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SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY MANDY SHAVINSKY ELECTED A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF REAL ESTATE LAWYERS – CLASS OF 2014

LAS VEGAS (**April 15, 2014**) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that the Board of Governors of the <u>American College of Real Estate Lawyers</u> (ACREL) has named Nevada attorney <u>Mandy Shavinsky</u> a Fellow for admission to the Class of 2014.

ACREL, founded in 1978, is the premier organization of U.S. real estate lawyers. Admission to the College is by invitation only after considerable peer review. ACREL's distinguished, nationally-known lawyers have been elected to fellowship not only for their outstanding legal ability, experience and high standards of professional and ethical conduct in the practice of real estate law, but also for their substantial contributions to the real estate and legal professions through their practices, their legal writings and their public speaking. The election of the College's Class of 2014 followed a rigorous screening process, the favorable recommendations of College members and the satisfaction of the College's stringent membership criteria.

"On behalf of the firm, I want to congratulate Mandy on this most distinguished honor from the American College of Real Estate Lawyers," said <u>Patrick G. Byrne</u>, administrative partner of the Nevada offices. "This recognition is especially gratifying as she was nominated by her peers, which is a tribute to her character, her professionalism, her collegiality and her commitment to practicing law with integrity and adhering to the highest standards of legal and ethical conduct. We couldn't be more proud of Mandy," he added.

Shavinsky handles a wide array of complex real estate matters with an emphasis on commercial finance, loan workouts, real estate transactions and real estate development. She has provided advice to national, regional and local homebuilders and developers in connection with mixed-use projects and high-rise resort, condominium and condominium hotel developments. Shavinsky has been extensively involved with both buyers and sellers in the purchase and disposition of hotels, casinos, retail developments and undeveloped land. In 2007, she was instrumental in drafting Assembly Bill 431, now Chapter 116B of the Nevada Revised Statutes, which addresses the creation, structure and operation of condominium hotels; the first legislation of its kind in the United States

Shavinsky is very active in the community and serves on the Board of Trustees of the C.A.S.A. Foundation. She is routinely recognized by her peers in leading legal and business publications including The Best Lawyers in America®, Land Use & Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2008-2014) and Lawyer of the Year, Las Vegas Real Estate Law (2013); Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business®, Real Estate (2013); Legal Elite - Top Southern Nevada Attorneys, Nevada Business Journal (2012-2013); and Mountain States Super Lawyers® - Rising Stars Edition, Real Estate (2010-2013). A native Nevadan, she received her B.A., with distinction, from the University of Nevada at Reno and her J.D., with honors, from The Ohio State University College of Law (Moritz).

Shavinsky is the second Snell & Wilmer attorney to be named an ACREL Fellow. In 2011, <u>Brian Cunningham</u>, Snell & Wilmer partner, was also an honoree.

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