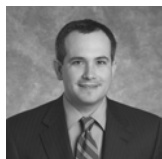


SNELL & WILMER L.L.P. ELECTS 19 NEW FIRM PARTNERS

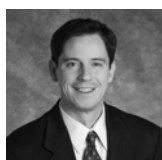
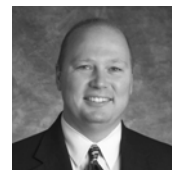
Group covers diverse legal practice areas

PHOENIX—January 25, 2006 – Snell & Wilmer announced the election of 19 new partners today. **Joseph Adams, Mark Bohn, M. Lawrence Brown, Todd Feltus, Jonathan Frank, Dustin Jones, Danielle Malody, Greg Marshall, Wendy Neal, and Brad Petersen** were elected partner in the firm’s Phoenix office; **Jeremy Sohn** and **Lowell Thomas** were elected partner in the firm’s Tucson office; **Brett P. Johnson** and **Chris Jones** were elected partner in the firm’s Salt Lake City office; **Jennifer Wisniewski** was elected partner in the firm’s Denver office; **Corey Eschweiler** and **Cynthia LeVasseur** were elected in the firm’s Las Vegas office; and **Gregory Carpenter** and **Ketan Vakil** were elected partner in the firm’s Orange County office.



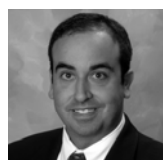
Joseph Adams, a business litigation attorney with the firm’s Phoenix office, focuses his practice on commercial and intellectual property matters, including corporate and securities litigation, and trademark, copyright, and Internet disputes. Joseph earned his juris doctor from Stanford Law School in 1997, where he served as associate editor of the *Stanford Law Review*. Adams, an Arizona native, received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1994.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, **Mark Bohn** is an estate and trust attorney in the firm’s Phoenix office. His practice is concentrated in the areas of gift, estate and charitable planning, trust and estate administration, personal income tax, and business and succession planning. Mark earned a juris doctor from Arizona State University College of Law in 1993 and a Bachelor of Science degree in accountancy from Northern Arizona University in 1988.



M. Lawrence Brown is a real estate attorney in the firm’s Phoenix office whose practice is concentrated in real estate and commercial finance including business and finance matters. Lawrence, who was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana; earned his juris doctor from Georgetown University School of Law in 1998 and served as the primary editor of *The Tax Lawyer*. He also earned a master’s degree in international management from American Graduate School of International Management in 1993 and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oklahoma in 1992.

As a commercial finance attorney with the firm’s Orange County office, **Gregory Carpenter** represents lenders and borrowers in structuring, negotiating, documenting and closing these types of transactions. Gregory earned a juris doctor from New York University School of Law in 1998 and a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from Northeast Louisiana University, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1994. Gregory was born in St. Joseph, Missouri.



Commercial litigation attorney **Corey Eschweiler** works in the firm’s Las Vegas handling contract and real estate disputes and professional malpractice defense. Corey earned a juris doctor with distinction from the University of Iowa’s College of Law in 1998 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from the University of Northern Iowa, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1995. Corey was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Todd Feltus is a commercial litigation attorney with the firm’s Phoenix office who earned a juris doctor from the University of Arizona’s College of Law, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1998. He served on the *Arizona Law Review*, national moot court team, and Order of the Coif. Todd, who was born in Billings, Montana, earned a bachelor’s degree from Brown University in 1995.





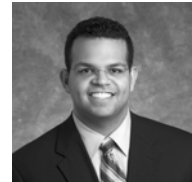
Born in Tucson, Arizona, **Jonathan Frank** is a real estate attorney with the firm's Phoenix office, who handles purchase and sale transactions involving shopping centers, income producing property, hotels and resorts, retail, residential, and vacant land; developments involving power plant facilities, golf courses, and other uses; mining; commercial leasing; easements; restrictive covenants; zoning; and liquor licensing. Jon earned a juris doctor from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1999. Jon also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in English literature from Emporia State University in 1994.

Brett P. Johnson is a commercial litigation attorney with the firm's Salt Lake City office, whose practice is concentrated in complex commercial and business disputes, including intellectual property and licensing litigation, real property and title insurance disputes, and professional liability defense. Brett is a 1997 graduate of the University of Utah College of Law, where he was appointed to the Order of the Coif and served as articles editor for the *Utah Law Review*. He holds bachelor's degrees in history and anthropology. Brett, an avid landscape and portrait photographer, was born and raised in Logan, Utah, and has been with Snell & Wilmer since 2001.



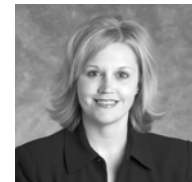
As an attorney in the firm's Salt Lake City office, **Chris D. Jones** represents oil, gas and other energy clients in a variety of matters, with a particular emphasis on oil, gas and mining title opinions, asset sales and purchases, and actions before state and federal regulatory agencies. Chris also regularly represents both borrowers and lenders in large project, real estate and commercial finance transactions. His practice includes natural resources development and financings on Indian lands. Chris earned a juris doctor, Order of the Coif, from the University of Utah in 1998. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from the University of Utah, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1995.

Dustin Jones is a planning and zoning attorney with the firm's Phoenix office who works with developers, homebuilders and landowners in real estate development, land use regulatory standards of various municipalities (particularly those in the growing West Valley), developing and implementing strategies for public and government relations and advocacy, and lobbying. Dustin, born in Phoenix, earned a juris doctor from the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law in 1999. He served on the editorial board of the *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law*. Dustin also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Arizona in 1996.

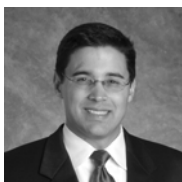


As a commercial litigation attorney in the firm's Las Vegas office, **Cynthia LeVasseur** focuses her practice on construction and real estate law. She primarily represents developers, owners and general contractors on a variety of needs, including contract negotiation, risk avoidance and allocation, analysis and preparation of construction claims, and arbitration, mediation and litigation of construction disputes. LeVasseur is a board member of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction. Cynthia earned her juris doctor from the University of Wyoming in 1998 and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1994. LeVasseur, who was born in Royal Oak, Mich., also graduated from the National Institute of Trial Advocacy Skills Program.

Danielle Malody is an attorney in the firm's Phoenix office whose practice is concentrated general commercial litigation with an emphasis in professional malpractice defense. She earned a juris doctor from Arizona State University College of Law, where she graduated cum laude in 1999, and also served as articles editor for the *Arizona State Law Journal*. Danielle, who was born in Phoenix, also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Arizona State University, where she graduated magna cum laude in 1994.

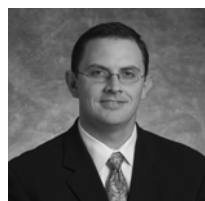


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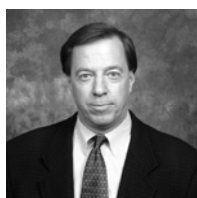
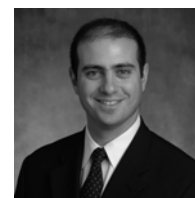
In the firm's Phoenix office, **Greg Marshall** is an attorney who handles product liability and commercial litigation. He earned a juris doctor from Emory University School of Law in 1999 and was in the Order of the Barristers. Greg, who was born in San Mateo, Calif., also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from the University of Arizona in 1995.

As an intellectual property attorney in the firm's Phoenix office, **Wendy Neal** has extensive experience in strategic counseling in the development of patent, copyright and trademark portfolios, handling of related multinational prosecution, clearance and due diligence activities, intellectual property infringement litigation and dispute resolution, and negotiating technology-driven acquisitions, licenses, and other business transactions in the United States and abroad. Her technical experience, while varied, generally is focused in hydrometallurgy and mining technology; power systems for commercial, medical, defense, and space applications; semiconductor manufacturing; consumer products; biotechnology, particularly agricultural biotechnology; and innovative chemicals and materials. Legal focus areas include Internet and cyberspace applications; government sponsored R&D; copyright enforcement, particularly regarding architectural works; and developing creative strategies for protecting intellectual assets throughout the world. Wendy earned a juris doctor from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1999, where she served as articles editor of the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*. She also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Cincinnati, where she graduated magna cum laude in 1996.



Brad Petersen is a products liability attorney with the firm's Phoenix office handling product liability, healthcare, and commercial litigation, with particular emphasis and trial work in the defense of automobile and boat manufacturers. Practice also includes litigation defending medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers. Representative experiences include litigation or trial work in many areas including automotive product defense, Marine product defense, medical device defense, consumer product defense, healthcare defense and commercial. He earned a juris doctor from the University of Iowa in 1999 and served as the note and comment editor for the *Law Review*. Brad, who was born in Minneapolis, Minn., also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from the University of Iowa in 1996.

As an attorney in the firm's Tucson office, **Jeremy Sohn** handles estate planning, taxation, and business transactions. Jeremy earned a juris doctor from the University of Richmond in 1993 and served on the *University of Richmond Law Review*. Jeremy, born in Toronto, Canada; also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Western Ontario in 1989.



Born in Smithers, British Columbia, **Lowell Thomas** is a business and finance litigation attorney with the firm's Tucson office who handles corporate finance, venture capital, commercial, securities, mergers and acquisitions, and cross border U.S. and Canada transactions. Lowell earned a LL.B. from the University of Ottawa, where he graduated cum laude in 1989. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Victoria in 1986.

Ketan Vakil is an attorney with the firm's Orange County office who handles intellectual property protection, litigation, counseling and licensing including the procurement and litigation of patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. He has significant experience in preparing and prosecuting patents and trademarks, evaluating prior art for patentability, infringement and validity. Ketan also has electrical engineering and software design experience that includes computer architecture, memories and software, semiconductor devices, processes and machinery, network systems, storage and security. Ketan, born in Bombay, India; earned a juris doctor from the University of Florida School of Law in 1996; a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Florida in 1992; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in electrical engineering from Vanderbilt University, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1990.



As a franchise attorney with the firm's Denver office, **Jennifer Wisniewski** represents start-up and established franchise systems in all matters including state and federal disclosure issues, compliance with relationship laws, franchise sales compliance, dispute resolution, acquisitions and drafting UFOCs and franchise related agreements. Jennifer, who was born in Miami, Fla., earned a juris doctor degree from the University of Denver in 1998; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Florida in 1993.