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**SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS LEE MICKUS AND JOHN O'BRIEN
NAMED TOP LAWYERS BY 5280 MAGAZINE**

DENVER (December 22, 2015) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Denver partners [Lee Mickus](#) and [John O'Brien](#) have been named 5280 magazine Top Lawyers for 2016. Mickus was selected in the category of Personal Injury: Defense and O'Brien was selected in the category of Agricultural/Rural. For the second year in a row, this award will be listed in the Top Lawyer edition of [5280 Magazine](#).

5280 ranked 400 attorneys in the Denver metro area. Rankings were determined by surveying metro Denver lawyers and online voting at 5280.com earlier this year. The results were then reviewed and vetted by 5280's editorial team.

Mickus' practice emphasizes the defense of manufacturers during the discovery, trial and appeal stages of product liability lawsuits, as well as the coordination of pattern litigation. He has handled cases involving a wide variety of products, including automobiles, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, industrial machinery and recreational equipment. Mickus' practice also addresses allegations asserted against financial planners in their interactions with investors. He has successfully tried cases to juries in Colorado, Texas, California, New York, Montana and several other states and has made court appearances and argued appeals in numerous jurisdictions across the country.



Lee Mickus

O'Brien is a leader of the firm's commercial finance group and practices in banking, agrifinance, commercial finance, commercial law, lender liability defense, agriculture law, agricultural transactions, receivership, creditors rights and bankruptcy. He has a national agrifinance practice and has closed over \$1,000,000,000 of financings on livestock production facilities (including cattle, dairy, hogs, buffalo, poultry and sheep), public elevators, public warehouses, irrigated farms, dryland farms, ranches and other commercial enterprises. O'Brien represents national and regional financial institutions and issuers of domestic and international letters of credit securing commodity sales and transactions. He has visited more than 100 livestock production facilities in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Iowa and New Mexico. He has also litigated, mediated or resolved lien priority disputes, commercial disputes and cattle frauds throughout the United States and has been lead counsel for the primary creditor in more than 100 receiverships in Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Iowa, Ohio and Mississippi. O'Brien regularly practices under the Packers and Stockyards Act and is a Colorado Super Lawyer in the area of Banking. He is a long-time cattle feeder, and grows wheat and corn on his Colorado farms. In 2015, he received both the Barrister's Best and Peoples Choice Awards for the Best Agricultural Lawyer in Colorado.



John O'Brien

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