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## SNELL & WILMER PARTNERS MAREK BUTE AND SWEN PRIOR NAMED DISTINGUISHED MEN IN NEVADA FOR 2015

**LAS VEGAS (May 12, 2015)** Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Marek Bute](#) and [Swen Prior](#), partners in the firm's Las Vegas office, were selected for the 2015 Special Edition of Distinguished Men in Nevada.

The [Distinguished Men in Nevada](#) books recognize men in over 60 professions for their dedication and commitment to leadership, service and community contributions. The publication is also a written record permanently etched as Nevada history for deserving men of acknowledgment. The books are distributed statewide where executives, business leaders and top decision makers utilize and benefit from this book of consequence. The local government offices, Nevada State Library, Nevada Archives and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. preserve these unique publications.

"On behalf of the firm, I want to congratulate Marek and Swen on this prestigious recognition," said [Mandy Shavinsky](#), administrative partner of the Nevada offices. "Nevada is a great place to work and live, and I know both Marek and Swen are especially appreciative of this award since the book's focus is all about the state they call home."

At Snell & Wilmer, Bute's practice is concentrated in business and commercial litigation, with an emphasis on contract disputes and claims relating to construction, lien law, arts and entertainment, and hospitality. Bute is a member of several community organizations including Aid for Aids of Nevada (past president and current vice-president), a founding member of the LGBT Section of the State Bar of Nevada and a federal club member of the Human Rights Campaign. He also provides pro bono legal services through the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.

Bute has been ranked and recognized by Mountain States Super Lawyers® for Construction Litigation; Nevada Business Magazine as a Legal Elite Up and Coming attorney; and by the Las Vegas Business Press as a Rising Stars of Business, Class of 2013. He is the recipient of several community awards including the Snell & Wilmer Pro Bono Award and Community Leadership Award; 34 People With Pride, Qvegas Magazine; and the 50 Hour Club and Pro Bono Project 100 Hour Club by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. Bute graduated *magna cum laude* from Roger Williams University School of Law.

Prior focuses his practice on defending employers (including Fortune 500 companies) in a wide variety of litigation arising under common law and numerous employment-related statutes. He represents and counsels clients in many industries, including hospitality, health care, manufacturing, construction, higher education, telecommunications, waste management, transportation, warehousing and distribution, financial services, and retail. Prior assists clients with revisions to employee handbooks, employee-related policies, non-competition and intellectual property ownership agreements, and other employment-related documents. He also conducts both employment investigations and training seminars for a variety of clients.



Marek Bute



Swen Prior

Prior is very active in the Southern Nevada community and provides pro bono counsel to a number of non-profit organizations including St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Help of Southern Nevada and Foundation for Positively Kids. Prior is heavily involved with the Boy Scouts of America, his church and other service-related activities. He is a prior recipient of the Judge Sally Loehrer Pro Bono Award. He has also been recognized by his law firm for his outstanding pro bono service. Prior received his J.D. from George Mason University School of Law and his B.A. from the University of Utah.

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