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SNELL & WILMER NAMED PRO BONO LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR AT 19TH ANNUAL LEGAL AID CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA PRO BONO AWARDS LUNCHEON

LAS VEGAS (December 19, 2019) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that its Las Vegas office was named Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada during the 19th Annual Pro Bono Awards luncheon held December 13 at Wynn Las Vegas. Justice James Hardesty of the Nevada Supreme Court presented the award to Snell & Wilmer, and Partners Rick Gordon and Kelly Dove accepted on the firm's behalf.

Snell & Wilmer was recognized for a case that came about when a petition was filed in federal court for the return of an eight-year-old child under the Hague Convention. The magistrate recognized the significance of the issues involved in the case and their impact on the life of the minor child and issued an emergency order for the appointment of pro bono counsel. After accepting the case, a team of Snell & Wilmer attorneys, including Rick Gordon, Eric Walther and Evan Hall, prepared for trial in under three weeks. With the appellate assistance of Kelly Dove, the team continued to work on the case for more than a year, contributing over 1600 hours collectively in 2018 and 2019. In April, the Court issued its final order, which permitted the minor child to stay safely with family in the United States. After reading the Court's ruling, a family member said the child "was jumping for joy when the court rendered its decision."



The Snell & Wilmer team accept the Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year Award from Justice James Hardesty (second from left) of the Nevada Supreme Court.

"This case was certainly, for me, the most meaningful and significant case I've ever worked on as an attorney because it changed dramatically the life of a child," said Gordon. "The firm is incredibly supportive of pro bono efforts. We wanted to do it and we believed in the issue that was being litigated."

Noah Malgeri, pro bono director of the Legal Aid Center, said in a video shared at the luncheon that "Snell & Wilmer works very seriously on cultivating a culture of pro bono within their organization at every level, from their leadership to the partnership to the associates – and it is part of their identity, part of their firm DNA." He went on to congratulate all the attorneys at Snell & Wilmer on the award.

Snell & Wilmer is also pleased to announce that 13 of its Nevada attorneys received awards and recognition for their pro bono contributions in the 50 Hours Club, the 100 Hours Club, Ask-A-Lawyer sessions and the Honor Roll category, which recognizes attorneys for accepting a new pro bono case, had an open pro bono case, mentored on a pro bono case or reported hours on a colleague's pro bono case.

In addition, Snell & Wilmer was named to the Heroes Club in the 15+ Attorney category for meeting and/or exceeding the goal of donating 20 pro bono hours or more per attorney per year.

100 Hours Club

Richard C. Gordon (200+ hours)
Evan G. Hall (200+ hours)
Eric D. Walther (200+ hours)

Honor Roll

Brian L. Blaylock
V.R. Bohman
Dawn L. Davis
John S. Delikanakis
Kelly H. Dove
David L. Edelblute
Richard C. Gordon
Blakeley E. Griffith
Morgan Petrelli

50 Hours Club

Brian L. Blaylock
Blakeley E. Griffith
Hayley Cummings

Pro Bono Counsel and Advice Clinics (Ask-A-Lawyer)

Charles E. Gianelloni

Snell & Wilmer considers pro bono activities to be an important professional responsibility and strongly encourages all attorneys and paralegals to commit at least 50 hours per year to some type of pro bono activity. Las Vegas Partner Kelly Dove is the pro bono coordinator for the Las Vegas office. Snell & Wilmer attorneys contributed more than 1,250 pro bono hours in 2019.

For more information on the Legal Aid Center and how to sign up as a volunteer, please contact Noah Malgeri, Esq. at 702-386-1429 or visit www.lacsnpobono.org.

Legal Aid Center is a private, nonprofit corporation, which is a charitable organization dedicated to providing free community legal services to those in need. Its mission is to preserve access to justice and the provision of quality legal counsel, advice and representation for individuals who are unable to protect their rights because they cannot afford an attorney.

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