Year. He was honored by HAN at a July 28 luncheon awards ceremony held at Spanish Trails Country Club.

“We are pleased to congratulate Aaron on these noteworthy achievements that recognize his work during the 2013 legislative session,” said [Patrick G. Byrne](#), administrative partner of the Nevada offices of Snell & Wilmer. “We are very proud of the many contributions he makes every day -- to our state and the community in his role as an elected official, and to our firm and clients as a commercial litigation attorney. On behalf of the firm, we congratulate you on these well-deserved awards.”

Ford’s practice is concentrated on commercial litigation and dispute resolution, with an emphasis in contract and real estate disputes, employment law and public/education law. He is active in the community and serves on the Board of Trustees of Olive Crest of Nevada and on the Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Urban Chamber of Commerce. He was recognized by *In Business Las Vegas* (now *Vegas Inc.*) in 2011 as a recipient of its 40 Under 40 award and in 2009 for its Diversity in Action Award.

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