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## ENVIRONMENTAL BANKERS ASSOCIATION INVITES TUCSON ATTORNEY JIM ALLEN TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL MEETING

**TUCSON (June 24, 2015)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Tucson attorney <u>Jim P. Allen</u> recently presented, "Of Pits and Pitfalls: Hazards of Developing Former Mining Sites," at the <u>Environmental Bankers Association</u> (EBA) Annual Meeting in Denver.

Allen's presentation discussed environmental hazards and title issues unique to property once used for mining. It provided strategies for identifying them in the due diligence process and suggestions to prevent these issues from becoming lenders' liabilities. The presentation was part of a panel discussion including Mark Ludwig and Dale Allison of Cardno, an international environmental engineering firm.

The EBA is a non-profit trade association that represents the financial services industry. The EBA was established in 1994 in response to heightened sensitivity to environmental risk issues and the need for environmental risk management, sustainable development, and due diligence policies and procedures in financial institutions.



Jim Allen, Snell & Wilmer

At Snell & Wilmer, Allen's practice is focused on regulatory issues surrounding development of natural resources, including water, mining, oil & gas, wildlife, and public lands. He assists clients with all phases of the administrative process, including permit applications, conferences, hearings, appeals and litigation. Allen's background as an engineer permits him to interact effectively with state and federal regulators on a variety of technical issues. His practice includes advising clients on water rights, mining, oil & gas development and land-use issues.

Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Allen served as counsel to the Utah Department of Natural Resources, including the Divisions of Oil, Gas & Mining, Forestry, Fire & State Lands, Wildlife Resources, Water Resources, and the Utah State Engineer. He was staff attorney and report editor for the Utah Mine Safety Commission created by Governor Jon Hunstman to assess Utah's role in regulation of mine safety in the aftermath of the Crandall Canyon Mine accidents of 2007. Allen has appeared regularly before the Utah Board of Oil, Gas & Mining and has represented clients on natural resource matters in state and federal district courts.

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