

**SNELL & WILMER NEVADA ATTORNEY KARL O. RILEY NAMED A RISING STAR OF BUSINESS - CLASS OF 2014 BY THE LAS VEGAS BUSINESS PRESS**

**LAS VEGAS (March 10, 2014)** – [Snell & Wilmer](#) attorney [Karl O. Riley](#) was named a Rising Star of Business - Class of 2014 by the *Las Vegas Business Press*. He was one of a select group of 10 honorees who were recognized at an awards luncheon on March 7 at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas.

The *Las Vegas Business Press* editorial committee selected the winners based on their past accomplishments and the upward trajectory of their careers. This year, more than 100 nominations were received.

“On behalf of the firm, I want to extend our hearty congratulations to Karl on this prestigious and well-deserved recognition,” said Aaron Ford, Snell & Wilmer partner and Nevada State Senator. “I couldn’t be more proud of Karl, and I was very pleased to nominate him. It’s especially gratifying for him to be recognized for an award in his home town of Las Vegas where he was born, raised and now practices law. He’s absolutely humbled and thrilled,” added Ford.

Riley practices in Snell & Wilmer’s commercial litigation group. He represents the firm’s clients in various contract disputes, particularly in banking, real estate, entity control, business conflicts and a variety of financial issues. Karl also defends the firm’s clients in all types of discrimination and harassment claims under Title VII and state law, as well as in wage and hour disputes. Riley is also a member of the firm's Attorney Development and Diversity & Inclusion Committees.

Riley is very active in the community and serves on several industry boards. He is vice president of the National Bar Association, Las Vegas Chapter; serves on the National Advisory Board of the National Black Law Student Association; and has been very active in the Las Vegas Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He has received numerous awards, including Lawyers of Color Hot List 100 for the Western Region in 2013 and the 50-Hour Club and Honor Roll recognitions by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. He also received the President’s Brother of the Year Award by the Las Vegas Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi in 2011. He is a graduate of the Las Vegas Academy and received his B.S. from Washington University and his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law.

Riley is the second Snell & Wilmer attorney to be named a Rising Star of Business. In 2013, Marek Bute, Snell & Wilmer partner, was also an honoree.

**About Snell & Wilmer**

Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 400 attorneys practicing in nine locations throughout the western United States and in Mexico, including Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Denver, Colorado; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Los Cabos, Mexico. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit [www.swlaw.com](http://www.swlaw.com).

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