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THE JUSTICE MICHAEL L. DOUGLAS PRELAW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN NEVADA RECEIVES EARLY SUPPORT FROM SNELL & WILMER

Program designed for first-generation and diverse students interested in law school

LAS VEGAS (April 25, 2019) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce its early support of The Justice Michael L. Douglas Prelaw Fellowship Program, newly created for first-generation and diverse college and high school students to explore and potentially pursue a career in the law. Established by the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law and named after the first African-American Supreme Court Justice in Nevada's history, the program will officially launch in April. Snell & Wilmer is one of Nevada's first law firms to endow a fellowship for the program and [John S. Delikanakis](#), a partner in the firm's Las Vegas office will serve on the program's advisory board.

The Justice Douglas PreLaw Fellowship Program will offer undergraduate students simulated law school classes and LSAT preparation. PreLaw recipients will gain insight on best practices for applying and succeeding in law school. The program will also provide information and resources on the application process and the information students need to be prepared for law school. The program will take place at the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law in Las Vegas.

"Justice Douglas is a trailblazer within the legal community and a great advocate for underserved communities across Nevada," said Delikanakis. The Honorable Michael L. Douglas was appointed to the Court in March 2004, and thereafter elected three times. He served as Chief Justice in 2011 and 2018. His Nevada career began as an attorney with Nevada Legal Services in 1982. Two years later, he was hired by the Clark County District Attorney's Offices and served in the Civil Division until 1995. In 1996, he was appointed to the Eighth Judicial District Court bench. He took office and was retained in an election later that year, serving until his appointment to the Supreme Court.

"Snell & Wilmer has a longstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion strategies underscored by our mission statement "One Community, Identity of Many,"" said Delikanakis. "We are deeply committed to carrying out this mission in the communities where we live and work, and we are honored to support this program in Nevada that will have a lasting impact for generations to come."

Snell & Wilmer is committed to diversity and inclusion and demonstrates its commitment through numerous internal and external activities and initiatives. By recognizing the unique qualities of individuals, educating colleagues and building meaningful alliances, the firm strives to promote a diverse group of qualified professionals that reflect the communities and clients it serves. The firm is engaged in a number of diversity and inclusion related initiatives. For a list of those over the past years, click [here](#). In Nevada:

- Earlier this year Phoenix partner, Barb Dawson, and Las Vegas partner, Alex Fugazzi, established a partnership with Core Academy, an in and out of school program for underprivileged youth in Southern Nevada. As a result of that partnership, Las Vegas partner, Rick Gordon, accompanied six Core high school scholars to a "Day at Court" event on July 17, 2018. The students had the opportunity to witness civil motion hearings before Judge Elizabeth Gonzalez, as well as a criminal jury trial in front of Judge Joe Hardy. Both Judge Gonzalez and Judge Hardy spent time with the scholars, fielding questions and inviting other lawyers in the gallery to participate.

- Snell & Wilmer's Las Vegas office hosted a reception marking the 10-Year Anniversary of its Nevada Bar Professional Fellowship Program in conjunction with UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law. The Fellowship Program was established to provide diverse students of the law school with an educational and practical experience by pairing them with local legal employers with a long-term goal of increasing diversity in their hiring and retention. The firm's Las Vegas office began participating in the program in 2009, when Snell & Wilmer Administrative Partner Alex Fugazzi served as the hiring partner.

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