

SNELL & WILMER'S MAREK BUTE SELECTED BY THE NATIONAL LGBT BAR ASSOCIATION AS ONE OF THE BEST LGBT LAWYERS UNDER 40 - CLASS OF 2013

LAS VEGAS (AUG. 23, 2013) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Marek Bute](#), an attorney in the firm's Las Vegas office, has been selected as one of the *Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 – Class of 2013* by the [National LGBT Bar Association](#). The award recipients will be recognized at a special luncheon on August 24 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in San Francisco.

The LGBT Bar established this award to recognize outstanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender legal professionals under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their field and demonstrated a profound commitment to LGBT equality. The awards ceremony is being held in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary Lavender Law Conference & Career Fair.

“I am deeply honored to receive this award by the National LGBT Bar Association,” said Bute. “I appreciate the constant support from my firm that allows me to give back to the community and serve the LGBT organizations in which I’m involved. I look forward to continuing to advance the goals of the LGBT groups in Nevada and nationally.”

“We couldn’t be more proud of Marek for achieving this prestigious national recognition,” said James R. Condo, co-chair of Snell & Wilmer’s Commercial Litigation Practice Group. “This award recognizes Marek’s deep commitment and many contributions to the community. On behalf of the firm, we extend our collective congratulations.”

Bute’s practice is concentrated in business and commercial litigation, with an emphasis on contract disputes and claims relating to construction, lien law, arts and entertainment, and hospitality. A community leader, Bute is president of Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN), a founding member of Community In School’s The Community and a federal club member of the Human Rights Campaign. He also provides pro bono legal services through the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and is chair of Snell & Wilmer’s Community Involvement Committee.

Bute has been ranked and recognized by *Mountain States Super Lawyers*® for Construction Litigation; *Nevada Business Magazine* as a Legal Elite Up and Coming attorney; and by the *Las Vegas Business Press* as a Rising Stars of Business, Class of 2013. He is the recipient of several community awards including the Snell & Wilmer Pro Bono Award and Community Leadership Award; 34 People With Pride, Qvegas Magazine; and the 50 Hour Club and Pro Bono Project 100 Hour Club by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.

The National LGBT Bar Association is a national association of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals, law students, activists and affiliated lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender legal organizations. The LGBT Bar promotes justice in and through the legal profession for the LGBT community in all its diversity.

The Nevada offices of Snell & Wilmer serve a wide range of clients in the following practice areas: civil and commercial litigation; administrative law; real estate transactions; finance; corporate and tax; bankruptcy; government affairs; employment and labor; gaming; and construction law.

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