

SNELL & WILMER PARTNER AARON D. FORD NAMED LEADER OF THE NEVADA SENATE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 19, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to congratulate Las Vegas partner and Nevada Senator <u>Aaron D. Ford</u> who has been named the leader of the Nevada Senate Democratic Caucus. Ford's election follows Senator Moises Denis' announcement not to seek re-election.

In this role, Ford will lead the 10-member Caucus, continue to work on the priorities set forth by the Nevada Democrats, and lead the party at the Nevada Legislature, which will begin its 78th Regular Session on February 2, 2015.

In a recent press release announcing the transition of leadership, Ford said, "I am honored to be elected by my colleagues as Democratic Leader of the Nevada Senate Democratic Caucus, and I want to thank Senator Mo Denis for his leadership the past two years. I look forward to working with the Governor, our Republican colleagues in the Senate, as well as with our colleagues in the Assembly."

Senator Ford has represented the greater Las Vegas area (District 11) in the Nevada Senate since 2012. Prior to this position, he was the Assistant Majority Whip and previously served as chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, vice chair of the Senate Committee on Education and member of the Judiciary Committee. He was recognized as best Senate Freshman by the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Rookie of the Year by the *Reno Gazette Journal*, and Senator of the Year by both Nevada Political Action for Animals and the Nevada Conservation League for his work during the 2013 Nevada Legislative session.

At Snell & Wilmer, Ford's practice is concentrated on complex commercial litigation, alternative dispute resolution and products liability. He is active in the community and serves on the boards of Olive Crest of Nevada, Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada, and the "I Have a Dream" Foundation. In addition, Ford was named a Super Lawyer® in 2013 and 2014 and Rising Star® in 2011 and 2012, and he was recognized by *In Business Las Vegas* (now *Vegas Inc.*) in 2011 as a recipient of its 40 Under 40 award and in 2009 for its Diversity in Action Award.

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