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## UTAH BUSINESS MAGAZINE RECOGNIZES SNELL & WILMER PARTNER ELIZABETH EVENSEN IN ANNUAL 30 WOMEN TO WATCH

**SALT LAKE CITY (April 13, 2017)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that attorney <u>Elizabeth</u> (<u>Leeza</u>) <u>Evensen</u>, a partner in the firm's Salt Lake City office, has been honored as one of <u>Utah Business</u> <u>magazine's 30 Women to Watch</u>. The awards are granted each year in recognition of women who have made outstanding contributions to their organizations and the community. Evensen will be honored at a ceremony on May 17 at The Grand America Hotel.

In its 18<sup>th</sup> year, the 30 Women to Watch distinction is based on a nomination process. A panel of previous Women to Watch honorees evaluates the nominations and selects the 30 honorees. The women in the program come from a variety of industries and job titles, but all are influential in shaping Utah.

"Leeza is a uniquely talented attorney. She has the earned the respect and esteem of clients, colleagues and other business and community leaders. We greatly value the numerous contributions she has made and will continue to make in our firm and throughout our great state," said Brian Cunningham administrative partner at Snell & Wilmer. "We are so pleased that her efforts are being acknowledged with this well-deserved honor."



Elizabeth Evensen

Evensen is a partner in Snell & Wilmer's real estate group. Her practice is concentrated in real estate law, focusing on hotel, resort, retail, condominium, office and other commercial real estate development and disposition; office/retail leasing; zoning and land use; partnerships and joint ventures; construction; real estate workouts; real estate financing; and general commercial and corporate transactions. Evensen is one of a few attorneys in the country that regularly advises clients on the acquisition, development, construction and financing of public charter and private school facilities, which is a relatively new field in the real estate industry. Her experience includes representing real estate developers, ski resorts, landowners, real estate investment trusts, financial institutions and governmental agencies. Evensen received her J.D. from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law.

In the community, Evensen is a board member and president elect for CREW Utah, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the advancing the success of women in commercial real estate. She also serves on the boards for Artspace and the Downtown Public Market. At Snell & Wilmer, Evensen is one of four leaders of the firm-wide real estate practice group and is past chair for the Salt Lake City office's Community Involvement Committee. This year, Evensen was awarded the Utah CCIM Utah Excellence Award for Real Estate Attorney of the Year.

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