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SNELL & WILMER PARTNER WILLIAM PETERSON HONORED BY WASHOE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AS NEW 40+ MEMBER

RENO (December 16, 2015) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Nevada attorney [William E. Peterson](#) was welcomed as a new member to the Washoe County Bar Association's (WCBA) Honorary Membership during its December 9 luncheon, emceed by WCBA Past President Ann Morgan. Peterson was among this year's 21 honorees who were admitted to the State Bar of Nevada in 1976 and are active members of WCBA. The new members were also recognized in WCBA's December edition of [The Writ](#).

"On behalf of the firm, I want to congratulate Bill for achieving this 40-year milestone as an attorney in the state of Nevada," said Patrick Byrne, administrative partner for the Nevada offices. "Beyond his work for his clients, Bill has also been steadfast in his service to our community and our state through his pro bono work and civic and charitable board leadership, which is a priority for our firm. Today, Bill continues to practice law with the highest standards of ethics and integrity, and we couldn't be more proud of him for this outstanding professional recognition."

Peterson has been a commercial, administrative and personal injury litigator for over 30 years. His practice encompasses energy law, utilities, complex torts and all facets of commercial litigation in state and federal court. He has considerable trial experience, having obtained the largest jury verdict in Lassen County, California; Carson City, Nevada (both since superseded), and a \$3 million judgment in a wrongful death case in Lyon County, Nevada. He has also succeeded in reversing regulatory decisions disallowing over \$40 million in investment and/or expense. Peterson has tried over 40 cases to jury verdict and approximately 50 bench trials to judgment, many of several weeks duration. He has over 20 reported decisions in the Federal Supplement, Federal Reporter, Nevada Supreme Court Reports and the California Appellate Reports. Bill has successfully defended numerous clients in cases of significant exposure.



William E. Peterson

Peterson also spent ten years as the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Sierra Resources (now NV Energy), Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company. In his position as general counsel for Sierra Pacific and Nevada Power Company, he supervised, participated in or personally led over 30 public utility proceedings in Nevada and California and at the FERC dealing with general rate cases, energy cases, merger and acquisition matters, contract disputes and asset dispositions. He has continued his public utility practice and expertise by serving as general counsel to the 14th largest telephone company in the United States with ILEC, CLEC, televideo and broadband data lines of business in California and Kansas, and is outside counsel to several large power suppliers in the Sierra Nevada area. Peterson is also general counsel for a water sanitation utility in Northern Nevada.

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