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## WASHOE CASA FOUNDATION APPOINTS SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY NATHAN KANUTE TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**RENO (May 31, 2016)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Nathan G. Kanute](#), an attorney in the firm's Reno office, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the [Washoe CASA Foundation](#). He began serving his three-year term in April 2016.

The Washoe CASA Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that works closely with the Washoe County CASA Program, which is dedicated to the safety, well-being, and best interests of abused, neglected and dependent children who are the subject of judicial proceedings. The foundation also promotes CASA volunteerism and provides funding and support for the needs of CASA children. In addition, the foundation works to secure resources for CASA by creating partnerships and relationships within the community.

CASAs are Court-Appointed Special Advocates who are empowered directly by the courts to offer judges critical information they need to ensure that a child's rights and needs are being attended to while in foster care. Since its inception, the Washoe County CASA Program has served over 5,000 children.

Kanute and his wife, Lisa, have been foster parents in Washoe County for nearly two years. Kanute noted in the [CASA Foundation's press release](#) that "the work of CASA volunteers is integral for a child's well-being in foster care and it is imperative that we assist our community by serving as a voice for abused and neglected children."



Nathan Kanute

As foster parents, the Kanutes have provided a home for five children. Earlier this year, they were overjoyed when their home became a forever home for one of the girls. To bring awareness to National Foster Care Month in May, Kanute authored an op-ed about the foster care system, CASA and his own personal journey. It was published in the Reno Gazette-Journal and can be read [here](#).

At Snell & Wilmer, Kanute's practice is concentrated on the preservation of creditor's rights in Bankruptcy Court, State Court and Federal District Court. His Bankruptcy Court experience ranges from representing creditors in resolving cash collateral issues, lift stay motions, non-dischargeability complaints, claim objections, adversary proceedings and contested plan confirmation trials. Kanute has represented creditor's interests in Chapter 7, Chapter 11 and Chapter 13 Bankruptcy proceedings. Nathan is licensed to practice in Nevada, California and Arizona. He received his B.S. and J.D., both *summa cum laude*, from the University of Arizona. From 2013 to 2014, he served as a board member of the Catholic Community Services Foundation in Tucson, Arizona.

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