

## THE NEVADA OFFICES OF SNELL & WILMER WELCOME NEW ATTORNEYS BRYAN GRAGG, DAVID GUTKE AND CARRIE PARKER

LAS VEGAS and RENO (July 10, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to welcome three new attorneys to its Las Vegas and Reno offices.

<u>Bryan M. Gragg</u> joins as an associate in the Las Vegas office where he concentrates his practice in the areas of <u>construction litigation</u> and <u>complex commercial litigation</u>. Gragg brings deep business experience with him having previously risen to the position of vice president of business operations for a large design, construction and fabrication firm in California.

Gragg also has experience representing clients in various stages of state and federal civil litigation and has authored an article titled "Construction Divorce: Protect Your Client's Claim Before It's Too Late" for the CEB Real Property Law Reporter. Gragg received his J.D. from Loyola Law School where he was a member of the St. Thomas More Law Honor Society and was routinely named to the Dean's Honor List. He served as research editor of Loyola of Los Angeles Entertainment Law Review. He received his B.S. from the University of California, San Diego. Gragg is licensed in both Nevada and California.

<u>David W. Gutke</u> joins as an associate in the Las Vegas office where he will concentrate his practice in product liability litigation. Gutke has experience in defending product liability actions, including representation of various tire, automobile, construction equipment, and pharmaceutical manufacturers. He has assisted with multiple high-stakes and complex litigation trials, including second chair trial experience.

Gutke also brings a wide range of experience in insurance coverage, business litigation and employment law to the firm. He has prepared coverage opinions and prosecuted and defended actions involving insurance coverage, bad faith, breach of contract, business torts, and real property disputes on behalf of a variety of clients. In the employment arena, Gutke has advised clients regarding a wide range of employment law issues, including hiring, termination, employee discipline, wage and hour, company handbooks, severance agreements and benefits. Gutke received his J.D. from the University of Utah where he was a William H. Leary Scholar and his B.S. from Utah State University where he was a recipient of the College of Science Scholarship. He has been named Nevada's Legal Elite as a 2014 Top Southern Nevada attorney by Nevada Business Magazine and a Mountain States Super Lawyer (2013, 2014) and Rising Star (2012) in business litigation.

<u>Carrie L. Parker</u>, née Arnold, joins as an associate and will be based in the firm's Reno office where she will concentrate her practice in <u>white collar criminal defense</u> and <u>commercial litigation</u>. In her most recent position in the State of Nevada's Office of the Attorney General, she became well versed in Nevada's Open Meeting Law, Nevada's Public Records Law, and the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act, as well as the laws and regulations related to education, state employment law and WICHE.

Before working for the Attorney General's Office, Parker assisted in defending against a federal investigation by the U.S. Department of Interior - Office of Inspector General and the prosecution of multiple defendants alleging conspiracy, false claims, false statements and falsification of records. She also has experience representing court-appointed receivers and litigating for the recovery of embezzled funds. Parker received her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Arizona and her M.Ed. and B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Ohio University. She's received numerous recognitions and awards including Order of the Coif, Dean's List and Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, and she was also an

executive notes editor of the Arizona Law Review. Parker is licensed in both Nevada and California.

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## About Snell & Wilmer

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