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VALLEY LEADERSHIP'S CLASS 35 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE WELCOMES SNELL & WILMER PARTNER JOSH GRABEL

PHOENIX (June 18, 2013) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that <u>Joshua Grabel</u>, a partner in the Phoenix office, has been selected for Valley Leadership's Class 35 Leadership Institute. Each year, 50 individuals are selected through a competitive process to participate in the nine-month institute, beginning in September and ending in June.

For 35 years, Leadership Institute has been Valley Leadership's premier program. Leaders at all stages of their careers have found Leadership Institute a life changing endeavor that has allowed them to go to the next level in their careers and personal lives. Participants receive firsthand exposure to the most important issues affecting our community directly from key stakeholders. Additionally, participants see how the community works through exclusive tours and experiences like a helicopter flight over Phoenix's watershed, a ride-a-long with the Phoenix Police Department and a tour of the Arizona State Prison. Participants also receive extensive executive leadership training developed specifically for Valley Leadership by the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

At Snell & Wilmer, Grabel's practice is concentrated in construction litigation, public procurement law, class action defense and other complex commercial matters. He represents clients in federal and state courts, before local, state and federal agencies, and at private mediations and arbitrations. Grabel has served as lead counsel on multiple multi-million dollar public bid protests before local, state and federal agencies and co-authored the Arizona section of the ABA's Guide to State Procurement. His construction litigation experience includes representation of owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, design professionals, insurance companies and lenders in litigation, negotiations, arbitration, and mediation matters involving public and private projects. He has also represented financial institutions with respect to contract, torts and property foreclosure, lender liability, truth in lending and fair debt and credit reporting issues. In addition, Grabel is the Chair of Snell & Wilmer's Pro Bono Committee.

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