



JOSEPH NEGUSE JOINS DENVER OFFICE OF SNELL & WILMER

Former Executive Director of Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies adds depth and breadth to firm's litigation, regulatory, and administrative law practices

DENVER (August 22, 2017) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce <u>Joseph Neguse</u>, former Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), has joined the firm's Denver office as counsel. His arrival continues the office's strategic expansion of its administrative law practice area. <u>Scott Martinez</u>, former Denver City Attorney, joined Snell & Wilmer in February to lead this new group.

At Snell & Wilmer, Neguse will focus his practice on employment law, commercial litigation, and administrative law, utilizing his public and private sector experience to help entrepreneurs, innovators, and small and large businesses address their legal needs and navigate an ever-changing regulatory landscape.

"Snell & Wilmer's dedication to Colorado and our community is truly impressive," said Neguse. "I am thrilled at the opportunity to work with excellent practitioners who have a deep dedication to client service and the community in which I live and work."



Joseph Neguse

Neguse served in the Cabinet of Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper as the Executive Director of DORA from June 2015 to June 2017. In his role as the state's chief business regulator, Neguse provided leadership, oversight and management across nine complex regulatory divisions, including the Divisions of Securities and the Colorado Office of Policy, Research & Regulatory Reform, leading the state's regulatory department in its mission to protect Colorado consumers and promote a fair and competitive business environment. Prior to his role with DORA, Neguse served as an elected Regent on the University of Colorado Board of Regents.

Neguse's community leadership efforts span a range of organizations and initiatives. His current community involvement activities include, among others, serving on the Colorado Symphony Board of Trustees and on the Board of Directors for Qualistar Colorado.

"Snell & Wilmer is focused on expanding its Denver presence while continuing to provide clients with superior legal services," said Curt Reimann, managing partner of Snell & Wilmer's Denver office. "Joe will play an integral role in this effort and, along with Scott Martinez and Jason Brinkley, also help us ensure we are well positioned to address the increasing need among clients for experienced guidance and counsel on issues involving administrative law matters."

Neguse received his J.D. from the University of Colorado--School of Law and his B.A., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Colorado at Boulder. During his career, he has been honored with numerous recognitions, including the American Bar Association's "Top 40 Young Lawyer" Award (2017); Denver Business Journal's "Top 40 Under 40" Award (2016); National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 (2015); University of Colorado Alumni Recognition Award (2015); and Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Stars (2012 – 2015).

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