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While Mr. Snell has represented public and private sector clients before the US Congress, as well as the Executive branch and a number of regulatory agencies since 1980, his focus has been primarily on public pension plans and their issues. His areas of expertise include retirement policy, taxation, and securities regulation. He is also the co-author of *Public Pensions & You: Going UP to the Trustee Level*, a handbook for public pension trustees, administrators, and staff, written for the National Council on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS).

Mr. Snell came to Washington, DC, in 1972. He joined the staff of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and served as a special assistant to then-Commissioner Elizabeth Hanford, who subsequently married former US Senator Robert Dole (R-KS) and was herself a US Senator from North Carolina from 2003 to 2009. In 1975, Mr. Snell left the FTC to become a member of the legislative staff of former US Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA), where he served for five years, eventually becoming the Senator's Legislative Director.

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