

**SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY CATHERINE O'MARA HONORED AS A  
GRADUATE OF LEADERSHIP RENO SPARKS – CLASS OF 2014**

**LAS VEGAS (September 17, 2014)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that attorney [Catherine M. O'Mara](#) is a graduate of the 2014 class of [Leadership Reno Sparks](#) (LRS), a ten-month program that focuses on communication, developmental organization and community participation. She was one of 35 individuals recognized at the graduation ceremony held at Wilber D. May Museum in Reno on Friday, September 12.

The LRS program starts with a two-day retreat in January, followed by a day-long workshop each month, from February through September. LRS has helped produce hundreds of managers, community leaders, business owners and entrepreneurs. Each workshop focuses on addressing different key development areas and is held at various locations throughout the community.

The mission of LRS is to identify and develop current and future leaders through a comprehensive program designed to increase knowledge and awareness of the issues and challenges facing the community. Since 1985, LRS has graduated more than 1,000 participants who commit personal and professional time to remain active in the community, according to the chamber's website.

“On behalf of the firm, I want to congratulate Catherine on her graduation from Leadership Reno Sparks,” said [William E. Peterson](#), partner in Snell & Wilmer's Reno office. “She is a native of northern Nevada, and through her participation in this program, she has reconnected with friends and colleagues alike who are making a difference for our northern Nevada community.”

At Snell & Wilmer, O'Mara concentrates her practice in business litigation and government relations and has handled a wide range of disputes involving commercial receiverships, foreclosures, shareholder disputes and insurance disputes. Prior to attending law school, O'Mara worked in the Congressional offices of Representative Jim Gibbons and Senator John Ensign handling a variety of legislation pertaining to education, immigration, labor and pensions. She worked for the Ferraro Group during the 2007 legislative session, lobbying the Nevada legislature on issues related to gaming, public utilities and mortgage reform. In 2008, O'Mara was a legal extern for the Honorable Brian Sandoval in the United States District Court of Nevada. She earned her law degree at the University of California, Hastings, where she was a distinguished member of the trial team. O'Mara served as law clerk to the Honorable Connie Steinheimer in the Second Judicial District of Nevada.

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