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SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY AARON D. FORD NAMED SENATOR OF THE YEAR BY THE NEVADA CONSERVATION LEAGUE

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 2, 2013) – Snell & Wilmer attorney Aaron D. Ford has been named Senator of the Year by the Nevada Conservation League for his work on the Natural Resources Committee during the 2013 Nevada Legislative Session. He was honored at the League's Scorecard Release Party on Oct. 1 at the Historic Fifth Street School.

The Nevada Conservation League is the independent political voice of the conservation community. It works to maintain and enhance the natural character of Nevada and the quality of life for Nevadans through effective advocacy, the election of pro-conservation candidates and building collaboration. It also works with its supporters, public interest groups, businesses, labor organizations, government agencies and many others to promote sensible conservation policies through education and advocacy.

According to the Nevada Conservations League's website, Ford "led the way on passing the Save Tahoe bill through his committee and spoke to it on the floor. He ensured the importance of scientific-based wildlife management on a number of key bills. And through all of these battles, he maintained an open dialogue with the conservation community and actively sought our input. Senator Ford was a true champion on conservation issues this session and we're proud to call him our Senator of the Year," it continued.

Ford's practice is concentrated on commercial litigation and dispute resolution, with an emphasis in contract and real estate disputes, employment law and public/education law. He is active in the community and serves on the boards of Olive Crest of Nevada, Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada and the "I Have a Dream" Foundation. He was recently recognized as best Senate Freshman by the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Rookie of the Year by the *Reno Gazette Journal* and Senator of the Year by both Help Animals Nevada and the Nevada Conservation League for his work during the 2013 Nevada Legislative session. In addition, Ford has been named a Super Lawyer® in 2013 and Rising Star® in 2011, and he was recognized by *In Business Las Vegas* (now *Vegas Inc.*) in 2011 as a recipient of its 40 Under 40 award and in 2009 for its Diversity in Action Award.

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