

**SNELL & WILMER'S AARON D. FORD NAMED ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR BY
THE LAS VEGAS CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION
AND THE LAS VEGAS NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION**

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 1, 2013) – [Snell & Wilmer](#) attorney [Aaron D. Ford](#) has been named Attorney of the Year by the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association Foundation (Foundation) and the [Las Vegas National Bar Association](#) (LVNBA). He will be recognized at LVNBA's 24th Annual [Scholarship Gala](#) on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Culinary Academy of Las Vegas.

The Foundation is a public charity created to encourage diversity in the legal field by providing scholarships to minority and low-income law students. The LVNBA, founded in 1981, is Nevada's only affiliate chapter of the National Bar Association (NBA), which was founded in 1925 in Des Moines, Iowa at a time when there were fewer than 1,000 African-American lawyers in the nation. Today, the NBA is the nation's oldest and largest national network of predominately African-American attorneys and judges, with over 80 affiliate chapters representing 44,000 lawyers, judges, law professors and law students.

The mission of the LVNBA is to advance the science of jurisprudence and to improve the administration of justice. At last year's gala, the LVNBA gave eight law students a total of \$7,500 in scholarships.

"I am deeply honored to receive this award from two organizations that not only encourage diversity in the legal profession, but also generously support it through scholarships for low-income and minority law students," said Ford. "I personally want to recognize the Foundation and the LVNBA for the work they do on behalf of our students, several of whom are now practicing attorneys in Nevada."

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 boards of Olive Crest of Nevada, Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada and the "I Have a Dream" Foundation. He was recently recognized as best Senate Freshman by the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Rookie of the Year by the *Reno Gazette Journal* and Senator of the Year by both Help Animals Nevada and the Nevada Conservation League for his work during the 2013 Nevada Legislative session. In addition, Ford has been named a Super Lawyer® in 2013 and Rising Star® in 2011, and 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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