

**U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE PENNY PRITSKER APPOINTS SNELL & WILMER
ATTORNEY RAY JONES TO THE NEVADA DISTRICT EXPORT COUNCIL**

LAS VEGAS (January 15, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Nevada attorney [Ray Jones](#) has been appointed by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritsker to serve on the [Nevada District Export Council](#).

The Nevada District Export Council is a chapter of [The National District Export Council, Inc.](#), a private sector non-profit corporation.

Each District Export Council (DEC) throughout the country comprises business leaders from local communities, appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, whose knowledge of and expertise in international business provides a source of professional advice for their region's local businesses. Closely affiliated with the U.S. Commerce Department's Export Assistance Centers and the U.S. Commercial Service, there are 59 DEC's that exist throughout the country and support the U.S. Government's export promotion efforts.

Jones is one of a select group of approximately 1,500 DEC volunteers who lend their time and specialized expertise to assist small and medium-sized businesses in their local communities establish or increase export sales, thus promoting our country's economic growth and creating new and higher-paying jobs for their communities. DEC members often sponsor and participate in trade promotion activities, as well as advocate for effective trade policy positions.

“We are very proud of Ray on his recent appointment by Commerce Secretary Pritsker,” said [Patrick G. Byrne](#), administrative partner of Snell & Wilmer's Nevada offices. “Ray has participated in several trade missions and has a keen interest and knowledge of the issues surrounding economic development and the global import/export business. We are pleased that Ray will be a part of Nevada's DEC as the council members continue their important work to expand Nevada's business exports.”

Jones focuses his transactional practice on complex real estate and finance matters and has built an international trade practice in Nevada, advising diverse clients on cross-border transactions, import and export matters and international law issues.

A longtime community and business leader, Jones is the immediate past president and member of the board of trustees of the Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation as well as vice chair of the Board of Governors for Leadership Academy of Nevada, a charter school. He is also a member of the International Trade Committee of the Las Vegas Latin Chamber of Commerce and the UNLV Lee School of Business International Business Executive Advisory Board. He received his J.D. from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School and his B.S. from the University of Utah.

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

About Snell & Wilmer

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