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BILL PETERSON HONORED WITH THE COVETED PRESIDENTIAL AWARD BY THE STATE BAR OF NEVADA, RECOGNIZING A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE LAW

Reno (July 18, 2018) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Bill Peterson](#), a partner in the firm's Reno office, was honored by the State Bar of Nevada as the recipient of this year's Presidential Award. Peterson was recognized in a video presentation at the bar's annual meeting in Chicago on July 12 and 13 and received the award from Gene Leverty, president of the State Bar of Nevada.

The State Bar of Nevada's Presidential Award is presented annually to a bar member practicing 20 years or more whose conduct, honesty and integrity represents the highest standards of the legal profession. Award recipients inspire by example, advance the administration of justice, and bring honor to the profession.

"On behalf of the firm, I want to thank Bill for his dedication to our profession and recognize his integrity and his commitment to maintaining the highest ethical standards during his entire legal career," said Snell & Wilmer Chair Matt Feeny, who also attended the awards presentation. "We are incredibly proud to call you our colleague and more importantly, our friend."



Bill Peterson

Peterson has been a commercial, administrative and personal injury litigator for over 40 years. His practice encompasses energy law, utilities, complex torts and all facets of commercial litigation in state and federal court. Peterson has considerable trial experience. He 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 defended numerous clients in cases of significant exposure.

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 Peterson 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 assisting the 14th largest telephone company in the United States with ILEC, CLEC, televidio and broadband data lines of business in California and Kansas, and representing several large power suppliers in the Sierra Nevada area. Peterson also represents a water sanitation utility in Northern Nevada.

Peterson has been recognized by many industry and legal organizations and publications including Legal Elite - Top Northern Nevada Attorneys, Nevada Business Magazine (2013-2018); The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation, Energy Law, Land Use & Zoning Litigation, Real Estate Litigation (2008-2018); Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy), Trusts and Estates Litigation (2015-2018); Administrative/Regulatory Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Trusts and Estates Litigation (2016-2018); Securities Litigation (2008-2013); Reno Lawyer of the Year, Bet-the-Company Litigation (2017); and Reno Lawyer of the Year, Trusts and Estates Litigation (2016, 2018). He was also recognized by Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Civil Litigation: Defense (2013-2018), Commercial Litigation, Utilities (2008-2012) and named to the Top 100 Lawyers list (2013).

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